

CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

EAST MAITLAND BOWLING CLUB (EMBC)

(As Amended Jun 2024 for season 2024-25)

All Club Championship matches shall be conducted under and comply with the following.

1. The Constitutions, Regulations and Policies of Bowls NSW, Greater Newcastle Bowls and East Maitland Bowling Club.
2. Laws of the Game of Bowls Crystal Mark (*most recent release*)
3. Bowls NSW Conditions of Play and By Laws 2024-25 Season.
4. Any special conditions imposed by the Match Committee prior to the commencement of the respective events (Not to contravene 1, 2 or 3 above).

The East Maitland Bowling Club (EMBC) for the purposes of these Conditions of Play refers to competitions conducted by the Open Gender club.

The EMBC Match Committee will be the Controlling Body for all Club Championship matches with the Bowls Coordinator their appointed representative unless otherwise advised.

Only registered (Bowls NSW) and financial Full Bowling Members of EMBC, EMBC being their “declared” club for the season, are eligible to enter EMBC club championships. (*Bowls NSW General COP 1.15*)

Names of all team members must be nominated by the closing date or entry will not be accepted. (*Bowls NSW General COP 1.14 & 1.18*)

Club Championship events shall be played on the best available green decided by the Controlling Body and may be scheduled as required by the Controlling Body on weeknights and/or Saturday and Sunday AM and PM. Wherever possible, finals to be played at a time allowing for maximum viewing and support from club members.

Club Championship Events.

- Mixed Pairs - 18ends – Championship Pairs
- Consistency Singles – First to 150
- Set Play Singles
- Veterans Singles – 21Up
- Pairs (Major/Minor)
- Singles (Major/Minor) -25up
- Fours
- Triples – 2 bowls per player – 25 ends – 11up total player grading requirement.

Nomination sheets with the closing date for receipt of entries for a Championship event shall be advertised by display on the Bowls Notice Board at least one month prior to the expected start date of the event. The draw for an event shall be displayed on the Bowls Notice Board at least 14 days prior to the commencement of first round matches.

The draw should include the name of all intended players. (*Bowls NSW General COP14*)

Opposing team captains or players in Singles may, by mutual agreement and with the consent of the Match Committee, arrange to play first or subsequent round matches on an earlier date than that set down. Only the Controlling Body shall have the right to alter dates and times, should unforeseen circumstances arise.

If a player or team drawn to play cannot do so a forfeit will apply unless; a substitute or replacement player is permitted as per the relevant laws and COPs, OR.
The opponents, by mutual agreement, and with the consent of the Controlling Body, play the game prior to the commencement of the next scheduled round. *(Bowls NSW General COP 1.10.ii)*

All arranged matches agreed by the team skips or opponents in singles, must gain the approval of the Controlling Body and the approved arranged date and time of play becomes binding as per all current Laws and COPs of the relevant Controlling Body. *(June MC 2018)*

If a whole round is deferred owing to weather conditions or other circumstances forfeits previously given must stand. *(Bowls NSW General COP 17.3. ii)*

Player unavailability: Matches drawn for play will not be deferred due to a player being unavailable for any of the following reasons.

- Work related absence
- Holidays
- Illness

Substitutes and/or Replacement players are allowed as per the relevant laws and COPs.
In the Club Mixed Pairs Championship, a substitute if approved by the Controlling Body may play skip. *(July Special meeting MC 2018)*

The Controlling Body may postpone a match after application from the team captain/ singles player due to unforeseen circumstances (other than those outlined above). E.g., a death in the family.

In exceptional circumstances, the Controlling Body may postpone the final of a championship after application by either captain. The Controlling Body shall set the postponed date.

Event Order of Precedence will be as per Bowls NSW General COP 1.39

Members selected to play, or officiate, in events with precedence shall not be drawn to play Club Championship matches on the same day. *(Bowls NSW General COP 1.39)*

A player cannot enter an EMBC championship if he/she has already played in an equivalent event in the same season at another club. *(Bowls NSW General COP 1.15.3.ii)*

A player cannot enter an EMBC championship if he/she has already played in the equivalent Single Gender event in the same season at EMBC or another club.
(EMBC MC Feb22)

No player shall be permitted to enter the Minor Singles if they have entered the Major Singles in the same calendar year.

No player shall be permitted to enter the Minor Pairs if they have entered the Major Pairs in the same calendar year.

Any player having won a Major Singles or Major Pairs Championship at any club shall not be eligible to enter the equivalent EMBC Minor Singles or Minor Pairs Championship.

Any player having won a Minor Singles or Minor Pairs Championship at EMBC, or any other club shall not be eligible to play in the minor championship previously won.
(MC May2020)

Any player who has played in Pennant Grades 1, 2 or 3 in the previous three (3) years shall not be eligible to enter a Minor Singles or Minor Pairs event.

A player/team who feels their championship status and/or grading may be redundant (e.g., won major singles in 1976) and would like to enter a restricted event may put their case in writing to the Match Committee for consideration.

A marker shall be appointed for each Club Major, Minor, Consistency and Veterans Singles match conducted by EMBC.

Nominated players must mark a match when drawn by the Club Controlling Body.

A player may be required to mark more than once in the competition.

The Bowls Coordinator will draw markers for all matches on behalf of the controlling Body.

Any player who is nominated to mark and is unable to do so must secure a replacement to mark that match.

Penalties for failure to mark when required, or failure to appoint a replacement will be in accordance with the disciplinary measures detailed in the club's COPs. (*Board June 2016*)

Wherever possible, the scheduling of championships will allow one green available for social bowls.

A copy of these Rules and conditions shall be displayed on the Club Notice Board for all Club Championships. All players entering for these events shall be deemed to have agreed to these conditions.

Conditions of Play for Championship Triples – Grade Restricted

(As per Match Committee and Board approval Jan/Feb22)

Laws of the Sport

The Competition shall be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, BowlsNSW COP, and EMBC COP contained herein.

Controlling Body

The Controlling Body shall be the EMBC Match Committee and/or their delegate.

Eligibility

As BowlsNSW COP 15.

Format of Play

As per BowlsNSW COP 2. Club Championships 2.1.3

Team Configuration – Grade Restricted format (BowlsNSW COP 2. Club Championships 2.5)

(a) The total of the player grades in a team must equal 11 or more.

(b) The grade of a player will be determined by the grade they received in their last competitive Open Gender pennant season.

(c) A player who has not been graded as per (b) above shall be given a grade of 5.

Attire

As per Bowls NSW General COP 1.6. and EMBC Attire Policy.

Suitably approved club attire and/or creams must be worn during club championship events.

Precedence

As per Bowls NSW General COP 1.39.

Conditions of Play for Veterans Singles

(As per Match Committee and Board approval Aug22)

The Competition shall be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, BowlsNSW COP, and EMBC COP contained herein.

Controlling Body

The Controlling Body shall be the EMBC Match Committee and/or their delegate.

Eligibility

Open event (any gender). Entry restricted to players who have turned 70 in the year that entry closes or earlier.

Format of Play

Variation to BowlsNSW COP 2. Club Championships 2.1.1. EMBC championship will be 21Up.

Attire

As per Bowls NSW General COP 1.6. and EMBC Attire Policy.

Suitably approved club attire and/or creams must be worn during club championship events.

Precedence

As per Bowls NSW General COP 1.39.

Conditions of Play for Set Play Singles

The Competition shall be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, BowlsNSW COP, and EMBC COP contained herein.

Controlling Body

The Controlling Body shall be the EMBC Match Committee and/or their delegate.

Eligibility

President's: Open event (any gender). Entries restricted to players who have NOT entered the Patron's Set Play Singles.

Patron's: Open event (any gender) - Entries restricted to players with an open grade of 4 or below and who have NOT entered the President's Set Play Singles and who have not previously won this event (*Match Committee April 2024*).

Format of Play

As set out for Set Play in Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark (Latest Edition).

Attire

As per Bowls NSW General COP 1.6. and EMBC Attire Policy.

Suitably approved club attire and/or creams must be worn during club championship events.

Precedence

As per Bowls NSW General COP 1.39.

Consistency Singles Conditions of Play.

1) Laws of the Sport / Controlling Body

The Competition shall be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, the RNSWBA COP, and EMBC COP contained herein.

The Controlling Body is the EMBC Match Committee or their delegated representative.

2) Eligibility

As BowlsNSW COP 15.

3) Format of Play

(a) Open draw, knockout.

(d) Morning, afternoon, evening or night games may be played (Artificial light may be used)

(f) Green and rink of play will be allocated at the discretion of the Controlling Body.

4) Format of a Match

(a) A match will be decided by a player being the first to reach/exceed a score of 150.

(b) If both players reach 150 on the same end, an extra end is to be played and the match awarded to the player who achieves the highest score on that end.

(c) There will be four dots placed along the rink centre line, 2 metres apart measured from the "T".

(d) The player having possession of the mat places the mat and designates jack placement by the marker on the "T" or one of the dots numbered 1, 2, 3, 4. Dot 1 being closest to the "T".

(e) Mat to jack distance must always comply with the legal distance specified in the Laws of the Game.

(f) Any movement of the jack from the designated spot up until the result of the end is declared will require the jack to be replaced on its original position.

(g) No Dead ends. Jack is returned to its original position. (May 2017)

(h) Each end will have a maximum of 10 points to be allocated to live bowls as per the following:

1st shot = 4 points

2nd shot = 3 points

3rd shot = 2 points

4th shot = 1 point

If there is a tie between opposing bowls points will be awarded as follows.

1st shot tie = 4 points each

2nd shot = 2 points

2nd shot tie = 3 points each

1st shot = 4 points

3rd shot tie = 2 points each.

1st shot = 4 points.

2nd shot = 2 points.

4th shot tie = no points each

1st shot = 4 points

2nd shot = 3 points

3rd shot = 3 points

5) Duties of the Marker

Additional to the normal duties (per Law 55.1, 55.2, 55.3, 55.4) the marker will be responsible for:

(a) Placing the jack on the designated position at the commencement of an end.

(b) Replacing the washer to its original position if it is displaced during play

(c) Placement of a bowl, which has come to rest covering the jack's original position, clear of that position allowing for replacement of the jack as per the following guidelines.

1) If the T/dot is covered by up to the first 50% of the bowl, the bowl is reversed down its original course until clear of the T/dot and in contact with the replaced jack.

2) If the T/dot is covered by last 50% of the bowl, the bowl is progressed along its original course until clear of the T/dot and in contact with the replaced jack.

3) The subject bowl should be placed as per its original orientation. That is, upright on its running surface or on its side.

6) Attire

As per Bowls NSW General COP 1.6

Suitably approved club attire and/or creams must be worn during club championship events.

7) Precedence

As per Bowls NSW General COP 1.39.