

CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

EAST MAITLAND BOWLING CLUB (EMBC)

(As Amended Mar 2022)

All Club Championship matches shall be conducted under the following.

1. Laws of the Game of Bowls Crystal Mark
2. Bowls NSW Conditions of Play and By Laws
3. Any special conditions imposed by the Match Committee prior to the commencement of the respective events (Not to contravene 1 or 2).

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.

Names of all team members must be nominated by the closing date or entry will not be accepted. *(Bowls NSW General COP 13)*

Club Championship events shall be played on the best available green decided by the Controlling Body, and may be scheduled on Friday evenings, Saturday afternoons, Sunday mornings and Sunday afternoons. Wherever possible, finals will be played on a Saturday afternoon.

Club Championship events will,

Be scheduled by the Bowls Coordinator to bring about efficient and successful completion.

Be run in conjunction with other championships to achieve efficient and successful completion.

Where possible be programmed for play in the following order *(Sep19 MC)*:

Fours *

Singles (Major/Minor)*

Pairs (Major/Minor)*

Triples – 2 bowls per player – 25 ends

Consistency Singles

Mixed Pairs (18ends)

*(to meet Champion of Champion nomination deadline)

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 COP16)*

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 Match committee 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 9)

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 COP15.3)*

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 Match Committee may postpone a match after application due to unforeseen circumstances (other than those outlined above). E.g. a death in the family.

In exceptional circumstances, the Match Committee may postpone the final of a championship event if requested by either captain, or, in his absence, the third of the same team. The match Committee shall set the postponed date.

Event Order of Precedence will be as per Bowls NSW General COP36

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 COP36)*

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 14.2.iii)*

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 a 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 player in the Club Singles, Minor Singles or Consistency Singles Championships may be called upon to act as a marker at least once during the competition.

The Bowls Coordinator shall draw markers for all matches. By arrangement matches need to arrange their own marker.

Any player who is nominated to mark and finds that he is unable to do so must obtain a replacement to act in his place.

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)

East Maitland Bowling Club (EMBC) Conditions of Play (COP) for Championship Triples

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 14.

Format of Play

As per BowlsNSW COP 39.3

Team Configuration – Grade Restricted format (BowlsNSW COP 37.2)

- (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/Men's 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 5. 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 36.

Conditions of Play for Consistency Singles

East Maitland Bowling Club (EMBC) Conditions of Play (COP) for Consistency Singles.

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 here in.

The Controlling Body shall be the EMBC Match Committee.

2) Eligibility

Entrants must be current Bowls NSW registered bowlers and financial members of EMBC.

3) Format of Play

- (a) Open draw, knockout.
- (b) The draw shall be compiled by the EMBC Match Committee.
- (c) The EMBC Match Committee shall schedule the dates and time of play.
- (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) After the jack has been rolled and centered for an end it will be placed on a washer.
- (d) Any movement of the jack from the positioned washer up until the result of the end is declared will require the jack to be replaced on the washer. No Dead ends. Jack is returned to the washer at its original position. (*May 2017*)
- (e) 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.

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 washer at the commencement of an end.
- (b) Replacing the jack on the washer if it is moved during the course of play.
- (c) Replacing the washer to its original position if it is displaced during the course of play. (Use Laws 28 & 33, Bowl displacement & Jack displacement as a guide)
- (d) Placement of a bowl, which has come to rest covering the washer, clear of the washer allowing for replacement of the jack as per the following guidelines.
 - 1) If the washer is covered by up to the first 50% of the bowl, the bowl is reversed down its original course until clear of the washer and in contact with the replaced jack.
 - 2) If the washer is covered by last 50% of the bowl, the bowl is progressed along its original course until clear of the washer 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 5.

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

7) Precedence

As per Bowls NSW General COP 36.

Consistency Singles is not an association event.