



BOWLS BC 2017 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GUIDELINES

* See ENTRIES page 3 for entries received after closing date

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Bowls BC will conduct Provincial Championships in a manner that:

- (a) Is open to all members of all ages (subject to age category restrictions) and skill levels,
- (b) Will determine BC representatives to National Championships, when appropriate,
- (c) Provides for a high standard of competition,
- (d) Ensures fair competition and treatment for all, consistent with the Laws of the Sport, and is consistent and predictable.

1. EVENTS

In 2017 Bowls BC will conduct 24 events to determine Provincial Champions, and representatives to National Championships or International Qualifiers, as appropriate.

The events are:

- Indoor Singles – Men & Women
- Indoor Pairs – Men & Women
- Indoor Triples – Men & Women
- Indoor Mixed Pairs
- Singles – Men & Women
- Pairs – Men & Women
- Triples – Men & Women
- Fours – Men & Women
- Mixed Pairs
- Senior Triples – Men & Women Must turn **60** in the year of the Competition
Proof of age must be shown.
- Junior Singles – Boys & Girls **18 and under** as of January 1 of year
Proof of age must be shown.
- Under 25 Singles – Boys & Girls **25 and under** as of December 31 of year
Proof of age must be shown.
- Champ of Champ Pairs – Men & Women

Proof of age must be shown for all events having an age limit.

The order in which these events will be played, the venues, and the dates of play will be determined by Bowls BC.

2. **HOSTING OF PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Provincial Games Director (PGD) will identify potential venues for every event, giving regard to the most suitable facilities for Provincial Championships and a fair distribution of responsibility among clubs and areas of the Province.

Once potential host clubs have confirmed their preparedness to hold a Provincial Championship, a list of the events, venues, dates of play and closing dates for entries will be publicized on the Bowls BC website, by the issue of posters to member clubs, and otherwise as the PGD deems necessary.

The obligations of a host club for a Provincial Championship are to:

- (a) Ensure that the green(s) are maintained and ready for play at a competitive standard,
- (b) Set up and adjust rink markers and scoreboards each day as necessary,
- (c) Provide an adequate supply of cold drinking water in close proximity to the green(s) for the use of competitors and officials,
- (d) Offer a standard level of food and beverage service at a fair cost for the competitors and officials.
- (e) In the case of Singles Championships, organize sufficient markers.
- (f) **Run the tournament on behalf of Bowls BC following these guidelines.**

Bowls BC will supply the Host Club with a list of competitors, arrange for officiating and provide necessary forms to run the event.

Bowls BC will compensate every host club based on the number of matches played during the respective Provincial Championship, at a standard rate to be determined by the PGD based on budget. The host club must submit a Green Fees Payment Form attached to the EVT003 Provincial Hosting Guidelines document. Bowls BC will reimburse umpires directly and the Head Event Umpire (HEU) must submit a EVT010 – Officiating Payment Request form to Bowls BC for reimbursement of umpire fees.

3. **ELIGIBILITY**

Every person entering a Provincial Championship must:

- (a) Be a permanent resident of British Columbia as of January 1st of the Current Year,
- (b) Be a member of Bowls BC in good standing and with a current membership card, and,
- (c) For events having an age limit, provide proof of age.

A minimum of 8 entries is required for each Provincial Championship competition.

In the case of Junior Championships, the minimum number of entries is 4.

The Umpire will require all entrants to a Provincial Championship to:

- (a) Present a current membership card for inspection,
- (b) Undergo a bowls and shoes inspection, and,
- (c) Provide proof of age if an age limit applies.

A person unable to verify eligibility will not be permitted to continue in the Provincial Championship.

4. **ENTRIES**

- Entry to a Provincial Championship is guaranteed if the appropriate form, completed in full, and fee is received by Bowls BC on or before the closing date for each event.
- Entries to be completed online, at <http://bowlsbc.com/register>
- Entries must be paid in full in order to be considered valid.
- Entries received after the closing date will be placed on a wait list, in the order received.
- No entries will be accepted by telephone.
- If the number of guaranteed entries does not make for a suitable draw, the PGD may add one or more teams from the wait list, however is under no obligation to add any or all wait-listed teams.
- Entry fees are non-refundable after the closing date except for medical emergencies or for withdrawals in accordance with clause 9 (b).

5. **CHAMPIONSHIP FORMATS**

With the exception of Indoor Singles, every event will be a double knock-out or modified double knock-out format. The conditions of play for each event are as follows:

EVENT	MATCH FORMAT	TIME LIMIT For all qualifying round matches*
Pairs, Fours, Mixed Pairs	18 ends	3 hours
Singles	2 – 9 end sets, total shots of 3 end tie-breaker	2 hours
Junior Singles	18 Points	2 ½ hours
U-25 Singles	21 Points	2 ½ hours
Triples	16 ends	3 hours
Senior Triples	14 ends	2 ½ hours

* There is no time limit for Championship rounds

Team Skips or a team representative must be present One Hour before the Start Time on the **first** day of the competition in the event adjustments have to be made to the draw. All other players are requested to report at least 30 minutes BEFORE the advertised Starting Time.

The PGD will make up the draw for the first game. In the event of a team having a BYE in the first round the Skip will be notified, via email or telephone, in advance.

The start time for each round of the draw shall be posted in advance. However, in order to ensure adequate time for meal breaks between draws, the actual start time for each round after the first round shall be a minimum of 20 minutes after the completion of the final match of the previous round.

Each match may be preceded by 2 trial ends. The number of bowls played in the trial ends will be:

- a) For singles and pairs games, four bowls for each player
- b) For triples, three bowls for each player
- c) For fours games, two bowls for each player

The Emergency Committee may delay, halt or cancel a round of matches due to severe weather conditions. The Provincial Games Director may appoint the Head Event Umpire as his/her alternate to the Emergency Committee.

The Emergency Committee may halt one or more matches during a round, without halting all matches, if the conditions on particular rinks warrant. Any match that is halted will re-commence from the point of stoppage, when, where and as the PGD/Host directs.

The scorecards for all matches must be initialed by each entry and submitted to the Head Event Umpire promptly following completion of the match. The Head Event Umpire is solely responsible for recording results on the official score sheet.

6. **FORMAT OF PLAY**

- a) Modified double knock-out format.
- b) Bowls, Shoes and Membership Cards will be inspected by the Umpire prior to commencement of play.
- c) Winner of each round in the "A" flight will proceed in their bracket till they are the sole winner in the flight or lose a game.
- d) Losers of a game in the "A" flight will drop down to the "B" flight for next round.
- e) 2 losses and the competitor(s) are eliminated from tournament.
- f) Winner of "A" flight will then compete with finalist (or semi-finalist) of "B" flight for the overall Championship.
- g) Winner of "A" flight, if loses first game of the Championship round, has a reprieve and will be forwarded another chance to become victor.
- h) Number of games to be played by each competitor is based on the number of entrants into the tournament. (2-9 rounds)

- i) There will be 3 rounds played on Friday starting at 10AM, depending on the number of teams.
- j) In the event the competition is being held at several venues; travel between greens will kept at a minimum.
- k) If a match is tied upon completion of required ends or if time is called then an extra end is to be played to determine a winner of the match. (Coin will be tossed for mat possession)
- l) As point accumulation does not count in the final tally, teams who cannot mathematically win may concede or will concede if asked to concede the game by opponent or Convener.
- m) The Provincial Champion will receive a Bowls BC Gold Medal.
- n) In addition, a Champion not already in possession of a current or acceptable Bowls BC uniform will receive a Bowls BC jacket and shirt.
- o) The Official Bowls BC uniform MUST be worn at all times when representing the province at National Events.
- p) If there were 8 or more entries into the Provincial Championship (excepting the Junior Singles, where 4 entries must participate), the winner will also receive funding for travel from his/her home club and accommodation from Bowls BC to represent the Province in the National Championship. The value of the funding will be at the discretion of Bowls BC.
- q) Funding to the Canadian Championships will not be provided for players who live less than 30 km to the National event.
- r) A Bowls BC Silver Medal will be awarded to the runner-up and a Bowls BC Bronze Medal will be awarded to the entry finishing in third place.
- s) Bowls BC will be supplying bowls decals. All players on a team must ensure that they are all using matching decals on their bowls.

7. **SUBSTITUTIONS**

The Emergency Committee or the Head Event Umpire must approve emergency substitution. Once the play-downs begin, in the event of illness or other unforeseen circumstances, a substitute may be allowed as follows:

- a). Only one substitute will be permitted in Pairs and Triples. Two substitutes will be permitted in Fours. A substitute may not play in the 'Skip' position but may play in any other position. After TWO FULL games the substitute becomes a member of the team and can play in any position according to the rules. The original player may return to the team provided that less the TWO FULL games have been missed.
- b). A substitute must be eligible to play in the tournament, particularly:
 - i. Be a member of an affiliated club to Bowls BC
 - ii. Be of the correct gender of the team
 - iii. Meet the age restriction, if any, for the Tournament
 - iv. If the Tournament is a 'Play-Down', not have won another 'Play-Down' Tournament in the same season.

- v. Not have played in any capacity on another team that has competed in the same Tournament.

No substitutions shall be allowed in Singles. Any unfinished games shall be forfeited.

The substitute cannot have otherwise played in the event, and if the substitute plays in more than two full games, the person being substituted may then not re-enter the event.

8. **RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY**

1. After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to visit the head under the following circumstances.
 - a) Singles Game – After delivery of their third and fourth bowl.
 - b) Pairs Game – (4 Bowls)
 - i. The Lead after delivery of their third and fourth bowl.
 - ii. The Skip after the delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls.
 - c) Triples Game – (3 Bowls)
 - i. The Leads after delivery of their third bowl.
 - ii. The Seconds after the delivery of their second and third bowls
 - iii. The Skip after the delivery of each bowl
 - d) Fours game – (2 Bowls)
 - i. The Leads, Seconds and Thirds cannot visit the head except as permitted under clause 7. 2, below.
 - ii. The Skips after the delivery of each of their bowls.
2. 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 paragraph 1 above.
3. If a player does not meet the terms of this law, then Law 35 will apply.

9. **DEFAULT**

An entry may request one 10 minute interruption of a match, without risk of default, in the event of an injury, illness or other emergency, which will generally be granted by the PGD or the HEU.

Any entry unavailable to commence a scheduled match within 30 minutes of the start time or unable to complete a match once it has been commenced (unless halted by the PGD or HEU) will default the match.

Note: A match is complete when either; (a) the number of required ends has been played, (b) the number of required shots has been scored in singles, or (c) the time limit has been reached.

10. **WITHDRAWAL**

- a) An entry will be considered to have withdrawn from an event if (a) the entry unilaterally terminates a match without the prior authorization of the PGD or the HEU, or (b) is in default for more than one match.
- b) An entry may otherwise withdraw from an event if injured or if there is a personal or family emergency.
- c) When an entry withdraws from an event, the records of all matches completed prior to the withdrawal will stand. All remaining scheduled opponents, including an opponent of a commenced and uncompleted match with the withdrawing entry, will be awarded the win.

11. **DISQUALIFICATION**

Should any player/ players be disqualified for any reason, then the medals originally presented to the various Gold, Silver and Bronze winners will have to be revised. I. E. If the winner / winners of the Gold Medal / Medals are disqualified, then the Silver medalists move up to take the Gold, the Bronze Medalists, take the Silver and the losers of the Bronze medal game takes the Bronze.

12. **DRESS CODE**

All participants must wear clean, appropriate and well-maintained clothing so as to present an appearance in keeping with the conduct of a Provincial Championship. The preferred color to be worn is white, however, coloured apparel will be permitted. Should a team wear colours, then ALL members of that team must wear the same color and style. The PGD may notify any entry of a concern with regard to dress and the entry will be obligated to improve appearance before commencing the next match, failing which Disciplinary Action could be taken. The wearing of blue denim is discouraged.

All footwear shall have a flat sole and be heel-less, in accordance with latest requirements concerning footwear.

There is no restriction for over-wear in the event of cold weather, rain or other severe conditions.

12.a **APPROPRIATE CLOTHING GUIDELINES**

- Beach shorts, sweat pants and jeans are not acceptable attire;
- Shorts and skirts/skortis are to be of a respectful length;
- Shirts must be sleeved and have a collar or high neck;
- Shirts should be of a respectable length, pattern, and design;
- T-shirts, muscle shirts, tank tops, and low neckline shirts are not acceptable attire;

- A respectable length for shorts and skirts/skorts is considered to be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee.

Red Shirts are reserved for umpires.

13. **SMOKING RESTRICTIONS**

Smoking will only be permitted in the areas marked out for this purpose, or outside the boundary fence surrounding the bowling green and shall not interfere with the playing of the game.

14. **DISCIPLINARY RULES**

A player who is found guilty of contravening any of the rules set out in these Guidelines, or The Laws of The Game's, will be fined \$100.00 which must be paid before the next game, failing which the player will not be allowed to continue playing in the Tournament. Should the same player contravene these rules for a second time he/she will be automatically disqualified from the Tournament. The Provincial Games Committee will recommend further disciplinary action should this be deemed necessary.

15. **DUTIES OF THE PROVINCIAL GAMES DIRECTOR**

The PGD will organize and conduct Provincial Championships in a manner consistent with these guidelines.

The PGD may appoint an alternate for any event, with the same authority as the PGD.

When a situation occurs that is not contemplated by these guidelines, the ruling of the PGD will be final. In making any decision the PGD will give regard to the guiding principles for Provincial Championships.

16. **TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, CELL PHONE AND VERBAL ABUSE POLICY**

16.1 Smoking, including electronic cigarettes is only allowed in designated areas. This includes: competitors, umpires and markers.

16.2 Should an infraction occur, the respective Team Manager and player will be notified. Upon a further occurrence the offending player will be subject to a fine of \$100.00, to be immediately levied towards that player. If the player persists in violating this policy, and the fine has already been levied, the player shall be disqualified from further play during the current event. Should the tobacco and alcohol policy of the host club differ from that describe in this paragraph the most stringent policy shall apply.

16.3 No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed during play.

16.4 Verbal abuse of an opponent or official will not be tolerated. When profanity is used, the offending player will be subject to a fine of \$100.00, for a first offence and any further occurrence will cause suspension of the player from further games during the current championships. It is the responsibility of the Association to ensure that the fine is paid immediately, before the next round commences.

16.5 No electronic communication or entertainment devices, such as two-way radios, cell phones, or music players shall be allowed on the green during championship play, including trial ends. All players shall be required to place their phones on silent or vibrate.

17. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

17.1 No competitor is to act in any purposeful manner that directly or indirectly contravenes the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition)", or conditions of play.

Also at the discretion of the PGD or his/her designate; any player not acting in accordance with the Laws of the Sport, or the Conditions of Play will be subject to disciplinary action by the PGD or designate and/or Bowls B.C. disciplinary review.

18. **COACHES**

18.1 In competition 1 Named coach per competitor in singles and 1 coach per team. Coaches are not permitted to stand on the playing surface and must not offer any coaching information while the player/players are on the green. Encouragement and support are always in the best interest of the game and of course permitted.

Breach of this Rule based on severity will be left to the Head umpire and sanctions up to and including both the player and the coach being dismissed from competition.

19. **UNSPECIFIED GUIDELINES**

Where the above Guidelines are silent the latest edition of the Bowls Canada Boulingrin Consolidated Conditions of Play for the Canadian Championships and Singles will apply, at the discretion of the PGD.