



# **Club Championship Rules**

**1. Laws of the Sport of Bowls**

All the laws of bowls apply to Club Championships.

**2. Controlling Body**

- a. The Club Committee is responsible for all Club Championships.
- b. The Club Committee may appoint a Competition Convenor to handle Club Championships.

**3. Interpretation**

Unless it is obvious from the wording:

**Committee** shall mean the Competition Convenor, if there is one, or the Club Committee if there is not.

**Event** shall mean any Club Championship that these rules apply to.

**4. Convenor**

- a. For each Event, a Convenor may be appointed. This will be done by the Committee. If no Convenor is appointed then the Committee shall be responsible for the duties and responsibilities of the Convenor.
- b. The Convenor of each event will be responsible for organizing and running that event.
- c. For each Event, the Convenor will post a Draw Schedule on the notice board and website.

**5. Eligibility**

- a. All members of Mowbray who are affiliated to Bowls SA can enter and take part in Events.
- b. Opening and closing entry dates for each Event will be posted on the noticeboard and the website.
- c. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Convenor. No additional entries shall be accepted after commencement of the first round of any Event.
- d. The Convenor may accept late entries to avoid a bye, but then must allocate these entries to the bye position on the draw.

## 6. Schedules

- a. The schedule for any Event may change depending on the number of entries received.
- b. Any changes to an Event because of a shortage of entries will be announced on the notice board and the website.
- c. An Event may be cancelled by the Committee if there are not enough entries.

## 7. Dates for Championships

The Committee shall decide on the dates for each round of an Event. The dates will be shown on the notice board and the website as a guide. If any changes are made then they will also be shown on the notice board and the website.

## 8. "To be completed" Date Tournaments

- a. Championships will not have set dates for rounds to be played on but will specify dates by when a round must be completed. It shall be the responsibility of the first named player/team in each match to contact their opponent to arrange a suitable playing date. This must be within the time limit for the respective round.
- b. Where a match has not been played by the scheduled date and the Convener considers one player/team is at fault, that player/team will be deemed to have forfeited the match to their opponent.
- c. If the Convenor decides that neither player/team is at fault then an extension may be granted. This is at the sole discretion of the Convenor and may only be done if it does not prejudice the playing of the ensuing round.
- d. If the Convenor decides that both players/teams are at fault, or granting an extension will prejudice the playing of the ensuing round, both players/teams will forfeit their entry in the Event.

## 9. Club Singles Open Championships

- a. The top 8 from the previous Championship will be seeded. Other than this, the draw will be random.
- b. The Event will be knockout from the first round. Each player shall deliver four bowls, delivered alternatively. The format may be amended by the Committee if there are less than 10 entrants.
- c. The first player to reach 21 shots will be the winner.
- d. The players losing their games in the first round may compete in a plate competition.

## 10. Nominated Pairs Championships

- a. The draw for pairs games will be random.
- b. The Event will be knockout from the first round. Each player shall deliver three bowls. The format may be amended by the Committee if there are less than 10 entrants.
- c. 18 Ends will be played in the early rounds
- d. 21 Ends will be played from the Quarter-Finals to the Final.
- e. The teams losing in the first round may compete in a plate competition.

## 11. Trial Ends and Practice

- a. Before start of play, or on the resumption of a match on another day, not more than one trial end each way may be played.
- b. If a team/player is meeting another team/player who has already played on the same day then they may practice. This is provided:
  - i. there is sufficient time available without delaying the competition and a rink is available.
  - ii. the Convenor shall allocate the rink.
  - iii. Practice is not permitted on a rink upon which the player/team has been drawn to play in a subsequent round.

## 12. Ties

In the event of a tie at the conclusion of a set number of ends, then an extra end or ends shall be played to obtain a result.

## 13. Inclement Weather

### “To be Completed” Tournaments:

- a. If inclement weather either prevents commencement of play or completion of a “To be Completed” match, a new date shall be set by the players. The new date must be before the date of the next round. Players shall agree scores to date, rule off the scorecard/s and hold the card/s until play resumes.

- b. Play shall resume at the score previously recorded on the scorecard. A Trial end may be played before the match resumes.
- c. Where a round of a “To be Completed” tournament is scheduled to be completed by a certain date it is expected that the time granted to complete the round should be sufficient. This means that if inclement weather prevents play on the final date for a round the players risk forfeit of their match.

#### **14. Burnt Ends and Re-spotting of the Jack**

- a. If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank, or rebounds to less than 20 metres from the mat line, the end will be declared a burnt end.
- b. In a Pairs competition, on each occasion that the end is burnt, the end must not be declared dead. Instead, the jack must be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a spot on the rink, which is two meters from the front ditch and on the centre line, and play should continue.

If the spot mentioned is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack must be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, between and in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl.

- c. In a Singles competition, on each occasion that the end is burnt, the end shall be declared dead and replayed.

#### **15. Score Cards or Boards**

- a. Players/teams may agree to keep score cards, boards or both. If there is any disagreement about what to do then both must be kept.
- b. The Marker shall keep the score card/board in a singles match, otherwise one or both players shall keep a card. For team events, a player in each team shall be responsible for keeping score and confirming the score with their counterpart in the opposing team.
- c. All scores must be agreed and signed by opponents before the result is posted on the notice board and website.

#### **16. Results of Matches**

All results shall be recorded on the Draw Schedule displayed on the notice board and website.

#### **17. Appeals**

- a. The Convener and Committee of a tournament shall arbitrate on any disputes arising in a match under that tournament.
- b. A player/team, dissatisfied with the Convenor or Competition Sub-Committee ruling, may appeal in writing to the Club Committee, whose decision shall be final.