



## **Conditions of Play for Bowls Tournaments 2025**

1. The Law of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 4<sup>th</sup> Edition (2022) applies unless otherwise specified.
2. Tournaments will be a maximum of 3 games of 8 ends unless otherwise posted. There are normally no time limits, other than with singles games.
3. If the jack is sent out of bounds, it is centred at the 2-meter mark.
4. Only one shared position – the Lead – is permitted per team. It may be shared by 2 players, preferably playing in different games. To share a position within a single game, there must be more than eight ends. Players must indicate on the sign-up sheet that they are sharing a position.
5. **Important: Players who withdraw from a tournament after the closing date must find their own replacements.** Sign-up sheets should invite players willing to be spares to sign up and indicate when they are available.
6. The tournament director may cancel a tournament if too few players sign up.
7. Draws for teams and greens are made by the tournament committee prior to game day.
8. There are no trial ends for 8-end games. In 12-end games, trial ends may be held or a maximum of one point can be scored for each of the first 2 ends.
9. The game format (round robin or a pre-drawn schedule) depends on number of entries or as specified on the sign-up sheet.
10. Teams earn 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 for a loss.
11. Winners will be determined by total points. In the event of a tie, the differential percentage determines the winner, and if still a tie, the number of ends won will be used.
12. The entry fee is \$15.
13. \$5 from the entry fee goes to the club to offset kitchen, greens and trophy engraving expenses. The rest of the entry fee is awarded in prize money.
14. Prizes are based on the number of entries.
  - 6 or more entries: 1<sup>st</sup> 50%; 2<sup>nd</sup> 30%; 3<sup>rd</sup> 20%
  - 4 entries: 1<sup>st</sup> 60%; 2<sup>nd</sup> 40%.
  - 4 or fewer entries for singles: Only 1<sup>st</sup> prize is awarded.
15. Conditions of play may vary between tournaments and are posted with the sign-up sheet at least **3** weeks prior to the event.
16. Participants should bring their lunches and snacks. The club will provide coffee and tea, but only a limited array of snacks and sweets.
17. Players are encouraged to wear club colours or whites, but this is not mandatory.
18. The Conditions of Play specify when players can visit the head. For singles, it is after the third and fourth bowls. For pairs, the leads can visit after their third and fourth bowls, while the skips can visit after their second, third and fourth bowls. In



triples played with three bowls, leads can visit after their third bowl, vices after their second and third bowls, and skips after each bowl.

19. Play may occasionally be delayed or postponed due to adverse weather conditions, such as extreme heat, electrical storms or poor air quality. The Greens head, Bobbi Jean, makes the final call on issues involving the greens, in dialogue with the Games heads (Anita and Portia). The Games heads make decisions on other concerns, in discussion with the health and safety committee, if available. No one should continue playing if they feel unsafe. If someone needs to leave, a spare may join the game, or the game may be forfeited. Play can be rescheduled for later the same day or another day. (For more information, go to <https://bowlscanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/National-Championships-Policy-1.pdf>)