



MACKAY BOWLING CLUB INC.

CLUB COMPETITION - 2021

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

All competition events shall be played in accordance with the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" - Crystal Mark Edition 3.1 with Domestic Regulations for Australia, Bowls Australia Policies, Bowls Queensland By-laws, and these Conditions of Play.

Any infringements of these Laws or conditions of play may involve disqualification or re-play as the MBC Men's Section Committee may decide.

The MBC Men's Section Committee shall disallow any player from playing in any event if he/she is unfinancial.

All competitors must be financial at the time when nominations are submitted, otherwise nominations will not be accepted.

CLUB COMPETITION SCHEDULING

The Games Director is solely responsible for the scheduling of club competition. He will endeavour to schedule matches for the timely completion of each event as early as practical after green opening for the year. Except for matches with predefined completion dates at nomination, after reviewing the unavailable book each week, the Games Director shall call Club Competition for the following weekend or beyond. After the games have been called to play the conditions shall be play, sub or forfeit.

If any player called to play and for some unforeseen circumstance is not available, it is then the responsibility of that player to notify the Games Director IMMEDIATELY. The Games Director will then determine if the game will be forfeited, played or not, and the Games Director will advise all players of his decision. Any games called to play **SHALL NOT BE CANCELLED** without the approval of the Games Director. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit of all players concerned.

UNAVAILABLE BOOK

The 2021 **UNAVAILABLE BOOK** can be found in the club bar. Club members are reminded to write their name in this book if unavailable to play at any time. Closure time for the following weekend schedule for this book is **1:30 PM** each **SUNDAY**.

Men's Section Committee has ruled the following: -

- Each Club Member is allowed a **maximum of six (6) unavailable days** during competition periods for the year with the following exceptions, ill health or family bereavement.
- Those Members, who are shift workers and are genuinely unavailable weekends due to work commitments, **may** have an extension of the number of unavailable days.
- It is the responsibility of all members to **UPDATE** the unavailable book for their absences either in person or by calling the club.
- The Games Director **WILL NOT** accept personal work rosters or other calendar formats from individuals in lieu of entries in the unavailable book.

IMPORTANT: Playing in another Competition is **NOT a reason** to be unavailable and a substitute is not allowed (Refer Club Rule 11).

MARKERS

If a member is called to **mark a Singles game** and for some reason is unable to do so, the onus is on this person to **arrange a substitute and also advise the Games Director**.

GREEN FEES

Green fee is \$10 per player per match (\$15 if playing two games on one day). This must be paid prior to the commencement of all matches.

ELIGIBILITY AND DECLARATION

Financial male members including Juniors are eligible for Championship matches with exceptions when they are also members of another Club and have “Declared” for that other Club. Members “Declared” at another club cannot play club Championship events that progress to State Championship events. (Championship Fours, Championship Pairs and Championship Singles).

Senior Singles eligibility is as per MMBDA qualification requirements. Currently, to be classed as a "Senior" a player must be 65 years of age or older as at 31 December prior to the current championships.

B Grade eligibility is as per MMBDA standing rules regarding District B grade eligibility. Currently, previous winners of any Australian Bowling Club “B Grade” Singles or “Open” Singles Championship lose B grade eligibility the following calendar year and all subsequent years after winning either event. I.e. Forever!

RESCHEDULING/WITHDRAWALS/FORFEITS & DRAW CHANGES

Rescheduling/Withdrawals

A player/team may withdraw after the posted match schedule; however, the Games Director must be notified of the withdrawal as early as possible. It will be at the Games Director’s discretion whether the match will be rescheduled or forfeit.

Mutually “postponed” matches are allowed, but only with the expressed approval of the Games Director. Players are encouraged to discuss rescheduling with their opponents before contacting the Games Director.

Forfeits

Should any player in any match fail to arrive within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time the opponent/s shall be awarded the match.

Draw Changes

For any event, before round one completion, the Games Director may accept late entries to draw if byes available or to replace withdrawals. If more than two late nominations accepted, a new draw will be generated for the event.

SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes are players that fill in for a temporarily unavailable player for a scheduled match. Permitted when player short term unavailability due to sickness, work or other reasons accepted by the Games Director.

Eligible “substitutes” are permitted throughout the competition as per “Laws of the Sport of Bowls” and Domestic Regulations for Australia etc.

Requests to allow a “substitute” must be made to the Games Director prior to the any scheduled match. If accepted by the Games Director, substitute name will appear as (sub <name>) at the relevant position in the draw, with the originally nominated player remaining.

Substitutes cannot skip team events; and substitutes in singles events are not permitted under any circumstances.

REPLACEMENTS and RECONSTITUTED TEAMS

In club events, where at least one nominated player remains in a team, but other nominated player/s withdraw or otherwise become unavailable for the expected duration of a team event, a “replacement” player or players will be permitted with the approval of the Games Director. Such team/s will be considered reconstituted.

CLUB RULE: If replaced prior to first round, replacement player/s can play in any position. If a team has played one or more rounds, replacement player/s cannot skip*. (* This last provision only applies to Mackay Bowling Club Men’s section competition events, subsequent District/State event etc. conditions of play will apply if applicable.)

The Games Director should be notified as soon as practical if or when a replacement player/s is to be used.

Replaced players names will be removed from the event draw regardless of how many matches played previously. The draw for such events will be re-published with the reconstituted team/s taking the place in the draw of the originally nominated team/s with any previous result/s applying to the reconstituted team/s. The Games Director will maintain records of all replacements until completion of the event.

If circumstances change, replaced players will be eligible to play as substitutes or otherwise, under these conditions of play. I.e. players returning from the dead.

ATTIRE

All competing players must be suitably attired that is, in whites or approved Club colours. Players and markers must appear in correct dress as set out in Bowls Queensland By-Law 19 "Attire Bowls Queensland (men)". This includes mid-week games, when arranged by mutual agreement.

SCORECARDS

As per DR 3.2 all scorecards must be signed as being correct and the completion time of the match must also be recorded prior to being handed to the Club official.

TRIAL ENDS

- a) Trial ends shall be under the control of the State Controlling Body. Trial ends may be allowed as per Law 5.1 if time permits.
- b) Practice shall not be allowed after one (1) hour prior to the scheduled starting time on the day of play.

UNCOMPLETED MATCH / COMPETITION

- a) If a player has to leave the green during the course of a Singles game due to illness or some other reasonable cause, and they cannot return within 10 minutes, the defaulting player will forfeit the game to their opponent., in accordance with the WB Laws (Section 2.2 "Factors Affecting Play" Law 33 Leaving the green during the course of play).
- b) If a match is not completed because of inclement weather, bad light or any other justifiable cause, effecting all players, it shall be resumed with the scores as at the adjournment, in accordance with the WB Laws (Section 2.2 "Factors Affecting Play" Law 32 Game Stoppages

POSITION OF PLAYERS WHEN NOT PLAYING

- a) Players at the mat end not delivering a bowl should stand a minimum of one (1) metre behind the mat.
- b) Players at the head end not controlling the head should stand a minimum of two (2) metres behind the head, or on the surrounds of the green if the jack is in the ditch, or well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the surrounds.
- c) At the start of each end only the Skip or Deputy will be at the head.

PLAYER MOVEMENTS DURING PLAY

a) Walking to the Head

Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head as follows:

- i. Singles - The opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
- ii. Pairs - The Leads: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
The Skips: after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls.
- iii. Triples - The Leads and Seconds: after both the Seconds have delivered their last bowl.
The Skips: May go to the head after either Skip's first bowl.
Restricting the movement of players does not prohibit a player being called to the head by the Skip, however care should be taken not to delay play.
- iv. Fours - The Leads and Seconds: after both the Seconds have delivered their second bowl.
The Thirds: after both the Thirds have delivered their second bowl.
The Skips: May go to the head after either Skip's first bowl.
Restricting the movement of players does not prohibit a player being called to the head by the Skip, however care should be taken not to delay play.

b) Player Position

Players, excluding skips, are not permitted to remain at the head whilst their opposite number is delivering their bowl. Any skip remaining at the head end shall retire behind the head. Skips must return to the mat as soon as their opponent's bowl has come to rest.

c) Delaying play

If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips or the opponents in singles, decides that a player/team is playing in an unsportsmanlike manner by deliberately delaying play:

- On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player/team;
- If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender/s will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent; and
- If the player offends the third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent/s.

DISQUALIFICATION

Should there be a Challenge to Bowls under Law 52.4 during Sectional or Post Sectional or Knockout play a player may play with another set of Legal bowls until the result of the test is known.

- a) If there is a Challenge to Bowls in the final the result of that final shall not be declared until the outcome of the Bowls challenge is known.
- b) If a team or player is disqualified for any reason, the team or player LAST DEFEATED by the disqualified team or player shall take their place.

ARTIFICIAL DEVICES

Any player can use BA approved Artificial Device/s during play.

Whenever a player commences using an approved bowlers' arm in a game, the player must use it for the remainder of that game. This does not apply to the rolling of the jack, which can be rolled either by hand or by a bowler's arm.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

All electronic communication devices located within six (6) metres of the green whilst a match is in progress SHALL BE SWITCHED OFF. These include mobile phones, tablets, pagers, radios etc. Special dispensation may be given to "on call" emergency personnel by the Games Director after consultation.

SOCIAL MEDIA

To assist in ensuring that interactions between players and officials are harmonious the following will be included in the Conditions of Play as permitted by Appendix A.1.4.15. Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures. No player shall use Social Media to make derogatory comments about Mackay Bowling Club Inc. or its officials, the event or any other player for the duration of the competition. Any infringement of this Condition shall render the offender liable to disqualification from the event.