

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. These **Special Conditions of Play** need to be read in conjunction with Auckland Bowls' Centre Events General Conditions of Play.
2. **Covid-19:**

Auckland Bowls prides itself on being an organisation that puts the health and safety of our community first by encouraging all those involved in Centre Events to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

 - 2.1 It is a condition of entry to this event that all players are double vaccinated against Covid-19 or can produce a valid Ministry of Health exemption certificate.
 - 2.2 All players in this event agree to provide evidence of their Covid-19 vaccination status to the Tournament Convenor of this event, on request.
 - 2.3 All players and their supporters agree to the Covid-19 policy and protocols of the host club.
3. **Venues:** Headquarters and host venues will be advised when the draw is released.
4. **Play:** Will commence by 9.00am on each event day. Skips in a team game or opponents in Singles will toss to determine who plays first.
5. **Format of side:** Each side will comprise of seven players – one Singles player, one Pairs team and one Fours team. Clubs may enter both Men's and Women's sides.
6. **Event format:**
 - (a) The competition will have two divisions being Open Division 1 and Auckland Division 2. Only the winners of the Open Division 1 will proceed to the National Finals. Refer clause 26.
 - (b) The number of sections, the number of teams per section and the number of games played on the qualifying day (Saturday, 5 March 2022) is dependent on entries.
 - (c) If clubs enter two or more sides are in the same division, they will be placed in different sections.
 - (d) The matches in each section will be head-to-head.
7. **Draw and sections:**

Based on the number of entries as per clause 6 (b) the Operations Committee has determined that:

 - (a) **Men's Open Division 1** has 20 entries. These will be grouped into five sections of four playing a round robin of three games on Saturday, 5 March. The top team from each section, plus the three next best overall will qualify for the Finals on Sunday, 6 March. [eight qualifiers]. In the Finals, a random draw will decide who plays who.
 - (b) **Men's Auckland Division 2** has 18 entries. These will be grouped into three sections of six. The sides will play a round robin of three games on Saturday, 5 March and a further two round robin games on Sunday, 6 March. The winning team will be determined as per clause 15.
 - (c) **Women's Open Division 1** has 12 entries. These will be grouped into three sections of four, playing a round robin of three games on Saturday, 5 March. The top two teams from each section plus the next best two teams will qualify for the Finals on Sunday, 6 March. [eight qualifiers]. In the Finals, a two-step process will determine who plays who:
 - i Step 1: The top four qualifiers will be randomly drawn into positions 1, 3, 5 & 7 on the draw, top down.
 - ii Step 2: The next four qualifiers will be randomly drawn into positions 2, 4, 6 & 8 on the draw, top down.
 - (d) **Women's Auckland Division 2** had two entries. These have been included in Division 1.

8. Playing format:**7.1 Men's and Women's Open Division 1**

The format will mirror the National Event (clause 7.1(g) as follows

- i Singles: 25 shots up or time limit of 2¾ hours – whichever comes first
- ii Pairs: 18 ends or time limit of 2¾ hours – whichever comes first
- iii Fours: 15 ends or time limit of 2¾ hours – whichever comes first

7.2 Men's and Women's Auckland Division 2

The format will be as follows

- i Singles: 21 shots up or time limit of 2½ hours – whichever comes first
- ii Pairs: 18 ends or time limit of 2½ hours – whichever comes first
- iii Fours: 15 ends or time limit of 2½ hours – whichever comes first

- 9. Alterations to the format and length of games:** 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. Where a programme is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Controlling Body may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result.
- 10. Byes:** If a section contains a Bye, the team receiving the Bye will be awarded a win and the average shots for and against scored by the winning teams or singles players in the rounds of the same section of the same discipline. For the sake of clarity, this means that a team allocated a bye will receive 9 points.
- 11. Trial ends:** Pursuant to Law 5.1 of the laws of the sport, trial ends will be allowed before competition commences. Should players be required to change greens during the day an extra set of trial ends will be allowed.
- 12. Defaults:** If a team or singles player defaults their score will be recorded as a loss. The non-offending team or singles player will be awarded a win and the average net total of shots scored by the winning teams or singles players in the rounds of the same section of the same discipline.
- 13. Tie in qualifying play:** In the event of a Tie in qualifying play, no extra end(s) will be played.
- 14. Time limit:** All games to be completed irrespective of score within the designated time limit. If the jack has been delivered before the time signal the end will continue and if it subsequently becomes dead, it will be replayed until it is completed.
- 15. Determining a winner:** In all games three points will be awarded for each game won and one point for each game drawn. Where game points are equal the winner will be the team with the highest net total of shots. If the game points and the net total of shots are equal the team with the lowest "total shots against" will be the winner.
- 16. Post Section:** Sunday, 6 March 2022
Depending on the number of entries
- (a) The top two teams from each section will go through to Post Section play.
 - (b) The results will be published on the Auckland Bowls website.
 - (c) A random draw on the day will determine who plays who.
 - (d) Where necessary Byes will be dispensed with in the first round.
 - (e) All Post Section play will be sudden death based on the playing format in Clause 7.
- 17. Tie in Post Section play:** If, after the required number of ends are completed, or the time limit has expired (whichever occurs first), and the scores are equal, an extra end or ends will be played to decide a winner.
- 18. Dead end:** If the jack is dead, the end is a dead end and is not counted. The end shall be replayed.

- 19. Incorrect delivery of jack:** If the jack has been incorrectly delivered, the opposition shall redeliver the jack.
- 20. Replacements / substitutes:** Any change in playing personnel shall be subject to the prior approval of the Controlling Body. Applications will be considered for the following reasons: sickness, bereavement, work commitments arising after the commencement of the tournament, Jury service, Bowls NZ commitments. Other individual exceptional circumstances may also be considered.
- The Controlling Body may require documents or evidence to support any applications. An application form is available to download from the Auckland Bowls website. A Substitute shall not be permitted if a team member enters another tournament scheduled to play at the same time.
- If the singles player is unable to continue, a player will be taken from the side to play in the singles and an acquired team member / substitute team member will play in either of the team disciplines in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Domestic Regulation Clause 7.
- 21. Movement of players:** If a club has more than one side, players may not be interchanged between sides.
- 22. Order of play:** Players may not interchange between the Singles; Pairs and Fours disciplines during the event but the order of play in the pairs and fours disciplines may be changed before any game.
- 23. Restricting the movement of players:** Prior to the start of each end, the following players will take their positions at the mat-end of the green:
- Pairs: The leads
- Fours: The leads and the seconds
- In time limit games as per this Regulation, the movement of players during play shall be restricted as specified in Appendix A.4.1 - Laws of the Sport as follows:
- (a) After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances.
- Singles: The opponents: after delivery after their third and fourth bowls.
 - Pairs: Each player playing three bowls:
Leads: After delivery of their third bowl.
Skips: After delivery of their second and third bowls.
 - Fours:
Leads: After the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl
Seconds: After delivery of their second bowl.
Thirds: After delivery of their second bowl.
Skips: After delivery of each of their bowls.
- (b) In exceptional and limited circumstances, a Singles player can ask the Marker for permission to walk up to the head, or a Skip can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier than described in Appendix A.4.1.
- (c) If a player does not meet the requirements of Appendix A.4.1, Law 13 of the Laws of the Sport shall apply.
- 24. Club membership:** All players in a side must be from the same Club.
- 25. Coaches:** In accordance with Law 44 of the Laws of the Sport, it shall be permissible during the event for any Coach to advise player(s) in their side from outside the boundaries of the green.
- 26. Team Manager:** It is essential that each side has a manager appointed for each game, the manager may be a player in the side. The duties of a Team Manager are:
- (a) To list the correct names of the members of their side on the team sheet prior to the start of play for each tournament day.

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- (b) Post Section only: To ensure a toss is completed at the beginning of each round for all disciplines (Law 5.2).
 - (c) To ensure that score cards are completed in full for each round, as per General Conditions of Play clause 19.
- 27. Markers:** Each side will be required to supply one marker to mark the singles games both for qualifying and for post section games.
- 28. National Interclub finals:** The winners, in both the Men's and Women's Division 1 competition, will qualify for the National Interclub Finals, to be held in Wellington from Thursday, 7 April to Sunday, 10 April 2022.

EVENT PROCEDURE

1. **Prior to each round being played:** Auckland Bowls will email host clubs:
 - (a) The results sheets for that round(s) of play (showing the rinks draw).
 - (b) Team sheets.
 - (c) Score cards.
 - (d) Any other information relevant to the progress of the event.
2. **Report to venues:** Unless play is cancelled all players must report to the allocated venues.
3. **Postponements:** Any postponements due to weather conditions will be on Auckland Bowls website aucklandbowls.co.nz and/or Infoline 09 623 3551.
4. **Preparation of greens:**
 - (a) Greens must be prepared and made available to players 30 minutes before the scheduled start time. It is essential that the Green Superintendent advise the Tournament Convenor on 027 227 5866 prior to 3:00pm on any scheduled day of play if their greens are in doubt for the day. No club will cancel their greens play without the Tournament Convenor's approval. Green Superintendents are asked to make their calls promptly.
 - (b) Mats, jacks, scoreboards, chalk and buckets of water or dusters will be set out.
 - (c) The correct numbers of rinks are to be available, and if possible, the centre line of each rink should be chalked.
5. **Recorder:** A non-playing recorder **shall** be supplied by the host club. A penalty may be imposed by Auckland Bowls if this condition is not adhered to.
 - 5.1 **The duties of a Recorder are:**
 - (a) Ensuring that all information is **correct and complete** on the results sheet and the team sheets.
 - (b) Allocating rinks of play according to the result sheet in use for that day and handing out all score cards.
 - (c) The recorder shall be the only person from the venue to contact the Tournament Convenor during the day with greens, reports or enquires of any nature whatsoever.
 - (d) Please email ccbumpire@gmail.com or text 027 227 5866 the completed result sheet and the team's sign-in sheet to the Tournament Convenor as soon as possible at the conclusion of the day's play. Post Section planning cannot start until all the results are received.
 - (e) Should a host club not appoint a recorder for the day, then the Team Manager of the host club side shall automatically become the recorder for the venue and shall complete all the above duties for the day.
6. **Team Manager:** Each side shall have a Team Manager, who may be a player in the side.
 - 6.1 **The duties of a Team Manager are:**
 - (a) To list the correct names of the members of their side on the team sheet **prior** to the start of play for the day.
 - (b) Post Section only: To toss at the beginning of each round for all disciplines (Law 5.2).
 - (c) To ensure that score cards are completed **in full** for each round as per General Conditions of Play clause 19.
 - (d) To ensure the team sheet and the result sheet are signed as a true and correct record before leaving the club at which the round(s) has/have been played. There is no right of appeal
 - i. once the result sheet has been signed.
 - ii. if the manager/team leave the venue without signing the sheets.