

## Bowls Auckland 2025-2026 Event Conditions of Play

Shade Systems NZ Champion Of Champion Events

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

### 1. Event Disciplines & Dates

Singles	Fours	Pairs	Triples	Mixed Pairs
9-10 May 2026	16-17 May 2026	23-24 May 2026	6-7 June 2026	13-14 June 2026

### 2. Entry Conditions

- a) All participants must be full-playing members of the same Bowls Auckland-affiliated club, having won the respective discipline at their club championship event.
  - i. Runner-up sides are not permitted to enter.
- b) Where a club can prove that they either do not have enough players to have a club tournament, or marketed a club tournament, and only received one entry. Dispensation may be considered by the controlling body with a request in writing.
- c) Teams found playing with an ineligible player/s will be immediately disqualified.
  - i. Clubs are responsible for ensuring participants in their club championships are eligible to play.
- d) See Appendix
  - i. Bowls New Zealand Multi Membership rules
  - ii. Substitutes

### 3. Event Closing Dates

- a) Entries close 13 days before each event.
- b) All entries are received via Bowlshub only; all entries must be linked to player profiles.
  - i. All entries must be paid before the closing date.
  - ii. Unpaid entries will be invoiced to the club.

### 4. Draw, Venues, Schedule

- a) All participants will be randomly drawn into a step ladder final bracket.
- b) Draw/s will be published, with hosting venues and scheduled times on Bowlshub.
- c) Event Schedule is subject to the number of entries; matches may be split between morning and afternoon playing times on day one to maximise full green usage across rounds.
- a) A player/team may play up to a maximum of three rounds per day.

### 5. Playing Format

Discipline	Ends/shots	Time limit	Bowls
Singles	21 shots	2 ½ hours	Four (4) bowls
Pairs	18 ends	2 ½ hours	Three (3) bowls each
Triples	18 ends	2 ½ hours	Two (2) bowls each
Fours	15 ends	2 ½ hours	Two (2) bowls each
Mixed Pairs	14 ends	2 ½ hours	Four (4) bowls each, (2x4x2 format)
Format	All games are single elimination, step ladder final		
Finals	Semi-finals and Finals will be played with no time limit		

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#### 6. Dead End

- a) Mixed Pairs - A dead end shall be replayed using the same player sequence.
  - i. i.e., the same players playing the lead bowls, regardless of the direction of play
- b) In all disciplines, a dead end will be replayed (law 20.1).**

#### 7. Marking (Singles)

- a) Round One – All those with a bye shall mark.  
Round Two – All those who do not advance from round one shall mark  
Round Three – Players who do not advance from round two, and firstly, those who have yet to mark.
- b) Semi-Final and Finals – (Sunday), Markers will be supplied by the controlling body.

#### 8. Prize Money

	Winner	Runner Up	Travel Contribution*
Singles	\$200	\$100	\$250
Pairs	\$400	\$200	\$500
Triples	\$600	\$300	\$750
Fours	\$800	\$400	\$1000
Mixed Pairs 2x4x2	\$400	\$200	\$500

\*Travel Contribution paid (to players) where the national event is played outside of the greater Auckland region. Travel contribution is paid once the team's entry is confirmed in the National Event.

\*Prize money for all COC Events is paid to the club, to be distributed to players at the clubs discretion

#### 10. National Pathway

- a) The winner of each discipline will qualify to represent Auckland in the National Pathway.
- b) It is the responsibility of the team to enter themselves in the national event using the information provided to them by Bowls Auckland.
- c) Travel Allowance (where applicable) will be paid to the player/team once entry has been confirmed in the national final.

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### **Appendix**

#### **Bowls New Zealand Pathway – National Entry Conditions (Multi-Member Entry)**

- a) Pathway Definition:
  1. Club Championship
  2. Centre Champion of Champion
  3. National Champion of Champion
  4. World Singles (Singles only)
- b) If a player / and or player in a team wins a club championship competition that qualifies them for a centre champion of champions event, which goes on to a national champion of champions event, they are ineligible to enter another club's competition in that discipline.
- c) A player and/or player in a team can only win one club championship or centre champion of champions event per discipline in a single season.
- d) A player and/or player in a team can only play in one active club championship discipline at any one time. For clarity, the player may enter another club's (if they are a full playing member) championship in the same discipline **ONLY** after the first club's championship in the same discipline has concluded and/or they are knocked out of that club's event.
- e) Where an ineligible team has won a club championship, they shall not be entitled to enter the centre COC event, nor use a substitute player as outlined below. Any team found to be competing with an ineligible player per the above will be instantly disqualified.

#### **Team composition / Substitutes:**

It is expected that the player/team that has played and won the club championship will represent the club in this event:

- a) A singles player cannot be substituted.
- b) Number of substitutes *allowed*
  - One substitute is allowed for pairs and triples
  - Two substitutes in a fours team.
- c) The club may substitute any unavailable player by submitting a substitute player request to the tournament director ([convenor@bowlsauckland.co.nz](mailto:convenor@bowlsauckland.co.nz)) for approval, subject to Bowls Auckland General Conditions of Play (clause 16) and Appendix 4
- d) A substitute player cannot play as skip (law 32.4)