

AUCKLAND CENTRE EVENTS

General Conditions of Play

1. **Laws and regulations:** Played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Bowls New Zealand Domestic Regulations as applicable.
2. **Code of conduct:** By entering any Auckland Centre event players agree to abide by Auckland Bowls Code of Conduct as stated in the Auckland Bowls Centre Handbook.
3. **Controlling body:** The Controlling Body for this event is the Auckland Bowls Operations Committee. The Controlling Body will have the right to alter, add to or delete any conditions of play and/or special conditions to enable the completion of the tournament.
4. **Entry requirements:** In this event, all Players are to be full playing, financial members of the same club affiliated to Auckland Bowls to enter. Special conditions may apply.
5. **Playing format:**
 - a) **Qualifying:** All Players/teams will go into a blind draw. Players/teams will play three rounds/games. Players/teams winning two or three games will qualify for Post Section. If the third game in qualifying has no bearing on the outcome of qualification; then both skips can agree to abandon the game as *Did Not Play*. However, if one team insists on playing, then the game must be played and if not played the offending team will be deemed to have defaulted (refer Clause 22).
 - b) **Post Section:** All qualifiers will go into a blind draw. Byes will be dispensed with in the first round. All games will be a straight knockout.
 - c) **Ties in qualifying and post section:** If after the specified number of ends or the time limit has expired (whichever occurs first), the scores are equal, then an extra end or ends will be played to determine a winner.
6. **Defaults:** If a team defaults on any game, their score will be recorded as a Loss. The non-offending team will be awarded a Win. (Refer to clause 22).
7. **Byes in qualifying:** Should there not be an even number of Players then a section(s) may contain a bye. The bye will be treated as a Win.
8. **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.
9. **Postponements:** Any postponements owing to weather conditions will be on Auckland Bowls' website aucklandbowls.co.nz and Infoline (09) 623 3551.
10. **Acquired team member/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 event, 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. Special conditions may apply.
11. **Clothing:**
 - a) Players in Singles events will wear the uniform of the club that they are representing. This means an authorised club shirt and authorised club pants/skirts.
 - b) Players in team events will wear the uniform of the club that they are representing. This means matching club shirts and authorised club pants/skirts.
 - c) Logos that conflict with the event sponsor will not be permitted and must be covered up.
 - d) Should a person or a team continue to 'infringe' on clauses a) – c), then action will be taken which may include a fine to the individual or non - acceptance of future entries.

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12. **Footwear:** Only approved footwear as per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Domestic Regulations 11.1, is to be worn. Should a person continue to 'infringe' then action will be taken which may include a fine to the individual or non-acceptance of future entries.
13. **Cell phone:** Use is not permitted by Players on or alongside the greens during play. It is preferred that cell phones are switched off or turned to silent. The use of a cell phone by Players while their game is in progress may result in a \$50 fine.
14. **No smoking policy:** Cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vaping are all banned anywhere in the clubhouse and on the greens. Clubs will have designated 'smoking area(s)' to be used by Players and officials. Any breach of the no-smoking policy may result in a fine of \$50.
15. **Alcohol:** The drinking of alcohol is to be confined to the club house at each venue. Drinking outside of the clubhouse during competitions will not be permitted. Any breach of the alcohol policy may result in a \$50 fine.
16. **Catering:** Payment of any catering supplied by clubs, including morning and afternoon teas, will be at the club's discretion.
17. **Trial ends:** Before the scheduled start of the Player's/team's first game, or before continuing an unfinished game on another day, one trial end may be played in each direction. Please refer to Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Law 5.1.
18. **Late appearances:** When any Player has failed to be able to commence play 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game will be awarded to the opponent.
19. **Scorecards:** These will be completed clearly and in full for every game. The names of all Players and the time the game is finished are to be entered, and the scorecard is signed by both Skips.
20. **Ineligible players:** Any club playing ineligible team members will be penalised \$100 per ineligible team member and will be immediately withdrawn from the tournament.
21. **Entry fees and withdrawals:** Entry fees will be refunded to late entries and entries not accepted. No refunds will be made to teams or Players who withdraw less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled commencement of the event. Any withdrawals are to be notified to the Auckland Bowls office or the Convenor of the event by 12 noon on the day preceding the scheduled commencement of the event, otherwise, Players will be penalised \$30 per non-appearance and Clubs may be penalised \$100 for non-appearance.
22. **Defaulters:** No team entered in a team event will withdraw except in the case of illness of a Player or other just cause. The Controlling Body may require evidence of the illness or other just cause to be submitted. Any offending teams or team members may be penalised up to \$100.00 per playing team member defaulting.
23. **Appeal against decisions of Umpires:** The Umpire's decision is final in all circumstances except those relating to the meaning or interpretation of a law, in which case there will be a right of appeal to the Controlling Body (Law 43.2.6). Any such appeal is to be lodged with the Tournament Convenor within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the game.
24. **Operations Committee** will act on any complaints and all playing disputes, provided they are in writing to the Auckland Bowls Tournament Convenor.