



# **MMDBA CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPIONS**

**SINGLES, PAIRS, FOURS, TRIPLES, 2B TRIPLES, SENIOR SINGLES,  
B GRADE SINGLES AND PAIRS, MIXED PAIRS.**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **1 ALLOCATION OF EVENTS**

The MMDBA Match Committee will allocate events to clubs on a rotational basis unless otherwise directed by the MMDBA delegates.

### **2 CONTROL**

The MMDBA Match Committee control these events and have the right to alter the format, times of play and allocated greens to suit unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical to achieve a result.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY**

Members of Clubs affiliated with the MMDBA shall be eligible to play. All members of a team must be registered members of the same Club. At a club's discretion, events may commence at any time after the 1<sup>st</sup> July in the preceding year and all clubs should ensure that they have completed their events in line with the district calendar.

The competitions are restricted to the player/s who have won the current year's club championship in a particular discipline. A Club will be excluded from a district event if it has not finalised the club championship in that event.

Dual membership bowlers may play championship singles, pairs and fours at one club only. They can play all other club events at more than one club and, if they qualify for champion of club champions in the same event at more than one club, the 'unrepresented' club may nominate a substitute. If this occurs in "B Grade" or "Senior" singles, the 'unrepresented' club may nominate a beaten finalist.

A substitute for a club team event must be a bowler who did not play in that club's particular competition for that year.

Any player who has won a Club Championship Singles or a Club B Grade Singles in a previous year is not eligible to play in any "B Grade" District Champion of Club Champions event.

To be classed as a "Senior" for Champion of Club Champions Senior Singles, a player must be 65 years of age or older as at 31 December prior to the current championships.

### **4 TRANSFERS**

Where a member transfers to another district club, he is only eligible to represent that club if he has not participated in competition leading to Champion of Club Champion's qualifications. This ruling applies to singles, pairs and fours.

### **5 GREEN FEES AND RINKS**

Host clubs will charge green fees according to their ruling rate and meals will be at players' expense. It is also the host club's responsibility to allocate rinks for these events.

## **6 BADGES AND TROPHIES**

Suitably inscribed badges will be presented to the winners and runners-up immediately on conclusion of the final and trophies for each event will be presented to club representatives at the MMDBA Annual General Meeting or another time nominated by the district council.

## **7 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

As these events may commence prior to the lifting of Covid19 social distancing restrictions, it is the responsibility of the clubs to ensure that any restrictions in force at that time are followed.

## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

All matches will be conducted in accordance with the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" Crystal Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Version 3.1, with domestic regulations for Australia, Bowls Australia policies, Bowls Queensland By-Laws, MMDBA By-laws and these Conditions of Play.

### **1 TRIAL ENDS**

Trial ends will be permitted as per Law 5-1 if time permits.

Practice ends are permitted up to twenty (20) minutes before the scheduled starting time but must not be on a rink allocated to a player or team for a particular competition.

### **2 DURATION OF PLAY**

All matches are knockout or sectional play and Singles will be twenty-five (25) shots up, Pairs, Fours and Triples played over twenty-one (21) ends and 2B Triples played over twenty-eight (28) ends. Dead ends will be replayed.

If a team match is not completed because of inclement weather, bad light or any other justifiable cause then sixteen (16) ends shall constitute a match (21 ends for 2B Triples).

### **3 PLAYER MOVEMENTS DURING PLAY**

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

- (a) Singles – the opponents after delivery of their third and fourth bowls
- (b) Pairs – The Leads – after delivery of their third and fourth bowls  
The Skips – after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls
- (c) Fours – The Leads and Seconds – after both 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.

- (d) 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 opponents bowl has come to rest.

### **4 POSITION OF PLAYERS WHEN NOT PLAYING**

Players at the mat end not delivering a bowl should stand a minimum of one (1) metre behind the mat

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

## **5 FORFEITS**

- (a) Should any player in any match fail to arrive within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled starting time, the opponents shall be awarded the match.
- (b) Should both singles players or both teams fail to arrive within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time then both players / teams shall forfeit the right to continue.

## **6 SUBSTITUTES**

Eligible substitutes are permitted throughout the competition. The umpire of the day must be notified of any substitutes. (See **3 "Eligibility"** in General Information above for local rulings).

Substitutes in Championship Singles are not permitted under any circumstances.

## **7 SCORECARDS**

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 match official. Cards will be provided by the District Association.

## **8 DECALS**

When decals are used, all bowls in a team event shall be similarly marked.

## **9 LIGHTS**

Games may be played or completed under lights if required.

## **10 ELECTRONIC 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, ipads, ipods, pagers, radios, etc. Special dispensation may be given to "on call" emergency personnel by the controlling body after consultation.

## **11 EXTREME WEATHER POLICY**

All district events are conducted under the Bowls Queensland Extreme Weather Policy. All players and officials should make themselves aware of the requirements of this policy.

## **12 PROVISION OF UMPIRES / MARKERS**

In all matches, the provision of non-playing National Accredited Umpires and/or assistants (whose names shall be announced before play commences) is obligatory.

Markers will be arranged by the host club in conjunction with a MMDBA official

## **13 ATTIRE**

All players must be attired in their club's approved uniform.