

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

BOWLS SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

The following conditions shall apply to the playing of all Devonport Country Club Bowls Section Championship games:

- **Every game shall be played ON or BEFORE the “ROUND PLAYED BY” date set for the round of completion, as shown on the “Game Draw Sheet” posted on the noticeboard.** This condition is intended to support the efficient and smooth running of Bowls Section games, and to provide fairness to all players who enter Bowls Section Championships.
- **All full playing bowling members of the Devonport Country Club are eligible to play in Open events.** Playing members must have played less than 6 games in A Grade pennant competition in the current season, prior to the closing date of entries, to be eligible to enter B Grade events. If the closing date of entries is less than six weeks into the current pennant season then eligibility will be determined by the playing status of the previous pennant season, determined by the majority of games played at either A or B Grade standard.
- **Please only enter a Bowls Section Championship competition if you know that you are available to play all rounds.**
- **Nominated skips (or players in singles competitions) should arrange and play their matches as soon as possible after the draw to eliminate the possibility of having to forfeit a match due to any unforeseen circumstances that may arise.**
- The date and time agreed for the match is to be written on the Game Draw Sheet adjacent to the match in question to eliminate any misunderstanding of the date and time of play.

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- **Both skips, or the players in a singles game, shall be responsible for writing the date and time for the match on the external noticeboard. The Green Superintendent will nominate the rink for each match to be played and will have sole responsibility in this regard.**
- It is the responsibility of the skips to notify their players of the date and time of each match. **It is the responsibility of both players in a singles match to organize a marker.**
- No practice shall be permitted prior to the commencement of any Bowls Section Championship match on the day scheduled for the game to be played.
- In a team game, if a player is unavailable an eligible substitute player may be nominated. Any registered playing member of the Bowls Section who is otherwise eligible to play, but is not participating in the same competition in any other team, may be used as a substitute player.
- If a player is unable to continue playing in the competition, after having played at least one match, the skip may nominate a replacement player for all remaining matches, by first consulting with the Match Committee to ensure the player's eligibility.
- In all rounds of the Bowls Section Championships, up to and including the semi-final round, players may dress in mufti. **All players, playing in the Final of a Bowls Section Championship event, and markers in a Singles Final, will be dressed in full Club pennant uniform and otherwise conform to Bowls Australia Policy in regard to dress requirements.**
- If a match has not been played before the **"Round Played By"** date stipulated for the completion of that round of competition, then both teams (or both players in singles competition) **shall be deemed to have forfeited the match** and neither team (or singles players) will take any further part in the Bowls Section Championship competition.

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- If the skips (or the players in a singles competition) cannot agree on a date and/or time to play their match, the Match Committee will nominate a date and time, on or before the “**Round Played By**” date for the round, when the match will be played. In the event that the match remains unplayed, then the Match Committee will determine whether one or both of the teams involved (or the players in a singles match) will be deemed to have forfeited the match.
- If a team (or a player in a singles match) is not ready to bowl **within 30 minutes** after the agreed time of commencement, then the match will be forfeited and the team (or singles player) in attendance will advance to the next round of competition. These details must be recorded on the scorecard and handed to the Match Committee.
- **All matches are to be played on the outdoor greens** – unless both skips (in a team event) or both players (in a singles match) agree to play indoors. **All Finals will be played outdoors, unless organized otherwise by the Match Committee.**
- If the Greens Superintendent closes the greens for maintenance, or for any other reason (i.e. consistent rain), before commencement of play then the skips (or players in a singles match) have two options:
 - a. Reschedule the match for a later date and time, but only if it is still possible to complete the match on or before the Last Date for the round; or
 - b. Play the match indoors.
- If a match being played outdoors is suspended due to weather conditions then it **must** be completed outdoors and on the same rink when it is possible to recommence play. **Once play has commenced outdoors it must be completed outdoors.**
- Except in the final round of competition, if the weather is inclement, then the match should be postponed to another mutually acceptable time, **if the match so rescheduled can be played on or before the “Round Played By” date on the Game Draw Sheet.** If rescheduling is not possible then the match must be relocated to the Indoor Centre **before commencement of play.**

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- The “Laws of the Sport of Bowls” governs all other aspects of Bowls Section Championship games.
- Complaints/appeals must be lodged in writing to the Match Committee within 24 hours of completion of a match.
- If unforeseen circumstances occur, the Match Committee will decide the outcome.