

SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS CLUB

Conditions of Play (COP) - Club Championships

Introduction:

When nominating for championship games you **must** be available to play for the weeks allocated to complete that championship. The Final date for that championship will be adhered to, so all games must be completed by the due date.

The **first** and **second** rounds of each championship will be played commencing one week after the draw has been done. If at any time you are unavailable to play your game, the **Play, Substitute or Forfeit rule will apply.**

See Section 6.8 for exceptions.

If you are playing in a state or district event, the Games Directors are to be informed of the date you are not available prior to the commencement of the first round. Every endeavor will be made to cater for these members but the Championship dates must be met.

The "Captain/Skip" of a team should check with all team members to ensure their availability for the championship before the team nomination form is submitted.

Alternate dates/times resulting in a single rink only being utilised should be avoided wherever possible to assist in greens preparation and umpire requirements.

Any player wishing to make themselves available as a substitute for the championship can add their name to the bottom of the nomination sheet so teams will know who is available should they require a substitute.

1. Laws.

All competitions are to be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, as laid out in the Crystal Mark 4th Edition Version (April 2023), and as amended from time to time, and in conjunction with the Solander Lake Bowls Club By-laws.

2. Nominations.

Nomination sheets will be posted on the Notice Board for all competition events well in advance of the date of the event, typically 3 to 4 weeks. Starting date and nomination closing date will be included. Nominations will close at 4.30PM on the date advertised.

The draw for the competition will be conducted by the Games Director, and/or their representative, a minimum of 7 days prior to the advertised starting date for the scheduled first round of play.

3. Fees.

Nomination fees and green fees, as determined by the Club's Board of Directors, must be paid before start of play.

4. Dress.

The current club uniform, registered with our District Bowls Associations, **must** be worn for all competitions.

5. Eligibility

- 5.1. Players must be a current fully paid member of Solander Lake Bowls Club and not under suspension at the date nominations for that event close. Players who are members of multiple clubs must have declared for Solander Lake Bowls Club prior to nominating for an event.
- 5.2. All entrants in the Novice Singles Championship must have played bowls at any club for less than 3 years at the date nominations close and have not won any Championship event at Solander Lake or any other club.
- 5.3. Players entering the "B" Grade Singles Championship Event must not have won any "B" Grade Singles or "A" Grade Championship, or equivalent, at Solander Lake or any other club.
- 5.4. Players entering the "B" Grade Pairs Championship Event must not have won any "B" Grade or "A" Grade Championship, or equivalent, at Solander Lake or any other club.
- 5.5. Players entering the Veterans Singles Championship must have turned 70 years of age before nominations close.

6. Event Information

- 6.1. In all Singles championships, the winner is the first player to reach 25 points. Markers will be appointed for all singles games. All players nominating for a Singles event must be available to mark games in which they are not participating as required.
- 6.2. Pairs and Fours team events are played to 21 ends. Triples, in a 2 bowl format, is played to 27 ends. If scores are tied after the appropriate number of ends, skips will toss to re start play and further end/s played until a winning team is determined.
- 6.3. Trial Ends – Two Trial Ends are allowed prior to the game's scheduled starting time.
- 6.4. Dead ends in all competitions will be replayed. No re-spotting of the jack will occur.
- 6.5. Rules concerning substitutes, replacement players etc. will be as per the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" Crystal Mark 4th Edition Version (April 2023), and as amended from time to time.
- 6.6. Should any match be postponed, unfinished or cancelled due to inclement weather, that match will be replayed or continued at a time and date decided by the Controlling Body. If the start of a match is delayed by inclement weather, the players must remain at the Club and await further instructions from the Controlling Body.
- 6.7. If a team or a Singles competitor is not present to commence play within 30 minutes following the scheduled starting time, they will have a forfeit awarded

against them/him by the Controlling Body, unless the Controlling Body decides otherwise.

- 6.8. Players may play their match prior to the advertised date by mutual agreement and with the approval of the Games Director or his/her delegated representative. The Games Director will be responsible for notifying the Umpire Coordinator, Greenkeeper and Bar Manager and, in the case of Singles, organise a marker.

Valid reasons for requesting to play a match at an alternate date or time may include the following:-

One or more of the players will be working on the proposed date or

One or more of the players will be attending a school or university on the proposed date or

One or more of the players has a medical condition preventing them at the last minute from playing on the proposed date or

One or more of the players is scheduled to play in an advertised "District or higher level Event" on the proposed date or

A player who has some type of disability such as vision impairment or other which may affect their ability to compete at 100% of their usual ability on the published date/time of the scheduled round (i.e. "a night competition round").

If the player or team does not meet one of these valid reasons, then that player or team will have to provide a substitute or forfeit the match.

If the player or team meet one of these valid reasons, then an alternate date prior to this round can be requested. If an alternate date prior to this round can't be agreed to, then that player or team will have to provide a substitute or forfeit the match.

Players making arrangements between themselves for alternate dates/times must keep the Games Director, or their representative, notified so the relevant club officials and volunteers are informed of the rescheduled date/time for organizing purposes.

- 6.9. All Championship games should be attended by an accredited Umpire. If, in exceptional circumstances this is not possible, the two skips shall decide all disputed issues and if no agreement is reached the skips will choose a competent neutral person to act as umpire.
- 6.10. In Fours Championship events, the score card will be kept by the second player.

- 6.11. Score Cards should be signed off by the Skips, or opponents in singles and notated with the time of completion of the match.

7. Restrictions on the Movement of Players During Play

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

- 7.1. **Singles** - after the delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
- 7.2. **Pairs** - after the delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
- 7.3. **Triples** - The lead player after delivery of their second bowl; the second after delivery of their second bowl and the skips after delivery of their first bowl.
- 7.4. **Fours** - The leads after the second player in the team has delivered their second bowl. The seconds after delivery of their second bowl. The thirds after delivery of their second bowl and the skips after delivery their first bowl.

8. Electronic Devices

All electronic devices, for example, mobile phones, paging devices etc. located within six meters of the green while a match is in progress **MUST BE SWITCHED OFF**. Players who are on-call must notify the Umpire of the day of this fact. If a call is received, the person must move away at least six meters from the playing area.

9. Bowlers Arms

Use of a Bowling Arm is allowed in accordance with Bowls Australia Artificial Devices Policy effective 1st May 2019. The main points of this policy are:

- 9.1. All Bowlers Arms must be BA approved.
- 9.2. The Approved Bowlers Arm, once used in a game must be used for the remainder of the game. This does not apply to rolling the Jack which may be rolled with the Bowlers Arm or by hand at any time.

10. The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the Conditions Of Play where deemed appropriate, and will have the final decision on whether to invoke the Play, Substitute or Forfeit rule.

11. By nominating for a Championship event you agree with these Conditions Of Play.

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