



## Bowls Committee Procedure

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### PURPOSE

To provide a framework and guidelines for each Championship and Tournament Bowls event run by the Torquay Bowls Club.

### PROCEDURE SCOPE

The Torquay Bowls Club Bowls Committee encourages all members to participate in Club championships and Tournaments to assist in their game development and to meet other members of our club and other Bowls club members in the region.

### PROCEDURE INTENT

- To ensure Affiliated members have information on available Championships and Events they can participate in and the rules associated with them, prize money available to Winners and Runners up and other general information.

## DETAILED PROCEDURES CHAMPIONSHIP AND TOURNAMENT BOWLS

### 1.1 Direction of Championship Play

- All championship events that are listed in the fixture book will be played in a North - South direction.
- Any championship Social Bowls played outside the dates provided for the event in the Fixture Book will be played as the pegs are laid out for the day's bowls.

### 2.1 Conditions of Presentation

- With the exception of the Championship Singles, all other Annual Championship events must attract enough entries to cover the value of the trophies.
- If insufficient entries are received to cover the cost of the trophy, the event will still be conducted by the relevant Competition Committee but no prizes will be awarded nor shall the result be recorded.
- If entries are so low as to not require a draw, then the event may be cancelled at the discretion of the Championship Subcommittee. The decision will be confirmed by the Bowls Committee.
- Each result will be announced and trophies awarded at the annual Presentation Day.
- The winners of the Singles Championship [Men's and Women's] shall be presented with:
  - Club Champion Badges
  - Cash in envelopes in lieu of trophies
  - A card describing the event and the success of the player.
  - The winners of the Club Men's and Women's Pairs shall be presented with Medallions.

### 3.1 Single Gender Championships

- The Tournament Subcommittee will conduct annual club singles and pairs championships for men only and for women only.
- Men and women may jointly participate in any other championship event other than the singles and pairs championships.

### 5.1 Championships

The following rules are approved by the Bowls Committee to run championship events within this Club.



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### **a General**

- All championship events will be played in accordance with the “Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Version 3.2”, Bowls Victoria and Geelong Bowls Region rules as well as the Torquay Bowls Club rules.
- Law books are available and can be purchased through Member Services or consult a club umpire for an official ruling.

### **b Singles Championships**

- Being a preliminary competition for a State Event, Men’s Championship Singles and Women’s Championship Singles will be played under the Bowls Victoria Conditions of Play for State Events.

### **c Eligibility clauses**

- For all events, only financial affiliated members who have identified Torquay Bowls Club as their nominated club are eligible to enter.

### **d Dress code**

- Bowls uniform (Bowls Australia logo) or TBC club uniform for Men's and Women's Singles and Veterans Finals. (Winners are eligible to represent the Club at Regional and/or State level.)
- Neat casual clothing for all other rounds and Finals
- Bowls shoes required for all rounds and Finals

### **e Masters status**

- Winners of TBC Men’s and Women’s Singles Championship (being 25 shots up) are understood to qualify for Masters status for Singles competitions.
- Existing Masters players retain the right to Masters entry.

### **f Entry to competition**

- The entry fee as set by the Board of Management is to be enclosed in a completed envelope and put into the championship entry box prior to closing date of competition.

### **g Withdrawal prior to the Draw**

- If there is a need to withdraw from any or all events, prior to the draw being completed, your entry fee will be refunded and you will not be recognised as an intended player for the relevant event or events.

### **h Closing date**

- Is scheduled to be less than 3 weeks prior to the date of first round of an event as detailed in the fixture book.
- This enables players to enter a competition with confidence of being available.

### **i Draw**

- Will be completed as soon as practical after the closing date for the event.
- Two or more members of the championship committee will complete a draw.
- The draw will be the random draw of names, as per Bowls Victoria method of draw for knockout competitions.

### **j Marker**

- The first named player of the drawn players shall organise a Marker. After a match has been completed, it is expected the loser will act as a marker for the subsequent match.
- Duties of a marker are covered in the “Laws of the Sport of Bowls”.

### **k Starting times**

- To ensure maximum cooperation from the Greenkeeper, the umpires and the championship committee, all competitors will play matches at the dates and times as detailed in the fixture book unless approval for an alteration is given by the event manager.



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- If an alteration to a fixtured event is required, the player/s will negotiate an appropriate time and day with the event manager.
- If work commitments or other valid reason/s prevent players from commencing at the allocated date and time – the Committee expects that good sportsmanship and flexibility will be used by competing players when agreeing to a revised date and time which must be prior to the fixtured time and date.
- The Committee requires the Championship Manager to implement contingency plans for the rescheduling of events when and where considered necessary.

### **I Reschedule of a Final**

- Only highly exceptional circumstances must exist for the Event Manager to approve a change to the set date of the Grand Final.

### **m Trial ends for Championship Events**

- For all championship events players are allowed one trial end in each direction with the number of bowls being used in the competition, to be completed prior to start time of game.

### **n. Events.**

- Men's Singles. 25 up all rounds (shots in excess of 25 do not count).
- Women's Singles 25 up all rounds (shots in excess of 25 do not count).
- Men's Pairs. 15 ends of 2x2x2x2.
- Women's Pairs. 15 ends of 2x2x2x2
- Mixed Pairs. 15 ends of 2x2x2x2
- Triples – 2 bowls. 15 ends.
- 100 Up Handicap. (Scoring 4, 3, 2, 1. First to reach 100 wins).
  
- Minor Singles. 25 up all rounds.  
Open to players not having played more than 4 games in Div 1 Pennant and no previous winner of Championship and/or Minor Singles.
- Novice Singles. 18 up all rounds  
Open to players who registered as a player less than 2 years prior to event.
  
- Women's Veterans Singles 21 up all rounds  
Open to players who are 70 or more on the event start date
- Men's Veterans Singles. 21 up all rounds.  
Open to players who are 70 or more on the event start date

### **o. Tied Game**

- In the event of a tied game an additional end (or ends) will be played.
- Players must toss a coin prior to each additional end to determine who will play first.

### **p. Game Stoppage**

- A player may delay play for an appropriate time if the player believes there is a danger from lightning.
- The Manager, Greens Director or Greenkeeper may suspend or abandon play due to adverse weather or other circumstances.

### **q. Replacements and Substitutes**

- An Eligible player is one who was eligible for inclusion in the original team or side.
- An Intended player is one whose entry has been accepted in a team or side for a particular competition and from the time that entry is lodged, or until the game commences, is classed as an Intended player.
- A Replacement player is one who is appointed to take the position of an Intended player who is unable to play in or continue playing in a competition for a reason accepted by the controlling body and is unable to return before the completion of the competition. A Replacement player may play in any position in the team.



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- A Substitute player is a member who acts as a proxy for an Intended player in a team who is unavailable or physically incapable and therefore prevented from attending or continuing in a game. Substitutes must play in the same position as the player being substituted, except if it is the skip. In this case, other members of the team must rearrange as necessary.
- The appointment of a Substitute or Replacement player will be at the discretion of the Controlling body and in conjunction with the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition".

### 6.1 Tournaments

Refer to Fixture Book for dates:

#### a Events

##### i. **Men's Surf Coast Classic Invitation Fours**

- Two-day event held on a Wednesday & Thursday during March.
- Catered lunch on both days.
- Sponsored event – sponsorship allocated by Sponsorship Committee
- Organised and run by Surf Coast Classic subcommittee

**Refer:** Schedule of Bowls Event Fees and Prizes for Entry Fee and Prize details.

- Dress code: Bowls uniform (BV logo)

##### ii. **Ladies Sponsored Open Day (Refer Fixture Book)**

- This event takes place once a year usually in February. Invitations are sent to all clubs in the region via GBR Secretary.
- Attire must be BV approved.
- Prizes and raffles are agreed by the Ladies Day Sub Committee (it consists of five ladies) on a yearly basis, depending on how many entrants there are - cannot be specific for future events.
- The event is open to all affiliated members in the region. New bowlers are specifically encouraged to take part.
- Start 10.00 am. 3 games of 10 ends. Play to the bell then lunch. Resume after lunch.
- Re spot jack on centre T. Score 2 points for a win and shots up

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##### iii. **Wednesday Open 2 Bowls Triples Invitation (Monthly)**

- Played on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from January through to April.
- A sponsored event - sponsorship allocated by Sponsorship Committee
- B.Y.O. lunch.
- **Refer:** Schedule of Bowls Event Fees and Prizes for Entry Fee and Prize details.
- Dress code: Neat casual
- Maximum field - 28 teams (14 Rinks.) of 3 nominated players.
- There will be 14 Club Member Teams and 14 Visitor Teams.
- Starting at 10.00 am two games of 12 ends played before lunch and two games of 12 ends played after lunch, with afternoon tea after the last game.
- Entry for Torquay teams will open prior to each event.
- One week prior to the event a ballot will be conducted to reduce the number of member teams to the number of available places if required.
- Any team balloted out of an event will become an emergency for that event and will also be given unrestricted entry to all events (i.e. they will not be included in the ballot) for the remainder of the season or until no teams are left to be balloted in which case all teams will once again be included in the ballot.
- Entries close at 1:00 pm one week prior to the event.
- All Torquay Club teams (Including those balloted out) are required to enter their full team names each month.



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### iv. **Thursday Open Aggregate Triples (Fortnightly)**

- Fixtured on approx. every second Thursday from October to March.
- Tournament Committee will select teams for the series from names submitted for entry prior to event start.
- A sponsored event – sponsorship allocated by Sponsorship Committee.
- Starting at 10.00am, 2 games of 10 ends are played.
- **Refer:** Schedule of Bowls Event Fees and Prizes for Entry Fee and Prize details.
- Dress code: Neat casual
- Scoring: 2 points/win, 1 point/draw plus number of ends won. 2 game winners are ranked above 1 game winners.
- Emergencies:  
Teams are responsible for finding their own emergencies, who cannot play as skip. Any player who wishes to be listed as an emergency should submit their name to the organising committee.
- Walkovers:  
Any 2-player team may participate but cannot win or score. 2 points plus 5 ends will be given to the opposing team.

### v. **City vs. Surf Shield**

- An annual event played between Torquay BC and Fitzroy Victoria BC.
- Based on Pennant conditions, 12.30pm start, 21ends straight through.
- Played at Torquay each year in September.
- Perpetual shield held by the winner, to be engraved.

### vi. **Open Invitation Triples**

- This event takes place once a year in September. Invitations are sent to all clubs in the region via GBR Secretary.
  - Attire must be BV approved.
  - It is a Sponsored day and prizes and raffles are agreed by the Tournaments Committee on a yearly basis, depending on how many entrants there are - cannot be specific for future events.
  - The event is open to all affiliated members in the region.
  - Start 10.00 am. 3 games of 10 ends. Play to the bell then lunch. Resume after lunch.
  - Re spot jack on centre T. Score 2 points for a win and shots up
- Refer:** Schedule of Bowls Event Fees and Prizes for Entry Fee and Prize details.

### vii. **TBC Members Open Assembled 4s Tournament**

- This event takes place once a year in February.
  - Attire is mufti.
  - The event is open to all TBC affiliated members.
  - Start 10.00 am. 3 games of 10 ends. Play to the bell then lunch. Resume after lunch.
  - Re spot jack on centre T. Score 2 points for a win and shots up
- Refer:** Schedule of Bowls Event Fees and Prizes for Entry Fee and Prize details.

## PROCEDURE GOVERNANCE

The Bowls Committee will:

- Review this procedure, prior to the commencement of the season and amend or enhance the procedure where necessary.
- Provide a copy in Procedure booklet or a soft copy on the TBC website.
- Communicate procedure content to members through newsletter.