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2023 MEN'S CLUB COMPETITION - CONDITIONS OF PLAY

All competition events shall be played in accordance with the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" - Crystal Mark latest BA approved edition with Domestic Regulations for Australia, Bowls Australia Policies, Bowls Queensland By-laws, and these Conditions of Play as authorised by the MNBBC Match Committee.

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

SCHEDULING / RESCHEDULING

Subject to agreement between opposing teams, availability of rinks, all round matches must be played before or no later than the "Deadline Date" indicated in each event's published draw. In the event agreement is not reached by opponents, matches will be played on a date and time, as set by the Controlling Body. Once scheduled, all matches will be Play, Substitute or Forfeit. See substitute and forfeit provisions below.

Skips are responsible for the availability of their team players and/or provision of a substitute. The Committee reserves the right to forfeit player/s team or teams that fail to complete games by the "Deadline Date".

ELIGIBILITY AND DECLARATION

All nominees, substitutes or replacements must be full financial MNBBC members. Competition nominations will not be accepted if any player is non-financial. Current full members are eligible for all competition events with the following exceptions:

- Members who are also a member of another club/s and have "Declared" for another club. These, "Non-Declared" members, cannot play club Championship events that progress to State Championship events. (Championship Fours, Championship Pairs and Championship Singles).
- Only "B grade" players can play in "B grade" events. 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!

DRAW CHANGES

For any event, before round one completion, the Match Committee may accept late entries to draw if byes available or to replace withdrawals.

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.

GREEN FEES

On nomination a Green fee of \$8.00 per player per nominated event.

MARKERS

Markers to be arranged by the players for Singles game

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 Club official.

All completed scorecards must be placed in the designated "Scorecards Completed" box!

ATTIRE

All competing players must be suitably attired; that is, in approved MNBBC 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.

TRIAL ENDS and PRACTICE

- a) Trial ends are allowed as per Law 5.1.
- b) Practice shall not be allowed after one (1) hour prior to the scheduled starting time on the day of play on any rink at MNBBC.

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 Match Committee.

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 Match Committee prior to the any scheduled match. If accepted by the Match Committee, substitute name will appear as (s./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.

IMPORTANT: Bowling elsewhere in a "another" competition or event is NOT a reason to be unavailable and a substitute is not permitted.

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 Match Committee. Such team/s will be considered reconstituted.

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 (club rule).

Requests to allow a "replacement" must be made to the Match Committee prior to the any scheduled match.

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 Match Committee 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.

PLAYER MOVEMENTS DURING PLAY

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.

POSITION OF PLAYERS

- a) 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.
- b) Players at the mat end not delivering a bowl should stand a minimum of one (1) metre behind the mat.
- c) 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.
- d) At the start of each end only the Skip or Deputy will be at the head.

DELAYING (SLOW) PLAY

There is no time limit for competition matches governed by these conditions of play. However, if the duty 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;
- If the player offends the third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent/s.

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, affecting 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).

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 Match Committee after consultation.