



## CONDITIONS OF PLAY

### 2023 Australian Sides Championships

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<b>Controlling body:</b>	Bowls Australia Ltd.
<b>Event:</b>	<b>2023 Australian Sides Championships</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	Friday, October 13 – Monday, October 16, 2023 Thursday, October 12, Practice Day
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Sorrento Bowls Club</b>

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## 1. ENTRY CONDITIONS

### 1.1. Eligibility

As a condition of entry to compete in this event, all competitors must:

- 1.1.1.1 Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by their STA or their national authority.
- 1.1.2 Satisfy the eligibility criteria of their member State/Territory Association (STA).
- 1.1.3 Comply with all applicable Laws of the Sport, Domestic Regulations and policies of Bowls Australia, including the Anti-Doping Code.
- 1.1.4 Be affiliated with the relevant STA. For clarity, the player must be eligible to play championship events within the STA for which they are chosen to represent as **of the first day of the event**.

- 1.1.5 Be eligible for Australian selection as per World Bowls' regulations – section 9 and Bowls Australia's National Team Selection Policy- section 3.2. Additionally, a player who has represented a country other than Australia in a World Bowls-sanctioned international event in twenty-four months prior to the first day of the event is not eligible to compete.
- 1.1.6 Furthermore, due to unforeseeable reasons if no international events have been played in the past twenty- four months a player will be ineligible to play if they have represented another country in World Bowls sanctioned event twenty- four months prior to the last held Australia Sides Championships.

## 1.2. Side Selection

- 1.2.1 State or Territory Associations will select the below delegation to attend the Australian Sides Championships from their affiliated members, giving a total of 24 players, two accredited coaches and two team officials per STA. All players and coaches must comply with section 1.1.
  - 1.2.1.1 There will be 12 male players, 1 accredited coach and 1 team manager;
  - 1.2.1.2 There will be 12 female players, 1 accredited coach and 1 team manager;
- 1.2.2 All coaches at the event must hold a valid coaching accreditation with Bowls Australia under the NCAG accreditation system.

## 2. EVENT STRUCTURE

### 2.1. Team Composition

- 2.1.1 The event shall be played annually between sides from each state and territory association.
- 2.1.2 Each side shall consist of three teams, each of four players making a total of 12 players per gender. A maximum of two reserves may be nominated.
- 2.1.3 Athlete names and team combinations must be submitted to Bowls Australia by **August 19, 2023** using the official team nomination form.
- 2.1.4 The position of players within each rink may be altered prior to the commencement of play; any changes to the position of players must be noted on the relevant scorecard.
- 2.1.5 The composition of each rink **may not** be amended following the submission of teams by a STA without the approval of the Controlling Body. For clarity, players must compete within the same team of four for the duration of the competition.
  - 2.1.5.1 If a player or players are substituted under section 3, they must only return to play with their original rink.

## **2.2. Match Format**

Matches will be 21 ends for each team within a side. Players must play singly and in turn two of a set of bowls.

## **2.3. Alterations to the format and length of games**

- 2.3.1 The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the format, times of play and greens to suit local unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical.
- 2.3.2 Where a program is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Jury of Appeal may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result or postpone the event where an outcome cannot be achieved.
- 2.3.3 The game shall proceed under artificial lights, if necessary, to achieve a result. The Controlling Body will nominate the number of ends to be played by each rink depending on the conditions. Games must be completed by 9:30pm.

## **2.4. Trial Ends**

One trial end in each direction will be allowed for all games in accordance with Law 5.1. In trial ends players can use any combination of bowls taken from different sets so long as all bowls carry a registered World Bowls Stamp of either the current year or a future year.

## **2.5. Arrangement for practice**

Teams will be permitted to practice at Broadbeach BC on the day prior to the commencement of Sides Championships (6<sup>th</sup> October). BA will distribute a practice schedule prior to the event commencing, and any organised test matches shall be included in this schedule. No other practice times are permitted at the host club. STA's must advise BA of any scheduled matches against other STA's on the practice day as soon as possible to ensure they are included in the practice schedule.

Pre-series games may be arranged at alternate venues by the host State/Territory on request.

# **3. SUBSTITUTES**

If a substitute is needed during the course of a match, the substitute shall be chosen from the reserves of that side or, if no reserves, the side manager or other nominee may act as a substitute with approval of the Tournament Director or Jury of Appeal. Any and all substitutes must comply with all eligibility criteria for the event under Sections 1 and 2, and with Domestic Regulations 2.2 and 2.3 and 2.4.

## 4. RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY

### 4.1. Starting Positions

- 4.1.1 At the start of each end the third may stand at the head with the skip until it is the third's turn to play.
- 4.1.2 The lead and second must always begin at the mat end.

### 4.2. Moving to the head

- 4.2.1 After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:
  - 4.2.1.1 *Leads*: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl;
  - 4.2.1.2 *Seconds*: after the delivery of their second bowl;
  - 4.2.1.3 *Third*: after the delivery of their second bowl;
  - 4.2.1.4 *Skip*: after the delivery of each of their bowls.

### 4.3. Exceptional Circumstances

- 4.3.1 In exceptional and limited circumstances, a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier than described above. If a player does not meet the terms of this clause, Law 13 will apply.

## 5. DELAYING PLAY

If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of a player's bowl they will proceed as follows:

- 5.1.1 On the first occasion, the umpire will warn the player in the presence of the skip and advise both the coach and the team manager that the player has received a warning.
- 5.1.2 If the same player or another member of the same team commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as complete and the opponents of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent.
- 5.1.3 If the same player or another member of the same team offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent.

## 6. SCORING

### 6.1. Side scoring

At the completion of each round, the total number of shots for each side will be the sum of shots across all teams within the side. The winning side for a round will be determined by the side with the highest number of shots and will be awarded **three** side points. In the event of a draw each side shall be awarded **one** side point.

## 6.2. Rink scoring

Each winning rink will be awarded **one** rink point. In the event of a draw each rink will be awarded **0.5** points.

## 6.3 Scorecards

- 6.3.1 The team managers for each side will be responsible for collecting the scorecards for each of their teams from the tournament office.
- 6.3.2 The seconds from each team are responsible for maintaining the scorecards and should:
  - 6.3.2.1 Ensure that the names and playing positions of all players from both teams are listed correctly;
  - 6.3.2.2 At the complete on of the match, ensure the scores are entered correctly under the “Result” section of the scorecard;
  - 6.3.2.3 Ensure that their scorecard is signed by the opposition’s second, and umpire and themselves;
  - 6.3.2.4 Submit their completed scorecard to their team manager.
- 6.3.3 Following the conclusion of each match, the Team Manager from the winning team will be responsible for submitting the completed scorecards for both competing teams to the tournament office. For clarity, six scorecards must be submitted for each match.

## 6.4 Forfeits and no results

In the event of a forfeit or no result, the Jury of Appeal will meet to determine an appropriate rink point and shot allocation between both sides involved in the match.

# 7 DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

## 7.1 Awards

- 7.1.1 The Sides Championships has two award components; State vs. State awards and Best Performed Team awards.
- 7.1.2 State vs. State awards are listed as follows:
  - 7.1.2.1 Alley Shield – for best performed men’s side;
  - 7.1.2.2 Marj Morris trophy – for the best performed women’s side;
  - 7.1.2.3 Overall State Championship trophy- for best performed State/Territory sides across both men’s and women’s competitions.
- 7.1.3 Best Performed Team awards are listed as follows:
  - 7.1.3.1 Best Performed Men’s team;
  - 7.1.3.2 Best Performed Women’s team.

## 7.2 State vs. State awards

- 7.2.1 The Alley Shield will be awarded to the men's side scoring the highest number of side points.
- 7.2.2 The Marj Morris Trophy will be awarded to the women's side scoring the highest number of side points.
- 7.2.3 The Overall State Championship Trophy is awarded to the state that scores the highest number of side points across both men's and women's scores.
- 7.2.4 If side points are equal for any of the trophies 7.2.1, 7.2.2, sides will be ranked as follows:
  - 7.2.4.1 If side points are equal, the side with the highest number of rink points shall be ranked higher;
  - 7.2.4.2 If side and rink points are equal, the side with the **highest net total of shots** (shots for minus shots against) shall be ranked higher;
  - 7.2.4.3 If side and rink points and the highest net total shots are equal, the total shots for will be divided by the total shots against for each side to determine percentage. The side with the **highest shot percentage** shall be ranked higher (Law 27.4).
  - 7.2.4.4 If side points, rink points, net total shots and shots percentage are all equal, the side who scored the most points in matches between the tied sides will be ranked higher.
  - 7.2.4.5 If side points, rink points, net total shots and shots percentage are all equal, and the sides scored an equal amount of side points in matches between the tied sides, the side who scored the most rink points in matches between the tied sides will be ranked higher.
  - 7.2.4.6 If all points are still then equal, a Jury of appeal will determine which side will be ranked higher.

## 7.3 Best Performed Team

- 7.3.1 Each skip will be awarded one game point for every game they win as skip. In the event of a draw, the skip will be awarded 0.5 points. One male and one female skip will be awarded the Best Performed Rink award at the conclusion of the event for scoring the highest number of game points.
- 7.3.2 In the event of a draw on game points, the skip with the highest net total of shots (shots for minus shots against) for all matches they acted as skip will be the winner.
- 7.3.3 In the event of a tie on game points and net total of shots, all tied skips will be awarded the Best Performed Team.

## 6 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- 6.2.1 A perpetual Alley Shield (men), Marj Morris Trophy (women) and Overall State Championship Trophy shall be presented to a representative of the winning State/Territory Authority at the conclusion of the event and that State/Territory Authority shall hold the shield until the next championships.
- 6.2.2 Each member of the winning side (12 players plus two officials) for the Alley Shield and Marj Morris Trophy shall be awarded a gold medal. Runners up will be awarded a silver medal.
- 6.2.3 Medals and trophies will be presented to all members of the side who played in the round seven match.
- 6.2.4 Best performed Men's and Women's rink will be awarded a gold medal.

## 7 ATTIRE

- 7.2.1 All playing attire must comply with the Bowls Australia National Merchandise Program [\(NMP\) Logo Policy](#)
- 7.2.2 Footwear must adhere to Domestic Regulation 5.2 and must be approved for use by Bowls Australia. This policy is available on the Bowls Australia web site which can be found [here](#).
- 7.2.3 All players will wear any form of sponsorship material that is supplied by the sponsors of the event.
- 7.2.4 No player will wear any other form of sponsorship material unless it forms part of the official STA uniform.
- 7.2.5 Players shall wear their playing uniform at the opening and closing ceremonies.

## 8 EQUIPMENT

### 10.1 Stamp on Bowls

All bowls used during the event must carry a registered World Bowls stamp of either the current year or of a future year. Random checking of bowls may occur prior to the commencement of games. Bowls Australia's Bowls Testing Policy is available on the Bowls Australia website. Players requiring bowls testing shall be liable for the cost of the test.

### 10.2 Marking Touchers

In all Bowls Australia events, as per the Laws of the Sport, only chalk can be used to mark touchers. Spray chalk is the preferred method of marking at Bowls Australia's events.

### 10.3 Bowls Stickers (Stick on Markings)

Players must use bowls discs supplied by their STA, and these discs must be used on all bowls used for play during the event.

10.3.1 Any bowls stickers that are used on bowls must not obscure the Serial Number or the World Bowls stamp (Law 52.1.8.3).

10.3.2 Officials have the right to instruct players to replace bowls discs due to discolouration, damage or inappropriate placement.

## 11 PROHIBITIONS

### 11.1 Anti-Doping

The National Integrity Framework - [Bowls Australia's Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy](#) shall apply throughout the event. All players coaches, and team managers participating in the event **must** be up to date with the Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) Online Education course; any player failing to meet these obligations will be excluded from the event.

SIA officials may carry out prohibited substance testing at the event. Any player identified by SIA officials must undergo testing as requested.

### 11.2 Alcohol

The consumption of alcohol by players, coaches or team managers is strictly prohibited during play. Bowls Australia's Alcohol policy can be found [here](#).

### 11.3 Smoking

Bowls Australia's Smoke Free Policy will be enforced during all days of the event, inclusive of the official practice day. Bowls Australia's smoking policy can be found [here](#).

### 11.4 Match-Fixing

Bowls Australia's [Match Fixing Policy](#) shall apply throughout the event. All of those directly involved with the event, including but not limited to players, officials and event staff, must comply with this policy, which can be found on the Bowls Australia website.

## 12 JURY OF APPEAL

A jury of appeal shall be appointed for the purpose of deciding upon any matters not provided in the Conditions of Play, for dealing with any appeals from decisions made by umpires and/or event staff or volunteers, and generally for the purpose of exercising overall authority on behalf of Bowls Australia.

Any appeal against a decision made by an official relating to a Law, Domestic Regulation or Condition of Play may be referred to the Tournament Director in the first instance before being referred to the Jury of Appeal.

In the event of an appeal during the playing of the event, such appeals shall be made in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, and shall be directed to a Jury of Appeal which shall consist of:

- BA President or nominee;
- BA CEO or nominee;
- Tournament Director or nominee;
- Events & Competition Manager or nominee.

It is noted that, if any of the above members is directly involved in the matter, they shall not sit as a member of the Jury of Appeal and an appropriately skilled nominee be appointed instead.

### 13 PRIZE MONEY

There is no prize money allocated to this event.

### 14 OTHER LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

#### 14.1 Photography, Video and Live Streaming

Bowls Australia reserves the right to use any photographs or video taken during this event for further promotional requirements. Select matches at the event may be live streamed or broadcast through Bowls Australia's chosen communication channel at the discretion of the Controlling Body

#### 14.2 Laws of the Sport of Bowls

Comply with all applicable 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations for Australia, Crystal Mark 4th edition (Laws of the Sport of Bowls) April 2023, including any amendments and Bowls Australia Policies.

All Bowls Australia policies will be enforced during this event. To access these, visit the BA website: <http://bowlsaustralia.com.au/About-BA/Documents/Constitution-Policies>.

### 15 CONTACT INFORMATION

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