

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. These **Special Conditions of Play** are in addition to, or where stated amendments to Bowls Auckland Centre Events, General Conditions of Play.

The Special Conditions of Play should also be read in conjunction with the Bowls New Zealand Champion of Champions Conditions of Play document, which should be read to reference any definitions or rules relating to the pathway eligibility for this event

Please note several changes in this document from the regular format, this has been done to ensure the event concludes in a single weekend.

2. **Dates, venues, and times**

- a) **Qualifying** Saturday 15th June 2024
Post Section Sunday 16th June 2024
Reserve Day There is no reserve day, the tournament will be completed as scheduled.
- b) **Venues** Royal Oak will be used for Post Section - to ensure completion of the event. Outdoor carpet greens and covered greens will be used for all section play with venues released at the time of the draw being published.
- c) **Start time** Play will commence by 8:30 am on each tournament day.
Due to daylight savings ended and 4 games being required in selected sections.

3. **Entry**

Participants must be full-playing members of a Bowls Auckland Affiliated club.

Both players from the pairs must hold full playing rights at the club that they are representing.

4. **Playing format**

- 4.1 **Qualifying**

- a) All Entries will be drawn into sections of four.
- b) Sectional play round robin of three games
- c) Mixed pairs (2x4x2 format) 12 ends, 2-hour time limit
- d) Three points will be awarded for each game won and one point for each game drawn.
- e) **Determining section winners:** The player/team with the highest game points will be the winner. Where game points are equal the winner will be the player/team with the highest net total of shots. If the game points and the net total of shots are equal, the winner will be the winner of the game when the two players/teams are faced. If that game was drawn, the players/team would play a one-end sudden-death tie-break.
- f) Where the event exceeds 16 sections selected sections will be required to play a 4th round "play-off" game Saturday afternoon which will be sudden death.
Sections requiring a play-off will be announced at the time the draw is published.

- 4.2 **Post Section**

- a) A live blind draw will take place at 8:10 am to determine the post-section draw for the remainder finalists.
- b) Post Section format will be sudden death,
Game Format extends to 14 ends - 2 ½ hours' time limit on all games.

5. Byes in qualifying

Should there not be an even number of teams in a section(s) it will contain a bye. As all players in the section will receive a bye, no points will be awarded for the bye. In Game 1, the first two players will play and the third player in that section will have the bye. For the second game, the loser of the first game will play the player who has not yet played a game. In the final game, the players in the section who have not yet played each other will play. This will ensure that all players play two games minimum.

6. Restricting the movement of players during play

- a) the "Leads": after their second bowl
- b) the "Second and Third": after delivery of their fourth bowl
- c) the "Skips": after delivery of each of their bowls

7. Defaults

If a player/team defaults all three games, it will be treated as a Bye – refer to clause 6 above.
If a Player/team defaults, in any of the three games, their score will be treated as a loss. The non-offending player/team will be awarded a win and the same score as the winning player/team in the same round of the same section.

8. Pathway Guidelines

By entering this open qualifying event it is expected that the winner shall represent Auckland in the Bowls New Zealand Champion of Champion mixed pairs event which is to be held at Bowls Hastings (Hawkes Bay) from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th August.

In addition to prize money, a travel allowance of \$200 per player will be awarded.

9. Prize Money

Winners - \$400

Runner-up - \$200