

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 does not have sufficient members to run a (Triples / Fours) tournament, a club may enter a side uncontested with prior approval from Bowls Auckland.
- 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 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 excluded from the draw.

4. Draw & Venues

- a) All participants will be randomly drawn into a step ladder final bracket.
- b) Draw/s will be published, with hosting venues on Bowlshub.

5. Event Schedule

- a) 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.
- b) Check the draw on Bowlshub for playing times.
- c) A player/team may play up to a maximum of three rounds per day.

6. 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
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7. 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).**

8. Marking (Singles)

- a) Round One - Each player must be accompanied by one non-playing marker for the first scheduled round the player is competing.
Markers will be randomly assigned by the umpire on duty.
If two players, drawn against each other, fail to provide a marker, the match may be played without a marker (if one is not available).
- b) Subsequent rounds will be marked by losing players of the previous round.
- c) Semi-Final and Finals – (Sunday), Markers will be supplied by the controlling body.

9. 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 in addition to prize money 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.

2026: Women's Singles (Dunedin), Men's Fours (Dunedin), Women's Fours (Hastings), Men's & Women's Pairs (Hastings)

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 replacement player as outlined below. Any team found to be competing with an ineligible player per the above will be instantly disqualified.

Acquired team members/replacements:

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

- a) Singles players cannot be replaced.
- b) Only one replacement is allowed for each side of Pairs, Triples, and upto two in a fours side.
- c) The club may replace any unavailable player by submitting a replacement player request to the tournament director (convenor@bowlsauckland.co.nz) for approval subject to Bowls Auckland General Conditions of Play (clause 16) and Appendix 4