



CLUB MAROOCHY 2024

CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. NOMINATIONS:

It is a condition of entry for all Club Maroochy (CM) championships that all players are familiar with and accept the conditions of play.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible players must be a financial member of CM before the closing date of championship event. No member of CM may enter any CM championship that leads to "Champion of Champions" and beyond unless they nominate CM as their primary preferred club in these championships. (This action is only necessary where a player intends to play in championships in more than one club).

2. THE COMPETITIONS:

- (a) The competitions shall be known as the Club Maroochy Championships.
- (b) All matches will be conducted strictly in accordance with the current 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 4th edition, April 2023' [hereafter called The Laws].
 - i. As per.'8 in The Laws, "A Control", the Club Maroochy Controlling Body has 'immediate control over the Conditions of Play [Law 57.2] under which a game is played'.
 - ii. The order of control is World, National, State/ Zone, District, Club. The championship event is conducted according to, and with approval of, one or all the above.
 - iii. Law 57.2 Conditions of Play 57.2.1 p89 [The Laws] - the Controlling Body decides what C of P is necessary to govern competitions, and 57.2.3 p90- the Controlling Body makes sure their C of P is in line with Appendix A.1 p91.
 - iv. Law 55.3.4 p 82 [The Laws] Domestic events states 'the Controlling Body has the power to change the program in certain instances if it deems necessary'.
- (c) The disciplines will be singles, pairs, triplets, and fours inclusive of men's women's and mixed.
- (d) If the number of entries allow, sectional play may be implemented on the first day of play.
- (e) All events will be subject to an open draw and are to be played on or before scheduled draw dates. Games will not be played before a round is finished and no game will be played after the scheduled final date of that round. Semifinals and finals dates will not be altered. Any team/individual wishing to play other than scheduled dates, must gain approval from their opponent and arrange with the controlling body for an accredited umpire of which players will be charged for the umpires' vouchers on the night of play.
- (f) Any championship scheduled to be played at night must continue to be played at night - on or before ruling still applies as (e) above.
- (g) Pairs, triples, and fours will be on a knockout basis until a winner is obtained.
- (h) Singles will be knockout throughout the competition. Losers of each game are to make themselves available to mark future games. Each championship discipline will be advertised with an allotted start and finish date and a specific start time.

- (i) The method used for the championship draw is the Weebie Tournament System. Rinks will be drawn on the night of play.
- (j) All championship games must have an accredited umpire.

3. TRIAL ENDS:

- (a) Trial ends will be under the control of the Controlling Body (including finals games). One (1) trial end each way shall be allowed prior to the scheduled start time of each day's play or on resumption of a match on another day, using same number of bowls as will be used in the game.
- (b) The team which starts the trial end must place the mat, deliver the jack and place jack on the center line of the rink at a distance they choose from the mat line (the distance must not be changed during the course of the trial end) Law 5.1.7 pg. 19.
- (c) In the event of a player or team receiving a bye and not playing in the first game of the day, they are entitled to one (1) trial end each way, provided this player or team has not practiced during the time prior to their first game of the day.
- (d) Practice prior to the start of any event shall be allowed; however, will not be played on the same green as the event. Practice will cease one (1) hour prior to the scheduled starting time on the day of play. If practice has occurred on the championship/event green prior to the start of a game, no trial ends will be permitted for that individual/s.

4. DURATION OF PLAY:

Depending on byes and the draw, players could be required to play up to four (4) rounds on a given day, depending on opponents and rink availability.

- (a) Singles – Twenty-five (25) shots up.
- (b) Pairs and Fours – Twenty-one (21) ends.
- (c) Triples – Twenty-five (25) ends.

5. EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS:

- (a) The Controlling Body, in conjunction with the umpires may suspend play for up to two (2) hours in the event of extreme weather conditions. Where conditions have not improved in that time, the Controlling Body, after consultation with the umpires may cancel play for the day and reschedule all unfinished games and remaining matches if determined that the conditions are unsafe for players, officials, and spectators.
- (b) Typical reasons for suspension of any game include heavy rain, thunderstorms and lightning, slippery conditions, extreme heat – see BA rules [if temperature reaches 35c play is to stop for 5 mins. Play must stop at 38c until temp drops to 35c], or cold and insufficient light.

6. DEATH OF A PLAYER:

If after commencement of a game the death of a player occurs, all games shall cease. Play will resume on another date selected by the controlling body.

7. PLAYER MOVEMENTS DURING GAME:

The Laws, A.4.1 to A4.1.7.4 p93 to 94. After delivering the first bowl, players are allowed to move to the head under the following circumstances.

- (a) Singles: the opponents; after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
 - (b) Pairs: lead – after delivery of third and fourth bowl. Skip – after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowl.
 - (c) Triples: lead -after second player has delivered their second bowl. Seconds – after delivery of their second bowl. Skip – after delivery of each of their bowls.
 - (d) Fours: lead, second and third, after third has delivered their second bowl. Skip – after delivery of each bowl.
 - (e) Law A4.2 p94 - in exceptional and limited circumstances a singles player can ask marker for permission to walk up to head, or skip can ask that a player walks up to head earlier than described in Law A.4.1
 - (f) Law A4.3 p94 – When a player at the head walks up to the mat to deliver their first bowl, their direct opponent can remain at the head until that bowl has come to rest before walking up to the mat their own first bowl.
8. Law 26.3 There may be no further play in a knockout competition if at any point it becomes impossible for a player, team or side to win the game, given the number of ends left.

9. A DRAWN GAME:

In a knockout (elimination) competition with a fixed number of ends, if the scores are equal when all ends have been completed, an extra end must be played to decide the result. A coin will be tossed, and the winner will decide who will play first. The extra end must be played from where the previous end finished.

10. DELAYING PLAY:

As per The Laws Appendix A.5 p 95

11. FORFEITS:

Should either singles player or a team fail to arrive within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled start time, then that player or team will forfeit the right to continue in the championship.

12. DISQUALIFICATION:

Should there be a challenge to a player's bowl/s during play, the player may continue with another set of legal bowls until the result of the test is known.

- (a) If there is a challenge in the final of the championship, the result of the final will not be declared until the result of the challenge is known.
- (b) If a player or team is disqualified for any reason, the team or player last defeated by disqualified player or team will take their place as winners in that round.

13. SCORECARDS:

The results will be checked, and scorecards signed as being correct by both skips, or the opponents in singles, and the completion time of the game will be recorded on the card. The card will then go to the Controlling Body.

14. TEMPORARY MARKINGS (decals):

Temporary bowls markings (decals) are permitted. All decals used by a team will be identical. Decals used by a team will be on “an all on or all off basis.” Decals must not cover the serial number or World Bowls stamp. There must only be one layer of decals fixed to either side of the bowl.

15. USE OF ARMS POLICY:

As per Laws of the Sport of Bowls 41.8 p59 and BA

- (a) Arm must show an approved BA logo.
- (b) A player must continue to use the same arm throughout the game unless it is rendered unplayable in which case the arm may be changed on approval of umpire or controlling body.

16. COACHING DURING GAMES:

Players who intend to receive coaching must inform the controlling body and the umpire of the coach's name as soon as possible prior to the game commencing but not less than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of play of the competition. There shall only be one coach per game/team.

Please note: any person wishing to coach in any game must hold a current valid Bowls Australia coaching accreditation and must show it when registering as per Law 44 p62.

17. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES:

All electronic devices located within six (6) metres of the green will be switched off whilst a game is in progress. These include mobile phones, pagers, transistor radios etc. Exceptions may be considered by the Controlling Body for “on call” emergency personnel, or another unusual circumstance which may affect a player, after such person consults with the Controlling Body.

18. PROVISION OF UMPIRES AND MARKERS:

In all games, the provision of non-playing national accredited umpires, markers and officials is obligatory. Players must source their own markers.

19. ATTIRE:

Attire for players and markers: as per Laws A2 and A3 p 93.

- (a) Players, measurers, and markers to wear Club Maroochy uniform, to include club shirt and BA approved skirts/skorts/shorts/trousers and approved footwear. When a player has footwear different from ‘approved’ then they must always carry a doctor's letter explaining the reasons why.
- (b) Umpires: Umpire's uniform (national umpire grey top BA approved royal blue bottoms) and approved footwear.

20. To assist in ensuring that interactions between players and officials remain harmonious, the following conditions are included in the conditions of play:

(a) Social Media

- i. No player shall use social media to make derogatory comments about CM, any official, the event or any other player for the duration of the championship.
- ii. Any infringement of this condition will render the offender liable to disqualification from this championship.

(b) Substitutes and Replacement players

Particular attention should be paid by players to the definition of substitute and replacement player – see the Laws, Domestic Regulations 'Game Anomalies' DR 2.1 definitions, DR 2.1.3 substitute and DR 2.1.4, replacement player pg 111

As per Law 55.3 Domestic Events [The Laws], 55.3.3 p 82, the Controlling Body will use the power afforded them to regulate any causation which arises that requires a substitute or replacement player, other than included in Law 32 and 33. Each situation will be scrutinised and considered on an individual basis as it arises.

(c) Harmony, and smooth operation of championship events.

The bowls committee requests that - all members check, prior to entering a club championship event, that such dates do not conflict with any other bowling event in which they wish to enter. We recommend this so that club championships run smoothly and without discontent. For example, if already committed to another bowls event which conflicts with club championships, we request that players choose one event over the other, particularly when semifinals and finals dates are compromised. We ask that common sense and respect for fellow players and our club apply when making this decision.

Foreword p8 in The Laws. "No Laws governing a sport can cope with every situation, and the Laws governing the sport of bowls are no exception. Unusual situations not covered within the Laws can often arise. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls have been drawn up in the spirit of true sportsmanship. Therefore, if a situation arises that is not covered by these Laws, players, markers, and umpires must use their common sense and a spirit of fair play to decide on the appropriate course of action*

Club Maroochy aims for true sportsmanship in all aspects of the game, both on and off the green.

21. Lights:

These can be used, as necessary.

22. Smoking Regulations:

All players must adhere to the QLD Government Smoking Regulations along with the Smoking Regulations that are applicable in the Club.

See:<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-Laws/default.asp>

Please note: Smoking Regulations include all Vaping.

23. Spectator's are covered by Law 45

NB: Smoking and/ or drinking of alcohol IS NOT PERMITTED on the greens - Queensland Law and Bowls Australia smoking policies apply.

Reviewed by the Games Committee 01/05/2024.

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