

Thuringowa City Bowls Club Inc.

2020

Conditions of Play

**Ladies Championship
& Club Certified Competitions**

Controlling Body

All Championship and Club Certified Competitions shall be under the control of the Thuringowa City Bowls Club - Ladies Council known as the Controlling Body.

Unless otherwise determined by the Ladies Council: The Games Director or her representative shall be responsible for the conduct of play for all Club competitions and shall exercise direct control, with power to alter the conditions of play, if considered necessary or expedient, except that the 'umpire of the day' will be in control of individual games from the commencement of play.

Club Championship Competitions:

1. Championship A Singles, Pairs and Fours.

(Note: - The winners of these championships qualify to play in the Group 8 play-offs from Club level through to State Finals. The winner of the Championship A Singles also qualifies to play in the A Singles Club Champion of Champions; an NQDLBA event.)

2. Championship Triples.

Club Certified Competitions:

- 1) B Grade Singles, B Grade Pairs, Consistency Singles, Major & Minor Pairs, Novice and Veterans Singles.
 - a) The winner of the B Singles qualifies to play in the B Grade Club Singles Champion of Champions; an NQDLBA event;
 - b) The B Grade Pairs eligibility returns 8 years after winning Open Singles or Open Pairs and 5 years after winning B Singles;
 - c) Winning B Grade Pairs combinations are ineligible to play together again in any succeeding years;
- 2) Any other competition that may be decided by the Ladies Council.

All games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 3rd Edition with Domestic Regulations for Australia and these conditions of play.

When entries are called for, the Games Director shall make public preferred dates of play. No games should be scheduled if the Club has prior commitments with other clubs or organisations.

Ultimate winners (five or more entries) will be determined on a 'knockout' basis. **Four or less entries** will be determined on a '**round robin**' basis. A draw remains draw for a 'round robin' event. In the event of a section tie on wins, then margins and ends shall apply.

Thuringowa Ladies Bowler of the Year Points

All Club competitions (Ladies & Mixed) shall be allocated points towards 'Thuringowa Ladies Bowler of the Year'. Full points shall be allocated for each event played, provided the games are played before the date set down for the end of year Xmas Party.

Format and Duration of Matches

- a. **Ch. Singles:** Matches shall be four bowls and 25 shots up,
- b. **Ch. Pairs:** Matches shall be four bowls and play 21 ends,
- c. **Ch. Triples:** Matches shall be 3 bowls and play 21 ends,
- d. **Ch. Fours:** Matches shall be two bowls and play 21 ends,
- e. **Consistency Singles:** Matches shall be four bowls and 100 points up,
- f. **B Singles:** Matches shall be four bowls and 25 shots up,
- g. **B Pairs:** Matches shall be 3 bowls and play 21 ends,
- h. **Major & Minor Pairs:** Matches shall be 3 bowls and 21 ends,
- i. **Veterans Singles:** Sets Play. (Conditions attached)
- j. **Novice Singles:** Matches shall be four bowls and 25 shots up.

Team games: If tied, an extra end, or ends, shall be played in accordance with Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark 3rd Edition) Law 28.

Eligibility

All entrants shall be a financial member of the Club at the closing date of nominations.

Any players who have previously won a minor Club Singles (B Grade or Novice) event shall be ineligible to compete in those singles or pairs events. No two players who have previously won a 'B Pairs Title' may partner each other.

Novice Singles is for players of 2 years' experience or under.

Veterans Singles is for players 70 years of age or over at closing date of nomination.

Major & Minor Pairs will consist of one current Blue Pennant/Master player and one B Grade/Novice/Non-Current Pennant/Master player. BOY Rankings from the previous years can also be considered.

Member of More than One Club

Upon joining the club, a member must declare for which club she intends to play Club Championship. If a member has played for another club in Championships, then that member shall not be eligible to play in this Club's Championship Competitions in that calendar year. A Member may play in any event, in which the winner does not go on further to represent Thuringowa City Bowls Club.

Entries/Green Fees

Nomination forms are located on the Ladies notice board. Nomination fee is \$4 per player per event and must be paid in full by the closing date and time of the event. Completed forms (including fees) are to be placed in the nomination slot on the back-office door.

Green fees are \$5.00 per player per event.

Players receiving a forfeit are not required to pay green fees.

Draws for Competitions

Shall be made by the Games Director or her assistant, in the presence of the President (or her representative) and two other nominated persons who shall all sign as witness the aforesaid Draw - TCBC Ladies By-Law 57.

Calling Games

The Games Director shall call games, giving at least 7 days notice thereof by placing the draw on the Notice Board, and if possible, by public announcement at the club, and by verbal notification on the previous playing day. The ultimate responsibility however lies with the players concerned; to ascertain the time and date the competition is to be played.

Notice of Calling for Play

All games shall be played **on or before** the actual date set.

With prior approval of the Games Director, or her appointed representative, players themselves may arrange club competition games at other times prior to the date called to play, provided there are rinks available and the players arrange for the provision of an umpire and/or marker as applicable.

'Ladies allocated playing days' are Tuesday morning, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Sundays where necessary - as per TCBC Ladies By-Law 57/ii.

It is preferred, where possible, that rescheduled games **are played on 'Ladies allocated playing days'**.

Applications for deferment of any game will be considered based on the application to the Games Director. No other players or teams are to be inconvenienced by the requested delay. If an opponent does not take reasonable steps to adhere to the agreement to play on the agreed date, then the Games Director will refer this, to the Ladies Committee for resolution.

Play, Replace or Forfeit

All competitions will be run on a play, sub or forfeit basis.

1. Games set down are to be played and a substitute provided if any player is unavailable.
2. Skips who have to provide a substitute for an unavailable player, must ascertain if the player is an eligible substitute and report the substitute to the Games Director prior to the commencement of the game. The Games Directors' consent must be obtained and the scorecard initialled by them prior to play.
3. When any team or player has failed to be in position to commence play thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game shall be awarded to the opponent, excepting in the case of a team game, an eligible member (if available) may act as a replacement, if approval is given by the Games Director or Umpire of the days' play.

If a player has to leave the green during the course of a team game due to illness or some other reasonable cause, and they cannot return within ten (10) minutes, the Umpire or Games Director can approve the introduction of a substitute – as per Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal mark 3rd Edition (Law 33.9).

Claiming a Forfeit: To claim a forfeit, unless otherwise arranged with the Games Director or her representative, the non-forfeiting players are to present themselves on the green in the approved bowls attire at the scheduled date/time.

Team Structure: Intended Teams, as entered on the nomination form at the closing date, are subject to change and therefore allowed to be changed in personnel, prior to the Team's opening round. However, the scorecard shall be correctly filled in with Player names. The change in personnel shall show both names on the card and be signed prior to the start of play, by the Games Director or her representative of the day.

Withdrawals: If a nominated team or singles player withdraws from a competition **before the draw** is completed: nomination fees are refunded in full. If a nominated team or singles player withdraws from a competition **after the draw** is completed: nomination fees are non-refundable.

Rinks & Trial Ends: Trial ends shall be under the control of the Games Director. One trial end each way shall be allowed prior to the scheduled starting time of each day's play. **The rinks shall be drawn prior to trial ends.**

Score Cards: All completed scorecards are to be returned to the Games Director at the conclusion of each game. Scorecards shall be checked and signed by the responsible players from both teams.

Umpire: An 'Umpire of the Day' will be appointed for all Club Championship and Club Certified competitions and Bowls Australia 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls' shall apply to umpire decisions.

Markers: The Games Director shall appoint Markers for singles matches. All defeated players in singles competitions, if requested, shall make them-selves available, dressed in bowls attire, to mark one game in each event contested. The President or her representative will mark for all singles finals.

Coaches: Coaches are allowed for Championship matches as per Laws of the Sport of Bowls - law 44.

Spectators: Whilst a game is in progress, spectators should refrain from advising, disturbing or interfering with players. If this occurs then the player can appeal to the umpire who shall refer the appeal to the Controlling Body.

Greens: The Games Director, in consultation with the Green Keeper, shall have the right to select greens on which the Championship or Club event will be played.

Attire: All players must be dressed in the correct attire to comply with Bowls Queensland By-Laws and these conditions of play. Approved club shirts and either black or white shorts/skirts are to be worn by each member of each team. Failure to abide by this rule may result in disqualification of the player or team.

Electronic Devices: Mobile Phones are to be switched to silent or off.

Weather: Irrespective of the wet weather conditions (other than Storm warnings), players must report to the club at the appointed time unless otherwise advised by phoning the Games Director to check if the days' game has been postponed.

Extreme Weather Policy: Bowls Qld has made available an 'Extreme Weather Policy Guideline'. Please see the notice board for a copy of the policy. It will be at the discretion of the Games Director or her representative to determine whether to discontinue play in the event of extreme weather. In making the decision the Games Director shall consider the age, health, weather conditions (rain, temp, humidity, lightening etc.) and the amount of shade available. On very hot days, breaks in play for rehydration shall be taken.

Interruptions: Games interrupted, or postponed, by inclement weather, or other circumstances as decided by the umpire, and not be able to be completed on the same day, shall be completed on a date and time fixed by the Games Director.

The scorecard of such uncompleted, or postponed, game shall be given to the Games Director, or her representative, and returned to the player/s on the resumption of the play.

Inclement Weather and Interruption to Retract the Shade Cover: The shade cover shall be extended for all games.

1. In the event of light rain, the shade cover will be recoiled (to minimise damage to the cover); play will resume and the **end in progress shall continue.**
2. If an official calls a break in play due to inclement weather **the end in progress shall be replayed.**
3. If a player voluntarily leaves the green due to inclement weather **the end in progress shall continue.**

Complaints, Appeals & Protests: An Appeals Panel shall rule on appeals and protests arising from incidents which occur to the running of, or during playing of the game, and which is not under the jurisdiction of the umpire.

Where a player wishes to lodge a complaint regarding any matter outside the province of the umpire, she shall immediately advise the Games Director, or her representative, and then lodge a written complaint with the Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours.

1. The Appeals Panel shall consist of the President (or in her absence the Vice President), an umpire, plus one (1) other member of the Ladies Council appointed by the President or Vice President.
2. Any singles player or skip of a team who feels they have a valid reason with non-compliance of the Games Director's decision may write to the Appeals Panel.
3. No player involved in the appeal, the Games Director or any member involved in the running of the competition shall be a member of the Appeals Panel. The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final.

Disqualifications: If, after a game has been decided, it is subsequently found that a player or team was in breach of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Edition, Domestic Regulations or these Conditions of Play, then that player or team shall be disqualified and the match awarded to the runner/s-up.