

Bowls Auckland 2025-2026 Event Conditions of Play

CANOE TROPHY

Venue: Bridge Park Bowling Club

Dates: Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th August 2025

General Conditions

1. The event will be played under the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls* and *Bowls New Zealand Domestic Regulations*.
 2. The **Controlling Body** is the **Bowls Auckland Coaches Committee**, which reserves the right to alter, add to, or delete any conditions to ensure tournament completion.
 3. All players must observe the **Code of Conduct** as outlined in the Auckland Bowls Centre Handbook.
 4. The tournament will be played over **two days**, in **teams of four players**, each delivering **two bowls**.
 5. **No postponements** will be made regardless of weather conditions.
 6. Due to the possibility of cold weather, **mufti clothing is allowed**. Warm clothing is recommended.
 7. **Cell phone use is not permitted** on or around the greens during play. Phones should be turned off or set to silent.
 8. **Smoking and vaping are prohibited** on the greens and surrounding areas. Designated smoking areas must be used.
 9. Players are to **bring their own lunch and liquid refreshments**. Any club-supplied catering is at the discretion of the host.
 10. One **trial end in each direction** may be played before the first game of each day. Trial ends must be completed **5 minutes before game start time**.
 11. Any team not ready to commence play **within 15 minutes of the scheduled start** will forfeit the game.
 12. **Scorecards must be filled out completely**, including all player names, finish time, and signatures of both skips.
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Special Conditions of Play

1. **Start time:** 9:00 AM on both days.
2. **Team Eligibility:**
 - Combined playing experience must not exceed **13 years**, using the following scale:
 - J0 = New player
 - J1 = 1 year
 - J2 = 2 years
 - J3 = 3 years
 - J4 = 4 years
 - J5 = 5 years
 - Teams exceeding 13 years will be **disqualified**.
 - There will be **no exemptions** for this tournament
3. **Visiting the head is not permitted** at any time, including after the bell.
4. In case of **inclement weather**, play stops on the bell. Bowls and mats are to be removed. If all bowls have been played in an end, shots must be agreed before leaving the green.

The organising committee may alter the time limits dependent on inclement weather.
5. **Day 1 Qualifying:**
 - **4 randomly drawn games**, each with a **1 hour 20 minute time limit**.
 - Games finish **on the bell**. Any end started before the bell must be completed.
6. If the jack is **killed** it will be placed on the **2-metre mark**, and the end is completed.
7. If the **jack is incorrectly delivered**, the opposing skip places it and may adjust the mat. Play continues as normal.
8. **Drawn games** will be recorded as such.

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9. Qualifying Rankings (to determine top 8 teams):

- Win = 3 points
- Draw = 1 point
- Loss = 0 points
- Tiebreakers:
 1. Highest number of ends won
 2. Highest net total of shots
 3. Lowest number of shots against

10. Main Event (Top 8 teams):

- Random draw
- **Sudden death knockout**
- First-round losers → **Plate Event**
- Second-round losers → **Flight Event**
- Winner must win **3 consecutive games**

11. Match Durations (Sunday):

- **Main Event (Rounds 1 & 2, and Final): 2 hours**
- **Plate, Flight, Bowl Events: 1 hour 30 minutes**
- All games finish **on the bell**

12. Plate Event Structure:

- Matches follow Main Event order
- Winner = team to win **2 games**
- First-round losers enter the **Bowl Event**

13. Tiebreaker Rule:

- In Main, Flight, Plate, and Bowl Events, if the game is drawn, an **extra end(s)** will be played to determine a winner.

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14. Consolation Event (non-qualifiers):

- **4 randomly drawn games, each 1 hour 20 minutes**
- **Games end on the bell**

15. Drawn consolation games are recorded as such.

16. Consolation Rankings:

- Win = 3 points
 - Draw = 1 point
 - Tiebreakers as per qualifying:
1. Ends won
 2. Net total of shots
 3. Lowest shots against
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Approximate Start Times

Saturday 9th August – Qualifying

- Trial Ends: 8:30 AM
 - Round 1: 9:00 AM
 - Round 2: 10:40 AM
 - Lunch: 12:05 PM
 - Round 3: 12:40 PM
 - Round 4: 2:10 PM
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Sunday 10th August – Finals Day

Main / Flight / Plate / Bowl Events

- Trial Ends: 8:30 AM
- First Round: 9:00 AM
- Semi-Finals: 11:30 AM
- Lunch: 1:40 PM
- Finals: 2:10 PM

Consolation Event

- Trial Ends: 8:30 AM
- Round 1: 9:00 AM
- Round 2: 10:40 AM
- Lunch: 12:05 PM
- Round 3: 12:40 PM
- Round 4: 2:10 PM

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Draw Structures

Main Event Draw

Q1 ㄣ

└─ Semi 1 ㄣ

Q2 ㄣ |

└─ Final ㄣ

Q3 ㄣ | |

└─ Semi 2 ㄣ |

Q4 ㄣ |

└─ Winner

Q5 ㄣ |

└─ Semi 3 ㄣ |

Q6 ㄣ | |

└─ Final ㄣ

Q7 ㄣ |

└─ Semi 4 ㄣ

Q8 ㄣ

Flight Event Draw

- Loser Semi 1 vs Loser Semi 2
- Winner = Flight Champion
- Loser = Runner-Up

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Plate Event Draw

- **Semi 1:** Loser Q1 vs Loser Q2
- **Semi 2:** Loser Q3 vs Loser Q4
- **Semi 3:** Loser Q5 vs Loser Q6
- **Semi 4:** Loser Q7 vs Loser Q8
- Winners advance to Plate Final
- Plate Final Winner = Plate Champion

Bowl Event Draw

- **Semi 1:** Loser Plate Semi 1 vs Loser Plate Semi 2
- **Semi 2:** Loser Plate Semi 3 vs Loser Plate Semi 4
- Winners advance to Bowl Final
- Bowl Final Winner = Bowl Champion

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