



# **CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

## **For Outdoor Provincial Championships**

### **BOWLS BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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# 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 4 Laws of the Sport.

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

1. Provincial Singles Championships — Men and Women
2. Provincial Pairs Championships — Men and Women
3. Provincial Triples Championships — Men and Women (not held in 2023) **[2/23]**
4. Provincial Fours Championships — Men and Women
5. Provincial Mixed Pairs Championship - Mixed
6. Provincial Senior Triples Championships (Seniors) — Men and Women
7. Provincial Youth Championships — Under 18 — Men and Women
8. Provincial Youth Championships — Under 25 — Men and Women

### 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 4 Laws of the Sport)" as adopted by BCB, **[2/23]**

`**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 Championships:

Men's and Women's Outdoor Singles, Pairs, and Fours (for the Majors);

Mixed Pairs (for the Mixed Pairs);

Men's and Women's Senior Triples (for the Seniors);

Men's and Women's Youth (for the Youth)

Men's and Women's Indoor Singles (for the Indoor Singles).

### 2.2 Eligibility

Every person entering a Provincial Championship must:

Have their principal residence in British Columbia, as of January 1 of the year of the event. Principal residence as defined by their tax returns or other supporting document, and 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.

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,
- (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.

- Competitors in the National Fours and Pairs 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. **[07/22]**
- Competitors in the National Outdoor 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. **[07/22]**
- Competitors in the National 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. **[07/22]**
- Competitors in the National U25 and U18 categories are NOT eligible to compete in the Provincial Mixed Pairs Championships in the same competitive year and vice versa. **[07/22]**
- Competitors in the National Mixed Pairs Championships are NOT eligible to compete in the Provincial Senior Triples Championships in the same competitive year and vice versa. **[07/22]**

### **2.2.1 Exceptions and Clarifications**

- Certain players may relocate their principal residence from one province (the "original" province) to British Columbia during the year. **[06/18]**
- Players whose principal residence was in their "original" province, may compete in that province throughout the year. **[06/18]**
- The player, having moved their principal residence to British Columbia may, if the player has not already competed in an "original" province playdown, instead, compete in British Columbia upon application to the provincial associations of both their "original" province of residence and to Bowls BC. Upon approval of both provincial associations, the player may then compete in British Columbia playdowns and be considered a resident of British Columbia for these purposes. Should either, or both, provincial associations, reject the application, then the player may not compete in British Columbia playdowns. **[06/18]**
- iii) Players may not compete in provincial playdowns in more than one province in any calendar year. **[06/18]**

### **2.3 Entries**

All Provincial Championships are Open Competitions.

Entry to a Provincial Championship is guaranteed if the appropriate online 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 waitlist, however, is under no obligation to add any or all waitlisted 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. No extra ends shall be played in round robin. 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.

A player or team may also be awarded a game due to an opponent player or team Dress Code violation as determined by the HEU.

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.

### **3.6 Final Standings**

The top eight (8) placed entries on the basis of final point standings in each event will be the participants in the playoffs for the gold, silver and bronze medals. The number of entries may be changed at the discretion of the PGD, depending on the number of Championship entrants/teams. **[06/18]**

### **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, medal round entrants will be selected as follows:

#### **More than twelve (12) entrants:**

The first medal round (quarter-final) will consist of eight (8) entrants. The winners of each section will advance to the medal rounds. If there are fewer than eight sections, the remaining entrants into the medal rounds will be the highest scoring remaining entrants to a limit of eight total medal round entrants. **[2/23]**

Each sectional first place player will play a player from a different section in the quarter-finals; each winner advances to the semi-finals to play against, whenever possible, a player from a different section, with those winners advancing to play for the gold and silver medals. The losing entrants in the semi-finals will play for the bronze medal. **[2/23]**

#### **Twelve (12) or less entrants:**

The first medal round (semi-final) will consist of four (4) entrants. The winners of each section will advance to the medal rounds. If there are fewer than four (4) sections, the remaining entrants into the medal rounds will be the highest scoring remaining entrants to a limit of four total medal round entrants. **[2/23]**

Each sectional first place player will, whenever possible, play a player from a different section in the semi-finals; each winner advances to the finals to play for the gold and silver medals. The losing entrants in the semi-finals will play for the bronze medal. **[ 2/23]**

#### **Time limits will be imposed during medal rounds. [2/23]**

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:

Entrants will be ranked based on total number of match points accumulated during the round robin. If total match points are equal, the following will be used to rank the tied players or teams:

1. By comparing the total match points earned by each of the tied entrants from head-to-head games between those entrants during the round robin;
2. If still tied, by comparing the net total of shots (total shots for, minus total shots against) from

- head-to-head games between those entrants during the round robin;
3. If still tied, by comparing the net total of shots (total shots for, minus total shots against) from all other games played by those entrants during the round robin;
  4. If still tied, by using the aggregate system (total shots for, divided by total shots against) from all games played by those entrants during the round robin.

If, due to inclement weather or other circumstances, it should become unlikely that the championship round can be completed within the allotted time, a previously appointed Emergency Committee shall have the authority to shorten the length of the matches, to rearrange starting times, to amend the playoff format, and take any other measures necessary to ensure the successful conclusion of this event.

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 Tiebreaker System for Medal Playoffs**

If, after a Medal playoff, the score is tied, there will be a one-end extra end to determine the winner. There will be a toss of a coin to determine which team has possession of the mat for the extra end. The winner of the coin toss may accept or reject possession of the mat.

### **3.9 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.

### **3.10 Time Limits**

There will be a time limit specified for all round robin games (see Section 5 for details), commencing when the signal for the start of the game is given. **[2/23]** 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 be imposed during medal round play. **[2/23]**

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

### **3.11 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 regard to the application of this rule will be added to the time limit of the game.

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

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

Singles game (4 bowls)

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

Pairs and Mixed Pairs game (3 bowls)

- the leads: after delivery of their second and third bowls; and
- the skips: after delivery of their second and third bowls.

Triples game (3 bowls)

- the leads: after delivery of their third bowl;
- the seconds: after delivery of their second and third bowls; and
- the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

Senior Triples game (2 bowls)

- the leads: after delivery of their second bowl;
- the seconds: after delivery of their second bowls; and the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.



### Fours game (two bowls) [4/22]

- 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; and
- the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
- In fours, the leads and seconds must start each end at the mat end.

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.

### **3.13 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.

### **3.14 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 - if 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.

### **3.15 Groundsheets**

The Head Event Umpire, on the behalf of BBC can make the decision to use groundsheets at any time. The HEU will consult with the Greens Chairperson before deciding where the groundsheets will be placed on the green.

### **3.16 Umbrellas On the Green**

No umbrellas (open or folded) shall be allowed on the green during championship play.

### **3.17 Dress Code**

All participants must wear clean, appropriate and well-maintained clothing 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;
- Shirts should be of a respectable length, pattern, and design.

T-shirts, muscle shirts, tank tops, and low neckline shirts are not acceptable attire.

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 about 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.

Rain Gear

No restrictions but must be readily available at the rink.

Enforcement of Dress Code

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

Other

Changes to the Dress Code, due to "weather conditions", will be determined by the Emergency Committee.

Red Shirts are reserved for umpires.

### **3.18 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.

### **3.19 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.

### **3.20 Support Personnel, Coaching and Chaperone Policy**

Throughout the duration of the event, registered coaches must be identifiable by a name tag, or some other form of identification that is easily identifiable.

Only the registered 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 as per Law 44. When seeking advice, the player(s) may step off the green should he/she desire.

If a Coach is giving advice to their player(s), they must not disturb players on any rink. If a player on any rink is being interfered with, annoyed, or distracted by the actions of a Coach, and appeals to the Umpire, the Umpire will first warn the offending Coach. If there is another occurrence during the game, the Umpire is to be called, and he/she will take immediate action to prevent any further violations of the conditions of play, which may include removal of the Coach from the surrounds of the green.

If a player/team believes that the volume of coaching being provided to their opposition is creating undue delay, distraction, or interference with the game, they may appeal to an Umpire. The Umpire will first warn the offending Coach. If there is another occurrence during the game, the Umpire is to be called, and he/she will take immediate action to prevent any further violations of the conditions of play, which may include suspension of coaching for the remainder of the game.

All competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of a national 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 support personnel mentioned above.

### **3.21 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.

### **3.22 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:

- 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.
- 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.

### **3.23 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 4 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.

### **3.24 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.

### **3.25 Protests and Appeals**

Protests, complaints, and appeals shall be decided by the Jury of Appeal.

Any protests, complaints and appeals must be directed to the Head Event Umpire with a timeframe appropriate to the nature of the issue in question and must be directed no later than two (2) hours of the completion of the game in question. The initial communication may be provided orally, but a written submission must be received within 24 hours of the completion of the game, with the timeline to be determined at the discretion of the Head Event Umpire. A protest, complaint or appeal may only be made by the designated Coach registered for a team or player or by an on-duty official. In the absence of a registered Coach, a protest, complaint, or appeal may be made by the Skip in a team game.

If the initial two-hour time limit has not been met, the alleged misconduct will not be examined.

The Jury of Appeal will meet as soon as possible and reach an agreement to resolve the allegation in a timely manner. Any further action will be subject to the provisions of BBC's Discipline and Complaints Policy.

## **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/lwp-content/uploads/2015/02/2017-Bowls-BC-Hosting-Guidelines-for-Provincial-Events-3.pdf>

## **Section 5: Additional Conditions Applying to Specific BBC Championships**

### **5.1 Men's and Women's Outdoor Singles**

#### **Entries**

Entry to this event shall be by open application.

Players shall complete the BBC online Provincial Championship entry form, with payment, by the stated Final Entry Deadline.

Late entries will be placed on a waiting list for possible inclusion at the sole discretion of the PGD. A minimum of 8 entries is required for each Provincial Championship competition.

#### **Entry Fees**

The entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BBC.

#### **The Draw**

The entries will be divided into sections of up to 6 players per section. Each section will complete a round-robin within their section.

Sections may be modified to best accommodate the number of entries. **[2/23]**

#### **Match Format**

The format will consist of four bowls per player; all games will be first to achieve 21 shots, with a time limit of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes. Any shots in excess of 21 are not counted. No games in the round robin shall be conceded before one player has reached 21 shots.

#### **Start of a Game**

There will be a time limit of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes for all Singles games.

Players will commence trial ends and play as soon as reasonably possible after their rink is

available per instructions from the draw master.

## **5.2 Men's and Women's Pairs**

### **Entries**

Entry to this event shall be by open application.

Players shall complete the BBC on-line Provincial Championship entry form, with payment, by the stated Final Entry Deadline.

Late entries will be placed on a waiting list for possible inclusion at the sole discretion of the PGD. A minimum of 8 entries is required for each Provincial Championship competition.

### **Entry Fees**

The entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BBC.

### **The Draw**

The entries will be divided into sections of up to 6 players per section. Each section will complete a round-robin within their section.

Sections may be modified to best accommodate the number of entries. **[2/23]**

### **Match Format**

The Pairs format will consist of three bowls per player and eighteen (18) ends, with a time limit of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes for round robin play. No games in the round robin shall be conceded before the completion of all 18 ends. **[2/23]**

## **5.3 Men's and Women's Triples**

### **Entries**

Entry to this event shall be by open application.

Players shall complete the BBC on-line Provincial Championship entry form, with payment, by the stated Final Entry Deadline.

Late entries will be placed on a waiting list for possible inclusion at the sole discretion of the PGD. A minimum of 8 entries is required for each Provincial Championship competition.

### **Entry Fees**

The entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BBC.

### **The Draw**

The entries will be divided into sections of up to 6 players per section. Each section will complete a round-robin within their section.

Sections may be modified to best accommodate the number of entries. **[2/23]**

### **Match Format**

The Triples format will consist of three bowls per player and eighteen (18) ends, with a time limit of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes. No games in the round robin shall be conceded before the completion of all 18 ends. **[2/23]**

Ends that are declared 'dead' during a game shall be replayed.

## **5.4 Men's and Women's Fours**

### **Entries**

Entry to this event shall be by open application.

Players shall complete the BBC on-line Provincial Championship entry form, with payment, by the stated Final Entry Deadline.

Late entries will be placed on a waiting list for possible inclusion at the sole discretion of the PGD. A minimum of 8 entries is required for each Provincial Championship competition.

### **Entry Fees**

The entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BBC.

### **The Draw**

The entries will be divided into sections of up to 6 players per section. Each section will complete a round-robin within their section.

Sections may be modified to best accommodate the number of entries. **[2/23]**

### **Match Format**

The Fours format will consist of two bowls per player and fifteen (15) ends, with a time limit of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes for round robin play. No games in the round robin shall be conceded before the completion of all 15 ends. **[2/23]**

## **5.5 Mixed Pairs**

### **Entries**

Entry to this event shall be by open application.

Players shall complete the BBC on-line Provincial Championship entry form, with payment, by the stated Final Entry Deadline.

Late entries will be placed on a waiting list for possible inclusion at the sole discretion of the PGD. A minimum of 8 entries is required for each Provincial Championship competition.

### **Entry Fees**

The entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BBC.

### **The Draw**

The entries will be divided into sections of up to 6 players per section. Each section will complete a round-robin within their section.

Sections may be modified to best accommodate the number of entries. **[2/23]**

### **Match Format**

The Mixed Pairs format will consist of three bowls per player and eighteen (18) ends, with a time limit of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes for round robin play. No games in the round robin shall be conceded before the completion of all 18 ends. **[2/23]**

## 5.6 Senior Triples

### Entries

Entry to this event shall be by open application.

Players shall complete the BBC on-line Provincial Championship entry form, with payment, by the stated Final Entry Deadline. Entrants must have reached their sixty-fifth (65) birthday in the year of the competition. **[4/22]** Entrants may be required to show prove of age during the bowls and shoes inspection.

Late entries will be placed on a waiting list for possible inclusion at the sole discretion of the PGD. A minimum of 8 entries is required for each Provincial Championship competition.

### Entry Fees

The entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BBC.

### The Draw

The entries will be divided into sections of up to 6 players per section. Each section will complete a round-robin within their section.

Sections may be modified to best accommodate the number of entries. **[2/23]**

### Match Composition

The Senior Triples format will consist of two bowls per player and sixteen (16) ends, with a time limit of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes for round robin play. No game in the round robin shall be conceded before the completion of all 16 ends. **[2/23]**

## 5.7 Youth Championships — Under 18

### Entries

Entry to this event shall be by open application.

### Eligibility

For the Under 18 event, participants must be at least 12 years of age at the start of the Canadian Youth Championships and not be 18 as of January 1, 2023 **[2/23]**

Players shall complete the BBC on-line Provincial Championship entry form, with payment, by the stated Final Entry Deadline. Entrants may be required to show prove of age during the bowls and shoes inspection.

Late entries will be placed on a waiting list for possible inclusion at the sole discretion of the PGD. A minimum of 4 entries is required for each Provincial Championship competition.

### Entry Fees

The entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BBC. **The Draw**

The entries will be divided into sections of up to 6 players per section. Each section will complete a round-robin within their section.

Sections may be modified to best accommodate the number of entries. **[2/23]**

### Match Format

The Under 18 Singles format will consist of four (4) bowls per player and first to eighteen (18) shots with a time limit of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes for round robin play. No games in the round robin shall be conceded before one player has reached 18 shots.



## **Support Personnel**

Each U-18 competitor under the age of 18 years at the time of the event must be accompanied by a chaperone for the duration of the Juniors. The name and contact information of the chaperone shall be provided to BBC and the HEU prior to the start of the event.

## **5.8 Youth Championships - Under 25**

### **Entries**

Entry to this event shall be by open application. **Eligibility**

For the Under 25 event, participants must be at least 18 years of age at the start of the Canadian Youth Championships and not be 25 as of December 31, 2023. **[6/18]**

Players shall complete the BBC on-line Provincial Championship entry form, with payment, by the stated Final Entry Deadline. Entrants may be required to show prove of age during the bowls and shoes inspection.

Late entries will be placed on a waiting list for possible inclusion at the sole discretion of the PGD. A minimum of 4 entries is required for each Provincial Championship competition.

### **Entry Fees**

The entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BBC.

### **The Draw**

The entries will be divided into sections of up to 6 players per section. Each section will complete a round-robin within their section.

Sections may be modified to best accommodate the number of entries. **[2/23]**

### **Match Format**

The Under 25 Singles format will consist of four (4) bowls per player and first to twenty-one (21) shots with a time limit of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes for round robin play. No games in the round robin shall be conceded before one player has reached 21 shots. **[2/23]**