



## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

### **2023 Australian Senior Sides Championships**

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**Controlling body:** Bowls Australia Ltd.

**Event:** 2023 Australian Senior Sides Championships

**Dates:** Sunday, October 8 – Wednesday, October 11, 2023

**Venue:** Joondalup Bowls Club

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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 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 The National Integrity Framework - [Bowls Australia's Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy](#)
- 1.1.4 Be affiliated with the relevant STA.
- 1.1.5 Be 60 years of age or above as of the first day of the event (October 8, 2023).

1.1.6 Be eligible for Australian selection as per World Bowls' regulations – section 9 and Bowls Australia's National Team Selection Policy- section 3.2. 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.

1.1.7 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 12 male players, 1 coach and 1 team manager;

1.2.1.2 12 female players 1 coach and 1 team manager;

## **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 Competitor's names and team combinations must be nominated to Bowls Australia by **Friday, August 19, 2023** using the official team nomination form.

2.1.4 The order of play within each rink may be altered prior to the commencement of the event; any changes to the order of play 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**

Each match shall be 21 ends for each team. Players must play singly and in turn two of a set of bowls.

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

- 2.2.1 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.
- 2.2.2 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. The game shall proceed under artificial lights, if necessary, to achieve a result.
- 2.2.3 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 a distance of less than 18 metres from the mat line, the end should be declared dead and thus the end in play at that time will be replayed.
- 2.2.4 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.

### **2.3. Trial Ends**

2.3.1 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.

### **2.4. Arrangement for practice**

2.4.1 Teams will be permitted to practice at the host clubs on the day of the commencement of the event. 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 on the host club greens.

2.4.2 STA's must advise BA of any scheduled matches against other STA's on the practice day as soon as possible to ensure this is accommodated within the practice schedule.

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

## **3. SUBSTITUTES**

3.1 If a substitute is required 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.

3.2 Any and all substitutes must comply with all eligibility criteria for the event under sections 1 and 2, and under Domestic Regulation 2. (Crystal Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Version 3.1).

## 4. RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY

### 4.1. Starting Positions

4.1.1 After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

- 4.1.1.1 *Leads*: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl;
- 4.1.1.2 *Seconds*: after the delivery of their second bowl;
- 4.1.1.3 *Third*: after the delivery of their second bowl;
- 4.1.1.4 *Skip*: after the delivery of each of their bowls.

### 4.2. Exceptional Circumstances

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 law, law 13 will apply.

### 4.3. Starting positions

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. The lead and the second must always begin the end at the mat end.

## 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. On the first occasion, the umpire will warn the player.
- 5.2. If the same player 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.
- 5.3. If the same player 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 one 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.

## 7. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

The Australian Senior Sides Championships has two award components; 'State vs State' awards and 'Top Skipped Rink' award.

### 7.1. State vs. State awards

- 7.1.1 The 'Men's Championship Trophy' will be awarded to the men's side scoring the highest number of side points.
- 7.1.2 The 'Women's Championship Trophy' will be awarded to the women's side scoring the highest number of side points.
- 7.1.3 If side points are equal for any of the trophies 7.1.1, and 7.1.2, teams will be ranked as follows:
  - 7.1.3.1 If side points are equal, the side with the highest number of rink points shall be ranked higher;
  - 7.1.3.2 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;
  - 7.1.3.3 If side and rinks 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 percentage shall be ranked higher (Law 27.4).
  - 7.1.3.4 If side points, rink points, net total shots and shots percentage are all equal, the side which won the game between the sides that are equal.

### 7.2. Best Performed rink

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

## 8. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- 8.1. A perpetual 'Men's Championship Trophy' (men) and 'Women's Championship Trophy' (women) 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.

- 8.2. Each member of the winning side (12 players plus one team manager and one coach) for the 'Men's Championship Trophy' (men) and 'Women's Championship Trophy' (women) shall be awarded a gold medal. Runners-up will be awarded a silver medal.
- 8.3. Medals and trophies will be presented to all members of the side who played in the round seven match.

## 9. ATTIRE

- 9.1. All playing attire must comply with the [BA NMP logo policy](#).
- 9.2. 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](#).
- 9.3. All players will wear any form of sponsorship material that is supplied by the sponsors of the event.
- 9.4. No player will wear any other form of sponsorship material unless it forms part of the official STA uniform.
- 9.5. Players shall wear their playing uniform at the opening and closing ceremonies.

## 10. 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. Smoking & Alcohol

Bowls Australia's [Smoke Free and Alcohol Policy](#) will be enforced during all days of the event, inclusive of the official practice day.

### 11.2. 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.

### 11.3. Anti-Doping

The National Integrity Framework - [Bowls Australia's Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy](#) shall apply throughout the event.

## 12. JURY OF APPEAL

12.1 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.

12.2 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.

12.3 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.

12.4 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. OTHER LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

### 13.1. Photography

Bowls Australia reserves the right to use any photographs taken during this event for further promotional requirements.

### 13.2. 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.

### **13.3. BA 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>.

## **14. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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