

**CONDITIONS OF PLAY****Section 1: INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS****1.1 Introduction**

All Bowls British Columbia events are to be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Third Edition, 2015.

These Conditions of Play govern the operation of all of the following outdoor events:

1. Provincial Indoor Singles Championships – Men and Women
2. Provincial Indoor Pairs Championships – Men and Women
3. Provincial Indoor Triples Championships – Men and Women
4. Provincial Indoor Mixed Pairs Championship - Mixed

**1.2 Definitions**

**'BBC'** will mean Bowls British Columbia,

**'BCB'** will mean Bowls Canada *Boulingrin*,

**'Laws of the Sport'** will mean The "Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition)" as adopted by BCB in 2015,

**'District'** will mean a Provincial Bowls District affiliated with Bowls BC,

**'Club'** will mean a Provincial Bowls Club affiliated with a Provincial Bowls District and Bowls BC,

**'HEU'** will mean the Head Event Umpire,

**'PGD'** will mean the Bowls BC Provincial Games Director,

**'Team'** will mean all members of a bowling team and the player playing in a singles tournament.

**Section 2: GENERAL CONDITIONS RELATING TO CHAMPIONSHIPS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF BBC.****2.1 Competitions**

Bowls BC shall conduct, under the Laws of the Sport, and under conditions determined by BBC and in compliance with the Bowls Canada *Boulingrin* Conditions of Play, the following provincial championships to determine the provincial representative(s) in the following Canadian Championship:

Men's and Women's Indoor Singles

**2.2 Eligibility**

Every person entering a Provincial Championship must:

Be a permanent resident of British Columbia as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the Current Year,

Be a member of Bowls BC in good standing and with a current membership card, and, for events having an age limit, provide proof of age. Players must be a Canadian citizen or possess a Canadian Permanent Resident Card and meet the regulations of the international bowls authority having jurisdiction over the event (World Bowls – World Cup Indoor Championship).



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

- (a) Present a current BBC membership card for inspection,
- (b) Undergo a bowls and shoes inspection, and,

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

Winners in the Provincial Indoor Singles Championships are NOT eligible to compete in the Provincial Mixed Pairs Championships and/or Provincial Senior Triples Championships in the same competitive year and vice versa.

### **2.3 Entries**

All Provincial Championships are Open Competitions.

Entry to a Provincial Championship is guaranteed if the appropriate on-line registration 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 any means other than the on-line registration form.
- 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 the following clause.

### **2.4 Withdrawals**

An entry will be considered to have withdrawn from an event if the entry unilaterally terminates a match without the prior authorization of the PGD or the HEU, or is in default for more than one match.

An entry may otherwise withdraw from an event if injured or if there is a personal or family emergency.

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.

## **Section 3: GENERAL CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF BBC**

All games shall be played under the Laws of the Sport.

### **3.1 Match Composition**

Separate men's and women's events will be staged, with the exception of the Mixed Pairs Championship.

### **3.2 The Draw**

The draw shall be established by BBC.

All events shall be played on a sectional round robin basis, with a win counting three (3) points, a tie counting one (1) point and nil points for a match loss. The round robin play will be in accordance with the published draw schedule.

### **3.3 Trial Ends**

Two (2) trial ends may be played prior to each game.

Two (2) bowls per player may be played each way in fours. Two (2) bowls per player may be played in triples. In pairs, each player may play three (3) bowls each way. In singles, each player may play four (4) bowls each way.

Trial ends shall not be commenced after the official signal for the start of play but, if started, may be completed. No game shall be started before the official signal is given.

### **3.4 The Game**

An official signal shall be sounded to signal the scheduled starting time for each game. Any player arriving at the green more than twenty minutes after the official signal has been sounded shall cause that player or team to forfeit such game to the opposition.

Games will be played in Sectional format. The number of sections and the number of players per section will be determined by the number of player/team entrants. There will be a round-robin competition within each section.

Singles: Four bowls per player

Pairs & Mixed Pairs: Three bowls per player

Triples: Two bowls per layer

Prior to the start of a match, each player/team will be allowed two complete trial ends (four, three or two bowls per player). Players may practice before each game as rinks are available, but not on the rink they will be playing on in the upcoming game.

Each match will consist of two sets, each set being played over 9 ends. The winner of each set will be the player/team with the most shots at the completion of the 9th end. The winner of the match being the better of two sets. (A match tie-breaker is not a set.) In knockout play a set will be decided if, at any point, it becomes impossible for one player to draw or win the set given the number of ends left.

If the shot scores are tied after the last end of a set, the set is drawn. If the match is tied (two drawn sets or one set each) after the two sets have been completed, a match tie-breaker consisting of 3 ends will be played to determine the winner. The match tie-breaker is decided by the winner of the total number of shots scored in the three ends. If at the completion of the third end of a tie-breaker the scores are equal, a fourth tie-breaker end will be played. In both section play and knockout play there should be no further play in the tie-breaker if, at any point, it becomes impossible for one player to draw or win the tie-breaker given the number of ends left.

In all cases a tied end will count as one of the 9 ends played.

Sets play and any tie-breakers shall proceed according to law 56.4 First to Play.

- a. First Set: The opponents should toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the option to either: place the mat and then deliver the jack and the first bowl: or tell the opposing player to place the mat and deliver the jack and the first bowl (the opposing player cannot refuse).
- b. Second Set: The winner of the first set will place the mat and 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 will place the mat and then deliver the jack and the first bowl.
- c. First, fourth and any further ends of a tie-breaker: the opponents in will toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the options as described in 7.a.

Play in all other ends: In all ends after the first but apart from an extra end, the winner of the previous scoring end will place the mat and then deliver the jack and the first bowl. A player or team may also be awarded a game due to a Dress Code violation by a member of the opposing team.

If a game is forfeited, either as the result of the absence of a player or a Dress Code violation, the non-offending player or team should be awarded three game 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 event.

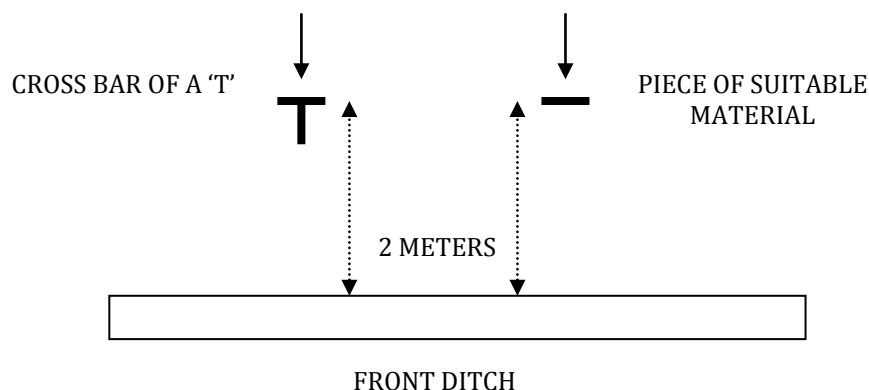
### 3.5 Re-Spot Rule

All games, except Triples, shall be played using the “re-spotting the jack” rule per section 56.5 of the Laws of the Sport:

Other circumstance may arise that will result in the end being declared ‘dead’. If there is any confusion about the ‘re-spot’ and/or ‘dead end’ rules, contact the HEU. The ruling of the HEU will be final.

#### 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 a distance of 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 the central 2 metre spot.
- If the spot is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack should be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl. Law 56.5.4.



### 3.6 Final Standings

For Championships with more than eight (8) entrants, the top eight teams will progress to the Championships with the top two teams from each section progressing and the remaining championships spots, if required, being filled by the next best teams, based on their overall scoring. The top eight teams will be ranked by sectional placement and overall scores.

For championships with eight (8) or less players/teams the first and second place players/teams after the round robin will play a play-off game for the Gold and Silver medals. The third and fourth place teams will play a play-off game for the Bronze medal.

### 3.7 Medal Rounds

#### General Information

Competition will take the form of a “Sectional” round robin, with entrants earning match points from each game based on three (3) points for a win, one (1) for a tie and zero (0) for a loss.

Following the sectional round-robin, the top eight ranked entrants, in each discipline, will advance to the Medal playoffs.

In the Medal playoffs, the top ranked team will play the eighth ranked team. The second ranked team will play the seventh ranked team. The third ranked team will play the sixth ranked team. The fourth ranked team will play the fifth ranked team.

#### Procedure

The following format will be used **only** to rank Medal playoff teams:

- Comparing the total match points earned by each of the entrants during the round robin;
  - If still tied, by comparing the sets won by those entrants during the round robin
  - If still tied, by comparing the shot differential (shots for minus shots against) by those entrants during the round robin;
  - If still tied, by using the aggregate system shots for divided by shots against by those entrants during the round robin;
  - If still tied, by using the total ends won by those entrants during the round robin;
  - If still tied, by using the head-to-head result of those entrants during the round robin, if they played each other;
  - If still tied, by the toss of a coin by the Head Event Umpire.

During knockout play, there must be no further play in a game or set if, at any point, it becomes impossible for one team to draw or win the game or set, given the number of ends left.

### 3.8 Substitutions

Substitutions of any nature shall only be permitted following an application for and approval of PGD (or delegate). The team concerned will provide the circumstances and reasons for substitutions to the PGD.

If, after commencement of the opening round, a substitute is required, the following will apply.

- Substitutes may be allowed, in the event of illness or any unforeseen circumstance, once approved by the PGD, as follows:

- One (1) substitute will be permitted in pairs and triples, and two (2) in fours. The one substitution in pairs and triples may be filled by two individuals at different times. i.e., in pairs, one member of the original team must remain and in triples, two members of the original team must remain. The two substituted positions in fours may be filled by three different individuals, i.e., two members of the original team must remain.

For a substitute to be eligible to play in the tournament, the player must meet the following requirements:

- Be an individual in good standing with a club who is affiliated with BCB
- Be in good standing with BCB and their provincial association
- Meet the age restrictions, if any, for the tournament
- And must be of the correct gender for the team

Substitutes may not play in the skip position but may play in any other position. After playing any part of more than two consecutive matches any substitute becomes a member of the team and may play in any position, including skip. In the third consecutive match the substitute may play in any position.

Substitutes may only play continuously. For example, if a substitute is replaced by the original team member or by another substitute, then the substitute may not play again in the competition.

For the first day the substitute is involved in the tournament, the substitute will be exempt from the dress code. If a pool of potential substitutes are made available to the Emergency Committee prior to the commencement of the tournament, the substitutes should have access to suitable bowling attire.

There are no substitutions in singles. In the event of a singles player being unable to participate due to illness, opponents shall receive three game points, (two set wins if in sets play) 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 event. When the singles player is able to resume play, he/she shall carry on with his/her record (from before the illness occurred) intact.

### **3.9 Time Limits**

There will be a time limit of 2 ½ hours for all round robin games, commencing when the signal for the start of the game is given. At the conclusion of this time period, another signal will be given at which point an end in progress must be completed but no new end may be commenced.

Time limits will not be imposed during medal round play.

The definition of an end in progress is that the jack has been delivered by the first player to play in that end.

### **3.10 Deliberate Delay of Play**

If the Umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from the opposing skip or the opponent in singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl or the Skip is acting or issuing instructions designed to deliberately delay play:

- in the case of Singles, on the first occasion the umpire will warn the Player. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, the Player commits the same offence a second time, the end will

be regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender will be awarded as many shots as are bowls in use for the match – in the case of Singles, this is four shots;

- in the case of Team Play, on the first occasion the umpire will warn the Team in the presence of the Skip. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, the Team commits the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use for the match (for example, in the case of Fours, this would be eight shots).

Any stoppage of play due to time spent in discussion with the offending team or player in regards to the application of this rule will be added to the time limit of the game.

### **3.11 Restrictions on the Movement of Players During Play**

Players may only visit the head:

Singles: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls. In exceptional circumstances, a player may seek permission of the Marker to visit the head before they deliver their third bowl,

Pairs and Mixed Pairs: leads can visit the head after delivery of their third bowl. The skips can visit the head after the delivery of their second or third bowl.

Triples: leads and thirds can visit the head after delivery of their second bowl. Skips can visit the head after delivery of their first bowl.

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 the paragraph above.

If a player does not meet the terms of this law, Law 13 will apply.

### **3.12 Bowls and Footwear Inspection**

A bowls and footwear inspection shall be staged prior to the start of the competition. Random checking of bowls and footwear may occur prior to the commencement of games.

Individuals who compete in Provincial Playdowns – leading to National Championships – must use bowls that have visible legible stamps, which comply with the Laws of the Sport and have proper Provincial decals affixed.

Players will receive bowls decals prior to the start of the competition and will be responsible for removing all old decals and affixing tournament decals. Singles and pairs competitors will receive four (4) decals each, triples competitors will receive three (3) decals each, and fours competitors will receive two (2) decals. At the conclusion of the tournament, competitors will receive sufficient decals to complete a set of four (4). If another set of bowls is required during the round robin (and prior to a round commencing), an Umpire will check the bowls and ensure new decals are affixed and that decals are removed from the original set of bowls.

At the bowls inspection, players should only be required to present the same number of bowls as they are playing with (i.e. 3 for triples and 2 for fours).

Old disc-type bowls and bowls stamped “coaching” will no longer be allowed for competition.

Bowls of any colour shall be permitted, as will be coloured dimples and rings on bowls so long as they shall not interfere with the decals.

Footwear shall conform to the specifications provided below. The Head Event Umpire will be responsible for enforcement of the footwear requirements.

### **3.13 Practice**

Competitors may practice, according to Law 3.3 and Law 4, during the period (between games) prior to the commencement of the trial ends - provided that time permits, and that the practice does NOT interfere with greens maintenance activities, or officials' preparation for the next game.

A player or team that has not played due to a bye shall, if possible, be allowed to practice prior to playing a game.

### **3.14 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. The wearing of blue denim is prohibited.

Appropriate clothing guidelines for Provincial Championships:

- beach shorts, sweat pants and jeans are not acceptable attire;
- shorts and skirts/skorts 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 respectful length for shorts and skirts/skorts is considered to be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee.

Uniformity

Should a team wear colours, then ALL members of that team must wear the same color and style. The Head Event Umpire 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.

Footwear

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

Enforcement of Dress Code

The Head Event Umpire will be responsible for enforcement of the dress code and footwear requirements.

Red Shirts are reserved for umpires.

### **3.15 Dress Code for Umpires**

All Umpires, when on duty, shall wear a red BBC approved umpire shirt with white or cream or black slacks or walking shorts. Umpires may wear white, cream or red outerwear in the event of inclement weather.

### **3.16 Tobacco, Alcohol, Cell Phone and Verbal Abuse Policy**

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

Should an infraction occur, the respective 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.

No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed during play.

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 player to ensure that the fine is paid immediately, before the next round commences.

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.

Any disciplinary action will be addressed according to BBC's Discipline and Complaints Policy.

### **3.17 Support Personnel**

Each team shall be entitled to accredited support personnel at this event as follows:  
Each team may designate a maximum of one accredited Bowls Coach, Manager, or support person.

If the team appoints an accredited coach, the coach must show their coaching accreditation to the Head Event Umpire prior to the start of a match. All coaches of players under the age of 18 must present a copy of their Criminal Records Check to the Head Event Umpire before the start of a match.

The Coach is permitted to give advice to his/her team, or player in a Singles game, from beyond the limits of the rink of play BUT only when their team or side is in possession of the rink. When seeking advice, the player(s) may step off the green should he/she desire.

Coaches may give advice to his/her team, or player in a Singles game, while an end is in play up to a maximum of three (3) times throughout the course of the game. Coaches may give advice between ends as frequently as required.

Each competitor under the age of 18 years at the time of the event must be accompanied by a chaperone for the duration of the competition. The name and contact information of the chaperone shall be provided to BBC and the Host committee prior to the start of the event. This chaperone may be in addition to the accredited coach mentioned above.

### **3.18 Penalties**

Players who violate the Conditions of Play will be fined \$100.00 per player. If a player continues to violate the specific Condition of Play, or any other Condition of Play, they will be deemed ineligible for participation in BBC events for two (2) years after the conclusion of the event in which the violation occurred.

All players and officials shall conduct themselves in a manner that promotes goodwill between the participants and in the eyes of the spectators.

### **3.19 Forfeited Game(s)**

It is the responsibility of each player to be aware of the start time for each game. If a start time is delayed by twenty minutes the Head Event Umpire shall declare the game a forfeit - the loss registered to the offending team(s) and the opponents awarded a win.

An umpire, either upon request, or having noted specific infractions of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls or these Conditions of Play, will warn the offending player or players. If the

Umpire then considers that the infractions are both continuing and deliberate, the game will be forfeited to the opponents.

When an entry forfeits a single match, the opponent will be awarded match points for a win and will be credited with shots for/shots against equal to the average of all other winning results recorded during the appropriate round in the whole event (not just a single section). The entry in default will receive shots for/shots against equal to the average of all losing results recorded during the appropriate round in the whole event (not just a single section).

When an entry has withdrawn from an event, all remaining scheduled opponents, including an opponent of a commenced and uncompleted match will be awarded match points for a win and will be credited with shots for/shots against equal to the average of all other winning results recorded during the appropriate rounds. The entry in default will receive shots for/shots against equal to the average of all losing results recorded during the appropriate rounds.

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 drawmaster, or (b) misses more than any part of two matches.

If an entry has withdrawn from the event for any reason, then the following shall determine the impact on the remaining entrants:

- a. If the entry withdraws after one half or more of its scheduled matches have been fully completed then all previously played match results will stand as played. All remaining scheduled un-played matches will be considered "Forfeited" matches. The impact on the scheduled opponents is explained in point 4 above.
- b. If the entry withdraws before one half of its scheduled matches have been fully completed, then all previously played match results will be considered un-played and all results from those previously played matches will not be counted in any way. All remaining scheduled un-played matches, likewise, will be considered as un-played, and those matches will not be counted in any way.

### **3.20 Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

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.

### **3.21 Unspecified Conditions**

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

## **Section 4: DUTIES OF THE PROVINCIAL GAMES DIRECTOR AND THE HOST CLUB**

### **4.1 Duties of the Provincial Games Director**

The PGD will organize and conduct Provincial Championships in a manner consistent with these Conditions of Play.



The PGD may appoint the Head Event Umpire 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.

#### **4.2 Duties of the Host Club**

The Host Club will convene the Provincial Championship on behalf of BBC. The Host Club will appoint a Championship convener who will also be appointed as a member of the Championship Emergency Committee.

Other duties are described in the BBC document 'EVT003-Provincial Hosting Guidelines' <http://bowlsbc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/2017-Bowls-BC-Hosting-Guidelines-for-Provincial-Events-3.pdf>