



## CONDITIONS OF PLAY

### **2019 Australian Indoor Championships – TAS QUALIFYING**

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<b>Controlling body:</b>	<i>STA Qualifying:</i> Host STA in conjunction with Bowls Australia <i>Indoor Championships:</i> Bowls Australia
<b>Event:</b>	Australian Indoor Championships
<b>Dates:</b>	<i>STA Qualifying:</i> May 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> 2019
<b>Venue:</b>	<i>STA Qualifying:</i> Howrah Bowls Club <i>Indoor Championships:</i> Tweed Heads Bowls Club

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## 1. ENTRY CONDITIONS

### 1.1. Affiliation

All players must be an affiliated bowler with a State or Territory Association that is affiliated to Bowls Australia as defined in the Bowls Australia Constitution or affiliated to an international body that is a member of World Bowls.

### 1.2. Eligibility

As a condition of entry to compete in this event, all competitors must:

- 1.2.1 Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by their STA or their national authority.
- 1.2.2 Comply with all applicable Laws of the Sport, Domestic Regulations and policies of Bowls Australia, including the Anti-Doping Code.
- 1.2.3 For the main draw, must have qualified for the event by either:
  - 1.2.3.1 Qualifying through an official STA qualifying event;
  - 1.2.3.2 Received a direct entry into the event from BA;
  - 1.2.3.3 Received a wildcard entry into the event from BA.

### **1.3. Qualifying Events**

- 1.3.1 Each STA will receive a pre-determined number of qualifying spots each year for the main draw, determined by each STAs proportion of total entrants for the previous years' qualifying events.
- 1.3.2 STAs may set their own entry conditions for qualifying events, however must include the conditions listed under sections 1.1 and 1.2.
- 1.3.3 Players can attempt to qualify for the main draw in more than one state.

## **2. EVENT STRUCTURE**

### **2.1. Qualifying Competition Format**

- 2.1.1 The format of competition will be conducted by sectional play with post sectional knockouts if required. The format of play will be determined by the host controlling body based on the number of entries received in each discipline.
- 2.1.2 The controlling body of the qualifying event will determine and advise BA of all final qualifiers for the main draw.
- 2.1.3 All qualifying matches must be conducted under the format of play described in section 2.2.2 and 2.2.3.

### **2.2. Australian Indoor Championships Format**

- 2.2.1 The event will be played in a knockout format with 32 qualifiers in both the Men's and Women's events.
- 2.2.2 The event will be played in sets play format as outlined in law 56 of the laws of the sport:
  - 2.2.2.1 Singles: Four bowls, 2 sets of nine ends with a three end tie-breaker played if required.
- 2.2.3 Time limits will not apply to any matches.

### **2.3. Seeding of Players**

- 2.3.1 Eight (8) players within both the Men's and Women's draw will be seeded and will be placed in the draw accordingly. Seedings will be determined as follows:
  - 2.3.1.1 The defending champion will automatically receive the first seed.
  - 2.3.1.2 The relevant years' Australian Open Singles champion will automatically receive the second seed.
  - 2.3.1.3 The remaining seeds (three to eight) will be given to the top six ranked qualifiers under the Bowls Australia Player Ranking System at the conclusion of the previous ranking year (in order of rank).

## **2.4. Respotting the Jack**

As per law 56.5 in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, there will be no dead ends. Instead the jack will be re-spotted in accordance with Law 56.5.3 (that is, with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a spot on the rink which is 2 metres from the front ditch and on the centre line) and play should continue.

## **2.5. Tie Breaker (law 56.2)**

If a game is tied after the two sets have been completed (each player having won one set or both sets having been drawn), a best-of-three-ends tie-breaker should be played to decide the winner.

2.5.1 The tie-breaker will be decided by the highest number of shots won in the three ends.

2.5.2 There should be no further play in the tie-breaker if, at any point, it becomes impossible for one player or team to draw or win the tie-breaker, given the number of ends left.

2.5.3 If the third end of a tie-breaker has been completed and the scores are still level, the players should play a fourth tie-breaker end to decide the winner.

2.5.4 If the fourth end of a tie-breaker is a tied end, the players will play further tie-breaker ends until a winner is found.

## **2.6. First to play (law 56.4)**

2.6.1 First set: the players (skips or opponents in Singles) should toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the options described in law 5.2.2.

2.6.2 Second set: the winner of the first set should place the mat, then deliver the jack and the first bowl. If the first set is a draw, the winner of the last scoring end in that set should place the mat, then deliver the jack and the first bowl.

2.6.3 First, fourth and any further ends of a tie-breaker: the players (skips or opponents in Singles) should toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the options described in law 5.2.2.

2.6.4 In all ends after the first in each set (including tie-breaker ends), the winner of the previous scoring end should place the mat, then deliver the jack and the first bowl. If, however, the first end of the first set or the first end of a tie-breaker is a tied end, the first to play in that end should also play first in the second end of the first set or the second end of the tie-breaker.

## **2.7. Arrangement of the game**

Bowls Australia reserves the right to allocate the same rink to a player, more than once on the same day.

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

- 2.8.1 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.
- 2.8.2 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.

## **2.9. 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 so long as all bowls carry a registered World Bowls stamp of either the current year or a future year.

## **2.10. Start of the game**

A signal will be given at the start of each session. Any player/team arriving after the starting 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 (as determined by the marker and/or umpire) shall forfeit the game and the points for that game.

# **3. REPLACEMENT AND SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS**

## **3.1. Replacements**

- 3.1.1 Should a qualifier for the event under section 1.2.3 withdraw from the event prior to the draw being published, they will in the first instance be replaced with the next best qualifier from the same qualifying event.
  - 3.1.1.1 In the instance that no next best qualifier from the same qualifying event exists or can be determined, the withdrawn qualifier will be replaced by a wildcard as determined by the controlling body (as per section 1.2.3.3).
  - 3.1.1.2 Withdrawals must be made in writing directly to Bowls Australia, and will be deemed as final once the withdrawal is confirmed.
- 3.1.2 Should a qualifier for the event under section 1.2.3 withdraw from the event after the draw is published publically, they will not be replaced in the draw and any matches in which the player is fixtured will be deemed as byes.

## **3.2. Substitutes**

Substitute players are not permitted.

# **4. RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY**

## **4.1. Moving to the head**

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

- The opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.

In exceptional and limited circumstances, the player can ask the marker to walk up to the head earlier than described above. If a player does not meet these terms, law 13 will apply.

## **5. DELAYING PLAY**

If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the players (skips), decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of a player's bowl they will precede 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. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

The champion and runner up of both the Men's and Women's events will both receive medals; the presentation ceremony will be held following the conclusion of the final match of the event (for both men and women).

## **7. ATTIRE**

*As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, including Domestic Regulation 5.*

### **7.1. Footwear**

Footwear must adhere to Appendix A.2. Attire must adhere to Appendix A.3 and the BA logo policy. This policy is available on the Bowls Australia web site [www.bowls.com.au](http://www.bowls.com.au).

## **8. EQUIPMENT**

### **8.1. 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.

### **8.2. 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.

### **8.3. Bowls Stickers**

Players are required to use the bowls stickers provided by Bowls Australia. Players may be required to change their stickers between matches.

8.3.1 Any bowls discs that are used on bowls must not obscure the Serial Number or the World Bowls stamp.

8.3.2 Officials have the right to instruct players to remove, replace or apply alternate bowls stickers due to discolouration, damage, inappropriate placement or colour clashes.

## 9. PROHIBITIONS

### 9.1. Anti-Doping

Bowls Australia's [Anti-Doping Policy](#) shall apply throughout the event.

ASADA officials may carry out prohibited substance testing at the event. Any player identified by ASADA officials must undergo testing as requested.

### 9.2. Alcohol and Smoking Policy

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

### 9.3. 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.

## 10. JURY OF APPEAL

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.

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.

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.

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.

## 11. PRIZE MONEY

### 11.1. Total Prize Money

Financial assistance will be granted to successful qualifiers once they prove they have accepted their position in the main draw of the National Event by providing such evidence as an airfares receipt.

## 12. OTHER LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

### 12.1. Photography

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

### 12.2. Laws of the Sport of Bowls

All other Laws, Regulations & Policies other than stated above shall conform to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations for Australia, Crystal Mark 3rd edition, as published in January 2015, including any amendments.

### 12.3 Mobile Devices

Personal electronic and communication devices will not be used at any point during a match  
Link:

<http://bowls.com.au/Portals/9/Policies/2016/BA%20POLICY%20Personal%20Electronic%20Devices%202016.pdf> , except with the approval of the Controlling Body.

### 12.4 BA Policies

All Bowls Australia policies will be enforced during this event. To access these, visit the BA website: <http://bowls.com.au/About-BA/Documents/Constitution-Policies>.

## 13. CONTACT INFORMATION

For any event enquiries, please contact Bowls Tasmania directly:

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