

## Bowls Auckland 2025-2026 Event Conditions of Play

St George National U26 Pairs

***The following Event Conditions of Play are to be read in conjunction with the Bowls Auckland General Conditions of Play.***

### 1. Name, Dates and Venues

Name	St George National Under 26 Pairs
Date	Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 March 2026
Venue	Mt Eden Bowls

### 2. Controlling Body

- a. The Controlling body is Bowls Auckland, with the support of appointed umpires.

### 3. Eligibility

- a. All players must be 26 or under as of the day the tournament commences.
- b. Entries can be any combination of M/M, F/F, or M/F.

### 4. Playing Format

- a. Trial Ends
  - i. Permitted before rounds one and three (Saturday).  
\*Players swap greens after lunch.
  - ii. Permitted before the first round of play (Sunday).
- b. TV Rink
  - i. One TV rink will be used, with the semi-final and final on the same rink.
  - ii. Before the final, the team, having played elsewhere, will be entitled to practice on the rink ahead of the broadcast.
- c. Qualifying and Championship Games
  - i. Four games (Saturday), three games, Knockout (Sunday).
  - ii. 14 ends or 1¾ hours, whichever occurs first.
- d. Sunday Consolation Trophy
  - i. Three games. (Wins, NTOS)
  - ii. 1¼ hour time limit.
  - iii. Games are played back-to-back, followed by lunch and the championship final.
- e. Dead Ends
  - i. In all games, if an end in progress becomes dead, the end will continue with the Jack being replaced on the 2-metre mark, or nearest possible location on the centre line if blocked by a bowl.
- f. Player Movement
  - i. Leads are not to visit the head until all their bowls have been played
  - ii. Skips may visit the head after their second bowl, or before their third bowl.
- g. Alterations to Playing Format

The controlling body reserves the right to alter the format, times, and length of games to suit unforeseen circumstances, providing practical notice.

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### 5. Qualification - Determining Tournament Ranking

- a. All teams will be randomly drawn into four qualifying games.
- b. Each game won will be worth two (2) game points, and each game drawn will be worth one (1) game point.
- c. Players will be ranked by the highest Game Points, then by the highest net total of shots
- d. Championship (Cup) and Consolation (Trophy)
  - i. The top eight-ranked pairs will qualify for the Championship event.
    1. If teams ranked 8<sup>th</sup> are equal, a one-end shootout will be played to determine 8<sup>th</sup> place.
  - ii. The remaining pairs will play in the Consolation

### 6. Post-section – Drawn Game

- a. If, after the ends have been completed or the time has expired, the game ends in a draw, an extra end shall be played.
- b. A coin toss will determine who has the choice of taking the mat.

### 7. Clothing and Footwear

- a. Shoes must be flat-soled and without a heel (bare feet not allowed). Soles may be of non-slip material or slightly abrasive.  
Running sneakers and court shoes may also be permitted, provided they have rounded soles/tread and no sharp edges.
- b. Pairs must be in matching attire, suggested: Bowls Club uniforms, school uniforms or generic sports polo with appropriate sports-styled pants/shorts/skorts.

### 8. Smoking and Alcohol

- a. Smoking, vaping and alcohol are restricted to **designated areas only**.
- b. Alcohol will be available for sale to players and patrons following the competition of play on Saturday and from 12:00 pm on Sunday for those no longer playing.
- c. Alcohol must not be consumed on the greens or in the surrounding during play.

### 9. Prizes and Prize Money

- a. Winners will receive prize money credited into a nominated bank account within 7 days of the event's completion.
- b. Trophies are held by Bowls Auckland.  
Badges will be awarded as keepsakes for players.

Per team	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> =
Cup	\$1200	\$800	\$200
Plate	\$200	\$100	

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