

Bowls Auckland 2025-2026 Event Conditions of Play

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	National Under 26 Pairs
Date	Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March 2026
Venue	Mt Eden Bowls

2. Controlling Body

- a. The Controlling body is Bowls Auckland, made up of its appointed tournament director, event umpires, Bowls Auckland Staff and officials and/or any other persons the tournament director may wish to co-opt for their skillset and knowledge in assisting in the delivery of the event.

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 will be permitted before the first round only on each day.
- b. All games will be played:
 - i. 14 ends or 1 & ¾ hours, whichever occurs first.
Except for the championship final, which will be played with no time limit.
 - ii. Up to four games will be played per day.
- c. If an end in progress becomes dead, the end will continue with the Jack being replaced on the 2M mark.
- d. Restricting player movements:
 - 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.
 - iii. To ensure fair play, visits to the head are limited to 60 seconds. Players determined to be time-wasting will first receive a warning from the umpire and then have the privilege removed for that game.
- e. 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.

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. Cup and Plate
 - i. The top eight-ranked pairs will qualify for the Cup event.
 1. If teams ranked 8th are equal, a one-end shootout will be played.
 - ii. The remaining pairs will play in the Plate.

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6. Post-section - Cup

- Eight teams will be randomly drawn into a knockout bracket
- Losing teams will move into consolation finals, playing for final positions.

7. Post-section - Plate

- Teams will be randomly drawn into three rounds.
- The highest scoring will be the winner, followed by the runner-up.

8. Post-section - Draws

- If, after the ends have been completed or the time has expired, the game ends in a draw, an extra end shall be played.
- If all ends have been completed, a coin toss will determine who has the choice of taking the mat. If time has expired, the mat will be taken by the team that scored the last completed end.

9. Clothing and Footwear

- 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.
- Pairs must be in matching attire, suggested: Bowls Club uniforms, school uniforms or generic sports polo with appropriate sports-styled pants/shorts/skorts.

10. Smoking and Alcohol

- Smoking and vaping are restricted to designated areas only.
- Alcohol will be available for sale to all players and patrons between games and during play on Sunday. Alcohol must not be consumed on or around the greens, and a designated area will be provided to spectate post-section match

11. Prizes and prize money

- Winners will receive prize money credited into a nominated bank account within 7 days of the event's completion.
- The Winners will be awarded a trophy, which will be kept by Bowls Auckland and badges, which will be kept by the players.

Per team	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Cup	\$1200	\$800	\$200	\$100
Plate	\$300	\$150		

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