

Bowls Auckland 2025-2026 Event Conditions of Play

ABCA TROPHY

Venue: Howick Bowling Club

Date: Saturday, 16 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**, who reserve the right to alter, add to, or delete any conditions of play and/or special conditions to enable tournament completion.
 3. All players must observe the **Bowls Auckland Code of Conduct**, as outlined in the Centre Handbook.
 4. **Teams will be randomly drawn.**
 5. Due to likely cold weather, **mufti clothing** is allowed. Players are advised to dress warmly.
 6. **Cell phone use is not permitted** on or alongside the greens during play. Phones should be switched off or set to silent.
 7. **Smoking, including vaping and e-cigarettes, is prohibited** on greens and surrounding areas. Designated smoking areas must be used.
 8. Players must bring **their own lunch and liquid refreshments**. Any catering is at the discretion of the host club.
 9. One **trial end may be played in each direction** before the first game. These must be completed **5 minutes prior to start time**.
 10. A **15-minute default rule** applies: any player not ready to start within 15 minutes of the scheduled time will forfeit the game.
 11. **Scorecards must be completed in full:** all player names, time finished, and signatures of both skips are required.
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Special Conditions of Play

1. **Start time:** 9.00 AM sharp.
2. **Eligibility:**
 - Teams must not exceed **13 years of combined playing experience**, based on the following scale:
 - J0 = New Player
 - J1 = One year
 - J2 = Two years
 - J3 = Three years
 - J4 = Four years
 - J5 = Five years
 - **There will be no exemptions for this tournament**
3. **Team Composition:**
 - Four players per team, must be a **mixed gender combination**.
 - Each player delivers **2 bowls**.
4. **Format:**
 - **Four games**, each of **1 hour 20 minutes** duration.
 - Games finish **on the bell**. Any end started before the bell must be completed.
5. **No visiting the head** is permitted at any stage, including after the bell.
6. If the **jack is incorrectly delivered**, the opposing skip will place it on the centre line and direct mat placement. Normal play then resumes.
7. If the **jack goes out of bounds**, it is **placed on the 2-metre mark**, and the end continues (not a dead end).
8. In case of **inclement weather**:
 - Play stops **on the bell**.
 - Bowls and mat are removed from the green.

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- If all bowls are played in an end, the shots must be agreed upon before leaving the green.
- The organising committee may alter the time limit due to inclement weather

9. **Drawn games** are recorded as such.

10. Scoring System:

- Win = 3 points
- Draw = 1 point
- Loss = 0 points
- Rankings are determined in the following order:
 1. Total game points
 2. Number of ends won
 3. Net total shots
 4. Lowest shots conceded

Approximate Schedule

- **Trial Ends:** 8:30 AM
- **Round 1:** 9:00 AM
- **Round 2:** 10:40 AM
- **Lunch Break:** 12:05 PM
- **Round 3:** 12:35 PM
- **Round 4:** 2:05 PM

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