



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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Bowls Committee

1) **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The DBC Bowls Committee may make such rules and regulations as are deemed necessary for the conduct of Club Championship events.

2) **RESPONSIBILITY**

Subject to overall control by the Bowls Committee, the Championship Committee shall be responsible for the satisfactory conduct of all Club Championships at Doncaster Bowling Club.

3) **INTERPRETATION**

In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears:

- **BA** – means Bowls Australia
- **BV** – means Bowls Victoria
- **Club** - shall mean the Doncaster Bowling Club.
- **Committee** - shall mean the Bowls Committee of the Club
- **Bowler** - shall mean a bowls member affiliated that season with the Doncaster Bowling Club and BV.
- **Championship Committee** – refers to the body of people nominated by the Bowls Committee and whose participation in organizing and running club Championship events has been endorsed by the Committee.
- **Bowls Year** - means the year commencing on the 1st April each year.
- **Member** - means a financial bowls member of the Doncaster Bowling Club for the year in which the Championship is run.
- **Deadline Matches** - shall mean matches where rounds have to be completed by a specific date.
- **Club Handbook** - means the Program Book distributed to members each year by the Club.
- **Draw Schedule** - shall for each championship event show the pairing of players/teams, byes where necessary and the dates of each round and be prominently displayed on the Championship notice board.
- **Inclement weather** - shall cover weather conditions bad light or other valid causes which renders the green unplayable or which forces the closure of the greens.

4) ELIGIBILITY

- a) Every bowler, who is a financial bowls member and affiliated with BV for that season and is eligible to play Pennant for the Club, shall be entitled to enter and take part in any or all Club Championships or other Club events, subject always to rules which may be in force at the time and provided the member shall conform to the rules for championship play, laid down by the Committee.
- b) Entries for Club Championship events shall close at a designated time on a designated date. Such time and date to be advertised on the Club Championship notice board, Club website and in the Club Program Handbook.
- c) Further entries (beyond such date and time) may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Committee, however no additional entries shall be accepted after commencement of the first round of any event.
- d) Entries accepted to avoid a bye should be allocated to the bye position in the Draw Schedule. If necessary the Championship Committee may arrange for the Draw Schedule to start afresh.
- e) Where eligibility for a Club Championship event is based on Pennant ranking then the Championship committee shall establish a player's ranking and eligibility for such event.

5) CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

- a) The scheduling for any Championship shall depend on an adequate number of players entering the draw.
- b) Where numbers are less than originally scheduled then the Championship Committee may reduce the number of rounds for the Championship despite the number of rounds displayed in the Club Program book. In such event the Championship Committee will prominently display the amendment to the Draw Schedule on the Notice Board.
- c) The Championship Committee may cancel a Championship where the number of entries is inadequate.

6) DATES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championship Committee shall allocate deadline dates for each round of a Championship and such dates shall be shown in the Club Program book as a guide. However where, in any Championship, it subsequently becomes necessary to amend the date of any round or reduce the number of rounds such change shall be prominently displayed on the Draw Schedule.

7) **GAMES SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY**

The greens are generally reserved for pennant training/coaching purpose on Thursdays. Any championship games scheduled to be played on a Thursday, needs the joint approval of the Head Coach and Championship Committee who will allocate the rinks.

8) **DEADLINE DATES**

- a) All rounds in any Championship are to be played by the deadline dates specified by the Championship Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the **first named player/team** in each match to contact their opponent to arrange a suitable playing date within the time limit for the respective round.
- b) When a match has not been played by the scheduled date and the Championship Committee considers one player/team to be at fault, then that player/team will be deemed to have forfeited the match to their opponent.
- c) If unforeseen circumstances have caused a delay beyond the deadline date for a particular round and neither player/team is at fault, the Championship Committee may grant an extension provided such extension does not prejudice the playing of the ensuing round. However the Championship Committee has the right not to grant an extension where the Championship Committee believes the match could have been played before the deadline date for the round.

9) **BV & YARRA REGION EVENTS**

The Championship Committee shall have regard to BV & YARRA REGION trials and Championships and avoid conflict of dates with such events whenever possible.

10) **DURATION AND METHOD OF PLAY**

In Club Championships the duration and conditions of play shall be in accordance with BV rules which currently are:

Singles Championship: Knockout from first round, 25 shots up, and four bowls each player, played alternatively. The FINALS of both the men's and women's singles championship shall be played on a Sunday evening in January as designated in the Club Program Book.

Men's & Women's Pairs Championship: (3 Bowl Pairs) All matches in the Pairs Championship are 18 (live) ends. The FINAL of both the Men's Club Pairs Championship and the Women's Club Pairs Championship shall be played on a Sunday afternoon in February as designated in the Club Program Book.

Mixed Pairs: (3 Bowl Pairs) Knockout from first round and played over 18 (live) ends. The FINAL of the Mixed Pairs Championship must be played as designated in the Club Program Book.

Open Singles Handicap 100 UP A handicap event to a score of 100. Scoring will be 4 points for shot, 3 for 2nd shot, 2 for 3rd shot and 1 point for 4th shot. Players' handicaps are to be determined by the

Championship Committee, in the form of a negative number (or zero). Players will be required to start scoring at their handicap, for example a player with a handicap of -15 will need to score 15 points before registering a positive overall score, while a player on scratch (handicap zero), will start positive scoring immediately.

Open Triples Championship: Knockout from the first round with all games played over 18 ends. Two bowls each player, played alternatively in the order: lead, second and skip.

Open Singles Novice Championship: Open to bowlers who have bowled for 3 years or less AND have not won any other singles championship. Knockout singles to 25 up.

11) **TRIAL ENDS & PRACTICE**

- a) Before start of play, or on the resumption of a match on another day, not more than one trial end each way shall be played. Trial ends shall be permitted only before the first match of the day and must be completed prior to the appointed time for commencement of play.
- b) An intended player/team due to meet a player/team that has previously played on the same day may practice provided:
 - i) there is sufficient time available without delaying the competition and a rink is available.
 - ii) the Championship Committee shall allocate the rink.
 - iii) Practice is not permitted on a rink upon which the player/team has been drawn to play in a subsequent round.

12) **TIES**

In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the set number of ends or shots up, then an extra end or ends shall be played to obtain a result.

13) **SUBSTITUTES**

- a) A substitute (as opposed to a replacement) means a member who acts as a proxy for an intended member or a constituted player in a team, who is unavailable or physically incapable and thereby prevented from playing in a match or part thereof.
- b) No member may act as a substitute unless the Championship Committee and Umpire of the event have granted permission after being satisfied regarding the eligibility of the proposed substitute and the circumstances governing the request.
- c) A constituted player in a team, whether defeated or not, shall be ineligible to act as a substitute in any other team in the same event.
- d) A substitute shall be chosen from available eligible members whose

playing ability shall not be taken into account.

- e) A member, who has acted as a substitute, if he/she remains eligible, may continue to act as such in that, or any other team, in the same Championship, or he/she may be changed at the completion of any end during the match or between succeeding matches in the same Championship.
- f) If a team, having a substitute for a portion or all of the time, eventually wins a Championship the appropriate award thereof shall be given to the constituted player of the team and not to the substitute.
- g) A substitute may play in any position except skip. In the case of a triple or four the other players may re-arrange their positions as desired.
- h) In a team only one substitute shall be allowed.
- i) If one member of a team is absent and no substitute is available the team shall forfeit the match.

14) REPLACEMENTS

- a) A replacement (as opposed to a substitute) applies when there is no possibility of the player's return to fill his/her place in the team in that competition.
- b) If, during the course of a game or competition, a constituted player in a team is physically incapable of continuing in the competition, or becomes ineligible by resignation, suspension, expulsion, forfeiture of playing status or disqualification, the position shall be declared vacant and the Championship Committee shall allow an eligible member to fill the vacated position as a constituted player of the team.
- c) Only one player may be replaced in a team under this provision.
- d) No member may act as a replacement unless the Championship Committee and Umpire of the event have granted permission after being satisfied regarding the eligibility of the proposed replacement and the circumstances governing the request.

15) UMPIRES

The Championship Committee shall endeavour to always have an umpire present for Championship finals.

16) MARKING

- a) Duties of a Marker shall be in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
 - b) For Club Singles Championships players shall be responsible for securing a suitable Marker.
 - c) For subsequent rounds the losers in the previous round shall be balloted for marking. The Championship Committee shall advise
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those players who have been balloted as Markers and should a balloted Marker be unavailable it will be that player's responsibility to secure a substitute Marker.

17) CLUB UNIFORM

Non-Club Uniform attire, (i.e. tidy casual), shall be acceptable for all Championship games apart from finals for which the current DBC Club uniform must be worn. The same will apply for Markers.

18) INCLEMENT WEATHER

- a) Should inclement weather either prevent commencement of play or completion by a deadline date an alternate date shall be set by the players provided such date shall be before the date of the next round. Players shall agree scores to date, rule off scorecard/s and hold the card/s until play resumes. Trial ends may be played on resumption.
- b) However it is expected that the time granted to complete the round by the deadline date should be sufficient. Thus should inclement weather on the deadline date for a round preclude play, the players risk forfeit of their match unless the Championship Committee believes efforts have been made to play the match prior to the deadline. In such event the Championship Committee may grant additional time for playing the match, provided such extension shall not prejudice the playing of a subsequent round of that Championship.

19) RESERVATION OF RINKS

- a) The players involved shall note on the Green keeper's board the date and time of their match and the Green keeper shall allocate a rink.
- b) All rink bookings for any pre-arranged matches/games shall be recorded in the area reserved for this purpose, and shall be removed by the players at the completion of the event.

20) SCORE CARDS

- a) Where appointed, the Marker shall keep the scorecard in a singles match, otherwise both players shall keep a card. For team events a player in each team shall be responsible for keeping score and confirming the score with his counterpart in the opposing team.
- b) All scores must be agreed and signed by opponents before the result is posted on the Draw Schedule.

21) RESULTS OF MATCHES

All results shall be recorded promptly on the Draw Schedule displayed on the Championship Notice Board.

22) APPEALS

- a) The Championship Committee shall arbitrate on any disputes arising in a match under that Championship.
- b) The decision of the properly constituted Championship Committee shall be final.

23) HANDICAPS

Players competing in club handicap events shall have a handicap allocated by the Championship Committee. In allocating a handicap the following may be considered: the pennant side that the player participates in and whether the player has won that particularly championship previously.

**By order Bowls Committee
Doncaster Bowling Club**