



# CONDITIONS OF PLAY



**WORLD BOWLS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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*Gold Coast, Queensland 2023*

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**DATES:** Practice: 26 – 28 August, 2023  
Competition: 29 August – 10 September, 2023

**VENUES:** Broadbeach Bowls Club, QLD  
Club Helensvale, QLD  
Paradise Point Bowls Club, QLD  
Musgrave Hill Bowls Club, QLD  
Mudgeeraba Bowls Club, QLD

## CONTROLLING BODY

International Federation (IF): World Bowls  
Host Country: Bowls Australia  
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General Manager: Andrew Howie (Bowls Australia)

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### 1. WORLD BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS - ENTRY CONDITIONS

#### Affiliation

- All players are to be affiliated with their National Authority that is a member of World Bowls.

#### Eligibility

- All players must meet the *Eligibility of Players* requirements as set out in *World Bowls Regulations* 9.8 to 9.12 (adopted 21 June 2020). These are available on the World Bowls website – [www.worldbowls.com](http://www.worldbowls.com)
- All para players must be internationally classified by IBD (International Bowls for the Disabled) by 28 June 2023 before they can be registered and accepted into the event. IBD will inform World Bowls after this date of the players confirmed class status ('P' for permanent or 'R' for review - with a fixed review date in 2023 or later for those with progressive disorders).
- All players must comply with all applicable *Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition*.

#### Entries

- Completed entries for both Open and Para, indicating the players' names and the events in which they have been selected to compete, shall be received by World Bowls no later than **31 May 2023**
- No late entries will be accepted.
- 'Like for like' player replacements (i.e. discipline and event) can be accepted on limited grounds following the entry deadline and up to the time of the Manager/Coach meeting.
- The only grounds permitted will be medical, appeals and extenuating circumstances. In all instances, evidence and supplementary documentation will be required.

## 2. WORLD BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS – TEAMS and EVENTS

### Team Composition and Events

#### 2.1 Open Disciplines – Traditional Play (up to 5 players per side for each gender)

- Each player can compete in a maximum of two events. The Singles and Fours events for each gender will be conducted concurrently, as will the Pairs and Triples.
- Nominated players must remain in the discipline and events as confirmed at the **Manager/ Coach Meeting, which will be held on 27 August 2023.**
- After this time, changes will only be allowed to the order of players within each team, between rounds. These changes must be submitted to the Competition Manager (via the appropriate *Game Playing Order* form) at least 45 minutes before the respective round.
- Medals for Men and Women will be awarded in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours events.

#### 2.2 Para Disciplines

##### Mixed Pairs B2-B3 (eligible sport classes B1-B3)

- Must include one male and one female player
- The maximum cumulative point score for each pair is 5 points. The cumulative point score is determined by combining the Sport Classes of both athletes entered within that medal event. For the avoidance of doubt, the sport class of an individual athlete is worth the actual number value (i.e. sport class B1 is worth 1 point, B2 is worth 2 points, B3 is worth 3 points).
- Each athlete entered in the Mixed Pairs B2-B3 medal event is entitled to one (1) Director not included in the maximum possible slot allocation.

##### Men's Pairs B6-B8 (eligible sport classes B5-B8) and, Women's Pairs B6-B8 (eligible sport classes B5-B8)

- The maximum cumulative point score for each Pair is 14 points. The cumulative point score is determined by combining the Sport Classes of both athletes entered within that medal event. For the avoidance of doubt, the Sport Class of an individual athlete is worth the actual number value (i.e. Sport Class B5 is worth 5 points, Sport Class B6 is worth 6 points, Sport Class B7 is worth 7 points and Sport Class B8 is worth 8 points).
- Medals for Men and Women will be awarded in all Para events.

It is not possible for players entered in Para Disciplines to also enter the Open draw due to scheduling restrictions.

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### 3. WORLD BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS – DRAWS and PRACTICE

#### Competition Draws

##### 3.1 Open Disciplines Draw

- In each event, teams will be placed into 4 sections based on the finishing positions at World Bowls Championships 2016 (last held World Championships). The placement of teams will follow the table below.
- The countries that did not compete in the respective draw at World Bowls 2016, will be randomly drawn into the remaining positions until all teams have been allocated a position in the draw.
- Section structures will be comprised as follows:

Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13
17	18	19	20
24	23	22	21
25	26	27	28
32	31	30	29
33	34	35	36
40	39	38	37
41	42	43	44

- The draw for each event will be completed following the close of entries (31/5/23).
- If any player or team withdraws after the draw has been completed resulting in uneven sections, then the Controlling Body, by ballot, may move a random drawn team from one section to another to ensure that all sections contain, as near as possible, a similar number of teams.
- Any movement of teams will take place at the **Manager/Coach meeting on 27 August 2023**, when all sections will be confirmed.
- At the completion of Sectional Play, the top two ranked teams in each of the four sections will automatically advance through to the quarter finals.

#### Quarter Finals:

- QF1-Winner Section 1 v 2<sup>nd</sup> placed nation Section 4
- QF2-Winner Section 4 v 2<sup>nd</sup> placed nation Section 1
- QF3-Winner Section 2 v 2<sup>nd</sup> placed nation Section 3
- QF4-Winner Section 3 v 2<sup>nd</sup> placed nation Section 2

#### Semi-Finals:

- Winner QF1 v Winner QF2
- Winner QF3 v Winner QF4

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### Final:

- Winner SF1 V Winner SF2
- The winners of each Semi-Final will play off in the Final for the gold and silver medals. The losers of both Semi-Finals will be awarded bronze medals.
- All teams will be given a final ranking based on finishing positions in the medal play off matches and from the Sectional Play results for those who did not reach the medal playoffs.

### 3.2 Para Disciplines Draw

- Based on entry numbers, teams will be divided into two sections (Men's Pairs) and one section (Women's Pairs and Mixed Pairs) respectively.

#### Men's Pairs

- All countries will be randomly drawn into a section once entries close.
- The top two ranked teams from each section advance to the Semi Finals.
- The Semi Final draw following the Sectional Play will be Section 1 Winner v Section 2 Runner Up and Section 2 Winner v Section 1 Runner Up.
- Winning Semi Finalists will play off for gold and silver medals. Losing Semi Finalists will be both awarded bronze medals.
- All teams will be given a final ranking based on finishing positions in the medal playoff matches and from the Sectional Play results for those who did not reach the medal playoffs.

#### Women's Pairs and Mixed Pairs

- All countries will be randomly drawn for positions in the one section.
- These two disciplines will consist of a Round-Robin format with the top four ranked teams advancing to the Semi Finals.
- The Semi Final draw following the Round-Robin will be 1 v 4 and 2 v 3.
- Winning Semi Finalists will play off for gold and silver medals. Losing Semi Finalists will be both awarded bronze medals.
- All teams will be given a final ranking based on finishing positions in the medal playoff matches and from the Round-Robin results for those who did not reach the medal playoffs.

### 3.3 Arrangements for Practice

- Law 4 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition will apply.
- There will be three official practice days prior to the competition commencing. All requests for practice outside of these days are to be made to the Competition Manager.

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### 4. WORLD BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS – PLAYING FORMAT

#### 4.1 Playing Format

OPEN	
Singles	Four bowls of a set per player, 21 shots up - in excess of 21 shots shall not count.
Pairs	Three bowls of a set per player, 18 ends.
Triples	Two bowls of a set per player, 18 ends.
Fours	Two bowls of a set per player, 15 ends.
PARA	
Para Mixed Pairs B2 -B3	Three bowls of a set per player, 15 ends
Para Women's Pairs B6-B8	Three bowls of a set per player, 15 ends
Para Men's Pairs B6-B8	Three bowls of a set per player, 15 ends

#### 4.2 Format of Play

- The Format of Play for all events will be Sectional Play followed by Knockout Play.

##### Sectional Play

- During Sectional Play, matches must be played to the completion of the required number of ends or the time limit.

##### Knockout Play (Post Sectional – Quarter Finals onwards)

- During Knockout Play, once a winner is determined (that is, it is mathematically impossible for the opponent to win or draw the match), the match will finish regardless of the number of ends played.
- If in Pairs, Triples or Fours games, the scores are equal after the prescribed number of ends, an extra end will be played to determine the winner as specified in Law 28.

#### 4.3 Time Limits

- A limit of 2 hours 15 minutes (excluding trial ends) will apply to all sectional matches for all events. Time limits will not apply to Knockout Finals matches however, *Delaying (slow) Play* rules will still apply.
- Only 5.6.9 of the *Delaying (slow) Play* regulation section (section 5 below) applies to events in the Para Disciplines.
- An announcement will be made over the venue's public address (PA) system (or equivalent) for the commencement of trial ends 15 minutes before the scheduled match start time.
- A horn, bell or an announcement over the venue's PA system will be used by the designated timekeeper to signal the official 'Start of Play'. Those who finish trial ends early must wait for one of the above before commencing their match.
- At the completion of the allocated time, the designated timekeeper will use a horn, bell or an announcement will be made over the venue's PA system, to signal the end of play. At this time players will complete the current end they are playing. The start of an end is determined by the delivery of the jack by the first player to play in that end.
- Should a venue be unable to use their PA system for any reason, all matches in play will be made aware of any time limit announcements - as specified above - by the best available method as soon as practically possible.



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- Any player/team arriving after the official start time shall lose the right to play trial ends.
- Any player/team arriving at the green more than 15 minutes after the official starting time shall forfeit the game and the points for that game or not progress through to the next round.
- In the case of delay due to extreme weather, the time limit relates to the length of time allowed for match play on the green. Any time off the green will not be considered towards this time.

### 4.4 Rink Allocation

- Rink allocations are subject to change at any time prior to the trial ends of any specific round, at the discretion of the Controlling Body.
- All gold medal matches will be held on the broadcast rinks.

### 4.5 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 program 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 or postpone the event where an outcome cannot be achieved.

### 4.6 Scoring

- Game points will be awarded during sectional play as follows:
  - 3 points for a win
  - 1 point for a draw
- If there is a scheduled bye in a section, no points will be awarded during sectional play.
- If a game is forfeited, the non-offending player or team will be awarded three match points and a net total of shots that is equal to the average net total of shots scored by the winners of all other games played in the same round of the same section.
- If any team is disqualified completely from the competition during the Sectional Play phase, all the completed match results for the disqualified team will be removed.

### 4.7 Determining the Winners

#### Sectional Play

- 1) The player or team with the greatest number of games won is the winner of the section. All other players or teams will be ranked accordingly.
- 2) If games won are equal, then the player or team with the highest number of points will be ranked higher (three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw).
- 3) If games won and points are equal, then the player or team with the highest net total of shots ('shots for' minus 'shots against') will be ranked higher.
- 4) If games won, points, and net total of shots are all equal, then the player or team with the lowest number of 'shots against' will be ranked higher.
- 5) If there is still equality having applied the criteria described in points 1 to 4 above, then the player or team that won the game between the players or teams that are equal will be ranked higher.
- 6) If the game between the players or teams that are equal is drawn, then the first player or team in the drawn game to win an end will be ranked higher.

#### Post Sectional - Knockout

- Game points are not allocated to post sectional games. Winner's progress to the next round.

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### Overall Team Championship

- The overall team winner will be the country gaining the most ranking points across the four disciplines (singles, pairs, triples, fours) in both the Open men's and women's championships and across the three disciplines (men's and women's pairs and mixed pairs) in the Para championships.
- In determining the winners:
  - Teams will be awarded the following points based on where they finished in their respective sections in each discipline.
    - 1<sup>st</sup> – 20 pts
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16 pts
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14 pts
    - 4<sup>th</sup> – 12 pts
    - 5<sup>th</sup> – 10 pts
    - 6<sup>th</sup> – 8 pts
    - 7<sup>th</sup> – 6 pts
    - 8<sup>th</sup> to last – 4 pts
  - Additional points will be awarded to those countries that compete in the finals of each discipline.
    - 6 points for a gold medal
    - 4 points for a silver medal
    - 2 points for a bronze medal (losing semi-finalists)
  - If ranking points are equal, then the country with the highest net total of shots (from sectional play only) will rank higher.
  - If positions are still equal, the Controlling Body will divide the total of shots scored against each country into the total shots it has scored. The country with the highest result will be declared the winner.

### **4.8 Substitutes and Replacement Players**

- A substitute shall be utilised in the following manner:
  - The Coach (provided they are an eligible affiliated player) of the team shall herself/himself substitute or call upon an eligible affiliated player from her/his National Authority to substitute.
  - Where a nominated player in a Singles event is unable to play in any round subsequent to the first round in which they are nominated owing to illness, sudden indisposition, or reason acceptable to the Jury of Appeal, their place shall then be taken by an alternative player from the Side, playing in the same series. The replacement Singles player is to be replaced in the team affected, by a substitute player as set out in the points above.
  - The Singles player/player in a team may resume in his/her original position when deemed fit.
  - If a competitor in a Singles game is unable to complete any game already commenced, their opponent shall be awarded maximum match points for that game. The opponent shall also be awarded the average net shots margin of all matches completed in that round of the competition in that section.
  - It is understood, however, that a substitute, may only be utilised if the Jury of Appeal is satisfied that the player to be substituted is genuinely unable to play. The substitute player shall not be permitted to play in the position of Skip. The team/player receiving the points for the walkover shall also be awarded the average net shots margin of all matches completed in that round of the competition in that section.

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### 5. WORLD BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS – GAME FORMAT

#### 5.1 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 of bowls so long as all bowls carry a registered 'World Bowls Stamp' of either the current year or a future year.
- Trial ends will commence fifteen minutes prior to the official starting time.

#### 5.2 Re-spotting the Jack

- 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 less than 20 metres from the mat line, the end should not be declared dead. Instead, the jack should be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a spot on the rink which is two metres from the front ditch and on the centre line, and play must continue.
- If the spot as described above is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack should be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, between and in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl.
- The spots as described above must be marked using chalk or some other suitable method.

#### 5.3 Leaving the Rink of Play

- If a player wishes to leave the rink of play, Law 32.1 will apply. However, if on more than one occasion, then on each occasion after the first they can do so only with their opponent's and the umpire's permission.
- The umpire's permission will be granted in consultation with the player's team manager or coach when they are present.

#### 5.4 Restricting the movement of players during play

- Prior to the start of each end, the following players will take their position at the mat-end of the green.
- Pairs game: the leads
- Triples game: the leads and the seconds
- Fours game: the leads and the seconds. The thirds, however, may elect to take their position either at the mat end or alongside the skip at the head.
- After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

<b>SINGLES</b>	the opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
<b>PAIRS</b> (each player playing three bowls)	the leads: after delivery of their third bowl the skips: after delivery of their second and third bowls.
<b>TRIPLES</b> (each player playing two bowls)	the leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
<b>FOURS</b> (each player playing two bowls)	the leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl the thirds: after delivery of their second bowl the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls

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- In exceptional and limited circumstances, a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head, or a Singles Player can ask the marker for permission to walk up to the head, earlier than described above. If a player does not meet the terms of this law, Law 13 will apply.

### 5.5 Marking Touchers

- Spray chalk will be used to mark touchers for all singles matches and is the preferred method to be used in all team matches.

### 5.6 Delaying (slow) play

- Players must play without undue delay and in a way which does not prevent their opponents from being able to complete the required number of ends within the time limit decided by the Controlling Body. The following conditions will apply in cases where players fail to meet this requirement:
  - 5.6.1** If one of the opponents in Singles, one of the skips or one of the coaches makes an appeal that, due to the actions of their opponents their team or player is being prevented from playing all their bowls within the time decided for the game, the umpire will tell the offending team or player that they are being 'put on the stopwatch' when any end in progress has been completed. This will also happen if the Controlling Body appeals as a result of its own observation.
  - 5.6.2** Once the offending team or player has been put on the stopwatch, they will be required to deliver all their bowls in each of the remaining ends within a two-minute time period (Singles, Pairs and Triples games) or a two-minute and 15-second time period (Fours games). A technical official specifically allocated for the purpose will time the ends.
  - 5.6.3** In each end, timing will start as soon as the jack has been properly delivered and centred (if the offending team or player is the first to play in an end) or as soon as the non-offending team's or player's first bowl has come to rest (if the non-offending team or player is the first to play in an end). From then on, timing will start when each of the non-offending team's bowls has come to rest and will stop when each of the offending team's bowls has been delivered.
  - 5.6.4** Timing will stop during any interventions by the umpire (for example, to check a short jack or a line bowl) or any interventions by a coach.
  - 5.6.5** The timing official will tell the offending team or player when the time remaining in any end reaches one minute.
  - 5.6.6** At the end of the two-minute time period (Singles, Pairs and Triples games) or the two-minute-and-fifteen-seconds time period (Fours games), the offending team or player will forfeit any bowls remaining to be delivered in that end. However, the non-offending team or player will deliver their remaining bowls to complete the end.
  - 5.6.7** When play has been underway for one hour and ten minutes, the umpire will advise teams which have either not completed nine ends or are not currently playing their ninth end (Singles, Pairs and Triples games) or not completed eight ends or are not currently playing their eighth end (Fours games) that they risk being unable to complete their game within the time limit. The umpire will also pass to the Controlling Body details of the games affected.
  - 5.6.8** On being notified by the umpire as described in 5.6.1, the Controlling Body will decide whether any action needs to be taken. This may include, for example, putting the offending teams on the stopwatch during the game in progress and / or putting the offending teams on the stopwatch from the start of their succeeding game should all ends in the game in progress remain uncompleted.

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**5.6.9** If, during the end which is in progress immediately before the end time of play is signalled or on completion of that end and before the start of any subsequent end, the umpire as a result of their own observation or on appeal by one of the skips, one of the team coaches or the Controlling Body, decides that a team is being prevented from playing a further end due to the actions of their opponents, they will notify the teams that they must play one more end even though the end time of play may have been signalled when such notification is given.

**5.6.10** Only section 5.6.9 of the Delaying (slow) play regulation applies to events in the Para Disciplines.

### 5.7 Scorecards

- Final scorecards must be checked and signed by the Skips or the Player in Singles, and the umpire in charge of that match prior to submission to the tournament office.
- **All signed scorecards will be taken as final.** Exceptions will only be made if the players concerned can prove to the Tournament Director that a genuine error has occurred.

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### 6. COACHES and DIRECTORS

#### 6.1 Coaches

- Only coaches appointed by their National Authority to act in this capacity for this event will be accredited and they must be registered with World Bowls and the Tournament Director prior to the commencement of the event.
- Team Managers wishing to act as a coach during play, must also register with World Bowls and the Tournament Director prior to the commencement of the event.
- A player selected for the event cannot also be appointed as a Coach for the event during the period of their involvement as a player for the event.

#### 6.2 Directors of Para Lawn Bowls Mixed Pairs B2/B3

- The Director is 'The Sighted Person Assisting the Visually Impaired Player'. Every rule that applies to a player, also applies to the Director.
- All players competing in Mixed Pairs B2-B3 shall have a Director with them during play.
- The Director may assist the player with any/all of: picking up bowls; finding/laying the mat; alignment; description of how bowls are running; the position of any bowl; shot selection and strategy. However, it should be left to the player to decide how much (or how little) assistance he/she requires.
- In assisting a player with alignment the Director may stand in front of the player (if so desired), but may not stand at a distance further than five metres from the mat. In such cases the Director must retire to his/her player before the delivered bowl comes to rest.
- A jack impeded by touching a Director will be re-delivered by the opponent (Law 38.2). A bowl impeded by touching a Director shall be removed from the green and will not be replayed.

#### 6.3 Directors Duties (Para Lawn Bowls Mixed Pairs B2/B3)

- Directors are expected to carry out the following duties:
  - 6.3.1** Report on behalf of the player and themselves to the relevant tournament officials.
  - 6.3.2** Assist the player to and from the green.
  - 6.3.3** Assist with the serving of refreshments for the player, where and how applicable.
  - 6.3.4** Assist with the setting up and clearing of greens where necessary.
  - 6.3.5** Toss the coin on behalf of the skip.
  - 6.3.6** Ensure that the mat is correctly positioned if laid by the player
  - 6.3.7** Assist with the direction of the delivering of the jack should the player so desire.
  - 6.3.8** Ensure that an end commences as soon as possible (e.g. the jack can be delivered before all bowls are sorted).
  - 6.3.9** Once the jack has been centred repeat the distance to the player and the opposition.
  - 6.3.10** When directing the team's skip, position the delivered jack on the centre line and indicate the distance to the lead player and Director.
  - 6.3.11** To avoid the player fumbling for their bowl, pass it to him or her by either placing it in their hand or by rolling it towards them.
  - 6.3.12** Immediately after the delivery, join the player and assist him/ her off the mat.

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- 6.3.13** Describe the run of the bowl and advise the player of its eventual position in relation to the jack and other bowls.
- 6.3.14** Suggest and describe the type of shot, line, amount of weight etc. to be used for all shots played.
- 6.3.15** Maintain silence when an opposing player is on the mat and preparing to bowl.
- 6.3.16** Whilst on the mat, the Director may question the Marker and/or their pair's partner with regard to the position of all bowls played. The Director may request ideas as to the choice of shot to be played from their team during pairs play.
- 6.3.17** At the completion of the end, both Directors are to agree on the number of shots awarded to whom, and to measure where applicable.
- 6.3.18** Assist players after the completion of an end with the collection of the bowls and the subsequent separation of each team's bowls.
- 6.3.19** Mark the scoreboard or scorecard where applicable.
- 6.3.20** Ensure that the card is checked and signed by the umpire and that the card is passed to the correct officials where applicable.
- 6.3.21** Mark touchers.
- 6.3.22** Mark the position of the jack and live bowls in the ditch.
- 6.3.23** Prevent the head from being disturbed prior to the number of shots being declared and agreed upon, due to players walking into the head accidentally.
- 6.3.24** Ensure the player is properly attired and neatly dressed

### 7 EQUIPMENT

#### 7.1 Bowls

- All bowls used during the event must carry a registered World Bowls stamp of either the current year (23) or of a future year.
- Random checking of bowls may occur prior to the commencement of games.
- Players requiring bowls testing shall be liable for the cost of the test. Bowls submitted for testing must be in sets of four.
- Players must have 2 sets of bowls, one set (predominantly) in red and one set (predominantly) in blue. No other colour will be permitted for use during this competition. If in doubt, players can check with the Controlling Body regarding acceptance of the colour of their bowls, prior to the commencement of the event.
- First drawn teams will play with Red, second with Blue.
- Coloured bowls discs (stickers) are not permitted for use by athletes with the exception of B1-B3 athletes – stickers for these athletes will be provided by the OC for each match, in accordance with Law 52.1.8.

#### 7.2 Electronic Devices

- The use of mobile phones and other electronic/communication devices by players on the green and surrounds during play is not permitted.
- Arrangements for the use of electronic/communication devices by a player with a hearing disability, and for any other necessary communication requirement, will be made at the discretion of the Controlling Body.
- The use of (silent) electronic/communication devices by a coach to communicate with other coaches between greens at a venue during play is permitted. However, mobile phones to contact personnel at other venues during play must only be used from the designated smoking area at each club. Mobile phones must be on silent, on vibrate or switched off during play.

#### 7.3 Footwear and Attire

- As per the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition*.



## Conditions of Play

### 8 CODE of CONDUCT

- All competitors and coaches will be required to complete and sign the World Bowls Code of Conduct.
- Completed and signed forms must be returned to the Tournament Director prior to the **Manager/Coach Meeting, which will be held on 27 August 2023.**

### 9 JURY of APPEAL

- A Jury of Appeal has been appointed for the purpose of deciding upon any points not provided in these Conditions of Play and/or for dealing with any referrals or appeals from decisions made by Umpires and/or the Controlling Body.
- In the event of a referral or appeal such referrals or appeals shall be made in accordance with the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Fourth Edition* and the *World Bowls Articles of Association and Regulations*.

#### Jury Members

- The three members are:
  - Darryl Clout - World Bowls President (Chair)
  - Neil Dalrymple - World Bowls Chief Executive
  - Mark Cowan – World Bowls Technical Delegate and World Bowls Laws Committee member.
- If a Member of the Jury of Appeal resigns or otherwise becomes unable to complete their role on the Jury of Appeal, the World Bowls Board shall have the power to immediately appoint another person in their place.

#### Jury Function

- To hear and determine any allegation of misconduct properly made under these Conditions of Play, the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition* or the *World Bowls Articles of Association and Regulations*.
- To hear and determine any disputes
- To hear and determine any appeals.

### 10 PROHIBITIONS

#### 10.1 Anti-Doping

- Doping control may take place in accordance with *World Bowls Anti-Doping Regulations*.

#### 10.2 Smoke-free

- Smoking is only permitted in designated smoking areas at host clubs.
- The following areas shall always be smoke-free:
  - the green
  - the bank
  - all indoor areas
  - all enclosed outdoor areas
  - all outdoor dining areas
  - all al-fresco dining areas
  - within seven (7) metres of any building entrance, or in accordance with Australian Federal, State or Local Government Legislation.

#### 10.3 Alcohol

- Alcohol must be served in accordance with the relevant Australian Federal, State/Territory or Local Government Legislation.
- All playing areas will be alcohol free.
- All other areas will be subject to the host venue's licence conditions.
- While any match is in progress, participating Players, Team Managers and Coaches will refrain from drinking alcohol.

### 11 OTHER LAWS, REGULATIONS and POLICIES

- All other Laws, Regulations & Policies other than stated above shall conform to the *World Bowls Articles of Association and Regulations* and the *Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition*, as approved by World Bowls.

## APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A – Set Up of Rinks, Para Mixed Pairs

- Discs, marked in metres, will be placed at two metre intervals between the twenty-five-metre mark and the farthest two-metre mark in both directions of play. These indicate the distance of the jack from the two-metre mark at the mat end, for the assistance of the Director and/or the marker.
- Distance markings, including a pin to indicate the minimum length of an end, may also be stencilled onto the playing surface of the rink.
- The 'centre line' of each rink will be defined by a fine white string, stretched tightly over the surface of the green in a direct line between the points indicated by rink number plates.
- A white strip (placed close to the player) can be placed under the 'centre line' string as a visual aid to help players.
- Mats may also have a white centre line marking to assist in placing the mat squarely on the centre line.

### APPENDIX B – Devices

The following devices are permitted in competition in accordance with Law 41 of the *Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark Fourth Edition* and the *Bowls Australia Artificial Devices Policy – December 2020*.

#### Wheelchairs

Wheelchairs must adhere to the following requirements:

- The large and usually rear tires (pneumatic or soft rubber slicks), must have a minimum width of 45mm. Tires must be smooth "slicks" or inverted tread tires.
- The most suitable tires for the small or front wheels are 200mm x 50mm with a pneumatic tire or soft rubber "slicks".
- Castors, made of nylon or polyurethane are becoming increasingly popular and can also be used for front wheels. The recommended width of these should be a minimum of 75mm. It is a requirement that the edges, if sharp, must be rounded off.
- If there are any doubts about tire tread, duct tape can be placed over the tire to provide a smoother surface as a temporary or precautionary measure.
- The above guidelines are intended for use in all conditions, however in the case of particularly wet greens or other unusual circumstances, consultation and a common-sense approach between the wheelchair user, the Controlling Body or greenkeeper is appropriate.
- To further ensure there is no undue damage to the green, players should ensure a wide circle is taken when turning their chair on the green. In the event of a dispute, the Greenkeeper and or Controlling Body / Tournament Director / relevant Official shall be the final decision maker.
- The use of an electric wheelchair encompasses the above guidelines and measurements, with the additional consideration of the weight of the chair. This is of particular importance for the care of the surface where the green is wet or experiencing another unusual circumstance.

### Walking Frames

Walking frames may be used provided the frame does not cause damage to the green. To eliminate damage that may be caused to the green, the frame must comply with the following:

- Preferably wheels of 45mm and pneumatic as applied to wheelchairs or wide wheels that are smooth and without tread.
- If the frame has 'feet', each one must have its own base covered with rubber or similar material. The base should measure at least 76mm across.

Players are not to sit on their frames while on the green unless each "foot" and wheel complies with the specifications above.

### Walking Sticks

All sticks used for support on the greens must be fitted with discs at their base with a minimum diameter of 76mm.

### Bowlers Arms

Athletes in the Para Lawn Bowls disciplines may use a bowlers arm that is approved for use in Australia by Bowls Australia (BA) - the Member National authority (MNA) hosting the event.

Details of the BA approved bowlers arms can be found on the BA website - <https://www.bowls.com.au/get-involved/attire-equipment/bowlers-arms/>

### Visual Assistance Devices

B1/B2/B3 players will be entitled to the use of a monocular at any time when not on the mat.