



**CONSOLIDATED
CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

Canadian Championships

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CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Section 1 – Introduction and Definitions

Introduction

All Bowls Canada Boulingrin events are to be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Third Edition, 2015.

These Consolidated Conditions of Play govern the operation of all of the following events:

1. Canadian National Championships (Majors)
2. Canadian Mixed Pairs Championship (Mixed Pairs)
3. Canadian Seniors Triples Championships (Seniors)
4. Canadian Junior Championships (Juniors)
5. Canadian Under 25 Championships (Under 25's)
6. World Cup Selection (Indoor Singles)

Definitions

Bowls Canada Boulingrin will be referred to as 'BCB';

The "Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition)" as adopted by BCB in 2015, will be referred to as the 'Laws of the Sport';

A Provincial Association will be referred to as the 'Association'.

Section 2 – General Conditions Relating to Rounds under the Jurisdiction of the Association

2.1 Competitions

2.1.1 Each Association shall conduct, under the Laws of the Sport, and under conditions determined by the respective Association and in compliance with the Bowls Canada Boulingrin Conditions of Play, the following competitions to determine their representative(s) in the following Canadian Championships:

- a. Men's and Women's Pairs, Triples and Fours playdowns (for the Majors);
- b. Mixed Pairs playdowns (for the Mixed Pairs);
- c. Men's and Women's Senior Triples playdowns (for the Seniors);
- d. Men's and Women's Indoor Singles playdowns (for the Indoor Singles).

2.1.2 Exceptions:

- a. On the occasion that an Association does not stage a play-down event, the Alternate Provisions for Entry contained in Appendix A shall apply.
- b. For competitions designated as "Open" events, provincial Associations are not required to stage playdowns and may enter as many players as they wish.

2.2 Eligibility

2.2.1 The players shall be in good standing with BCB and shall be , their respective Association and an affiliated club during the year of the event. Should a player not be in good standing, both they and their Provincial Association will be notified. [4/15]

2.2.2 The players shall have their principal residence in the province they represent, as of January 1 of the year of the event. Principal residence as defined by their tax returns or other supporting document. **[04/16]**

2.2.3 Exceptions and Clarifications: **[04/16]**

a. Certain players who reside in one province, may join a club in their local area which is in a neighboring province.

i) Players who reside in one province and are a member of a club in their province of residence, as well as a member of a club in a neighboring province, shall only be able to compete in their province of residence.

ii) The player, if only a member of a club in the neighboring province, shall be able to compete in their province of residence, but must become a member of the provincial association of their province of residence. The player may, instead, compete in the neighboring province upon application to the provincial associations of both their province of residence and to the neighboring province where they are a member of a club. Upon approval of both provincial associations, the player may then compete in the neighboring province playdowns and be considered a resident of that neighboring province for these purposes. Should either, or both, provincial associations, reject the application, then the player may not compete in the neighboring province playdowns.

iii) Players may not compete in provincial playdowns in more than one province in any calendar year.

b. Certain players may relocate their principal residence from one province (the “original” province) to another province (the “new” province) during the year.

i) Players whose principal residence was in their “original” province, may compete in that province throughout the year.

ii) The player, having moved their principal residence to another province may, if the player has not already competed in an “original” province playdown, instead, compete in the “new” province upon application to the provincial associations of both their “original” province of residence and to the “new” province of residence. Upon approval of both provincial associations, the player may then compete in the “new” province playdowns and be considered a resident of that “new” province for these purposes.

Should either, or both, provincial associations, reject the application, then the player may not compete in the “new” province playdowns.

iii) Players may not compete in provincial playdowns in more than one province in any calendar year.

2.3 Entries

2.3.1 The winners of the Association playdowns, organized for each specific event, shall represent their province in the event.

2.3.2 Exceptions:

a. Unless otherwise stated, the Ontario Lawn Bowls Association is permitted two entries to each event.

2.3.3 Preliminary Entry Deadline

a. Each Association must confirm with the BCB Executive Director, on or before the Preliminary Entry Deadline for each event, which entries will be filled. Such entries require only the specific events (i.e. women’s pairs, men’s fours) in which it will field entries, not necessarily the names of the competitors.

b. Any Association that fails to observe such preliminary entry requirement, and/or effects a change in entries (i.e. withdrawal or addition of an entry) after the Preliminary Entry Deadline, shall be subject to a fine of \$200.00. This must be paid prior to allowing any participant from that province to compete in the event in current and future competition years until the fine is paid.[3/17]

c. The Preliminary Entry Deadline shall be no later than 60 days prior to the opening round of the event.

2.3.4 Final Entry Deadline

a. The Provincial Association shall forward the name, address, and event entered of the players entitled to represent their province in the event to the BCB Executive Director immediately upon the completion of the Association playdowns. This must be received no later than 21 days prior to the commencement of each of the respective events. [4/16]

2.4 Substitutions

2.4.1 The Association shall determine the rules of substitution for all matches leading up to and during the Association playdowns.

2.4.2 If, upon completion of the Association playdowns, and prior to the opening round of each event, one or more of the players entitled to represent his/her province cannot participate in the event, the rules of substitution outlined in these Conditions of Play will be applied (see article 3.11).

2.5 Withdrawals

- 2.5.1 If an entry is withdrawn from a non-open event after the Final Entry Deadline, the entry fee will be forfeited and the Provincial Association will be fined \$200.00.
- 2.5.2 In the case where an entry is withdrawn from an open event, the entry fee will be forfeited and the individual will be fined \$200.00.
- 2.5.3 In extenuating circumstances, an application may be submitted to BCB requesting the fine be recovered partially or in its entirety. The application must include the reason for the late withdrawal with supporting documents.
- 2.5.4 In all events, any vacancies created by a late withdrawal after the Final Entry Deadline for entries will not be filled. If this occurs before the draw schedule has been completed, the draw schedule will be adjusted. If this occurs after the draw schedule has been completed, byes will occur. [3/17]

Section 3 – General Conditions Relating to the Championship Rounds Under the Jurisdiction of BCB

- 3.1 All games shall be played under the Laws of the Sport.
- 3.2 The minimum rink width for outdoor play shall be 4.275 meters. [02/12]
- 3.3 All competitors, as a condition of entry to each event, must sign and submit to the BCB Executive Director a *Participant Agreement* and a duly completed *Player Profile Form* as required by BCB and prior to the start of the event.

3.4 Match Composition

- 3.4.1 Separate men's and women's events will be staged, with the exception of the Mixed Pairs Championship.

3.5 The Draw

- 3.5.1 The draw shall be established by BCB.
- 3.5.2 All events shall be played on a round robin basis with a win counting three (3) points [4/15], a tie counting one (1) point and nil points for a match loss. No extra ends shall be played in round robin. The round robin play will be in accordance with the published draw schedule.

3.6 Trial Ends

- 3.6.1 Two (2) trial ends may be played prior to each game.
- 3.6.2 Two (2) bowls per player will be played each way in fours. Three (3) bowls per player may be played in triples [5/14]. In singles and pairs, each player may play four (4) bowls each way.

- 3.6.3 Trial ends shall not be commenced after the official signal for the start of play but, if started, may be completed. No game shall be started before the official signal is given.

3.7 The Game

- 3.7.1 An official signal shall be sounded to signal the scheduled starting time for each game. Any player arriving at the green more than twenty minutes after the official signal has been sounded shall cause that player or team to forfeit such game to the opposition. [5/14]
- 3.7.2 A player or team may also be awarded a game due to a Dress Code violation by a member of the opposing team (see Appendix C).
- 3.7.3 If a game is forfeited, either as the result of the absence of a player or a Dress Code violation, the non-offending player or team should be awarded three game points, (two set wins if in sets play) and a net total of shots that is equal to the average net total of shots scored by the winners of all other games played in the same round of the same event.

3.8 Final Standings

- 3.8.1 The top four (4) placed entries on the basis of final point standings in each event will be the participants in the playoffs for the gold, silver and bronze medals.

3.9 Tie Breaking

- 3.9.1 In the event two (2), three (3), or more players or teams are equal in points after the completion of the round robin, the first four (4) placements in each event will be determined by the Tie Breaking Procedures detailed in Appendix B.
- 3.9.2 During knockout play, there must be no further play in a game or set if, at any point, it becomes impossible for one team to draw or win the game or set, given the number of ends left. [3/17]

3.10 Medal Rounds

- 3.10.1 The first and second place winners in each event at the conclusion of the round robin will play off, with the winner being awarded the gold medal and the loser being awarded the silver medal.
- 3.10.2 The third and fourth place winners in each event at the conclusion of the round robin will play off, with the winner being awarded the bronze medal.
- 3.10.3 If, due to inclement weather or other circumstances, it should become unlikely that the championship round can be completed within the allotted time, a previously appointed Emergency Committee shall have the authority to shorten the length of the matches, to rearrange starting times, to amend the playoff format, and take any other measures necessary to ensure the successful conclusion of this event.

3.10.4 During knockout play, there must be no further play in a game or set if, at any point, it becomes impossible for one team to draw or win the game or set, given the number of ends left. [3/17]

3.11 Substitutions

3.11.1 Substitutions of any nature shall only be permitted following an application for same to BCB and approval of that authority. The Association concerned will provide the circumstances and reasons for substitutions to BCB.

3.11.2 If, upon completion of the Provincial playdowns, one or more of the players entitled to represent his/her province cannot participate in this event, the following will apply with respect to a substitute:

- a. In pairs and triples, one (1) substitute will be allowed and, in fours, two (2) substitutes will be allowed;
- b. In singles, and if more than one (1) substitute is required in pairs or triples, or more than two (2) in fours, the runner-up singles player, pairs, triples or fours team shall be offered the opportunity to represent their Province in the event concerned. If, as the Host province, a replacement entry has already been provided to the runner-up, this individual or team will become the substitute (official provincial entry).

3.11.3 If, after commencement of the opening round, a substitute is required, the following will apply. Substitutes may be allowed, in the event of illness or any unforeseen circumstance, once approved by the Emergency Committee, as follows:

- a. One (1) substitute will be permitted in pairs and triples, and two (2) in fours. The one substitution in pairs and triples may be filled by two individuals at different times. i.e., in pairs, one member of the original team must remain and in triples, two members of the original team must remain. The two substituted positions in fours may be filled by three different individuals, i.e., two members of the original team must remain.
- b. The substitute(s) should be from the same province as the player being replaced. However, in extenuating circumstances a substitute from the Host province can be used to allow a team to continue to play. The original player may return to the competition when able to do so regardless of how many games have been played.
- c. For a substitute to be eligible to play in the tournament, the player must meet the following requirements:
 - i. Be an individual in good standing with a club who is affiliated with BCB
 - ii. Be in good standing with BCB and their provincial association
 - iii. Meet the age restrictions, if any, for the tournament
 - iv. And must be of the correct gender for the team
- d. Substitutes may not play in the skip position but may play in any other position. After playing any part of more than two consecutive matches any substitute becomes a member of the team and may play in any position, including skip. In the third consecutive match the substitute may play in any position.

- e. Substitutes may only play continuously. For example, if a substitute is replaced by the original team member or by another substitute, then the substitute may not play again in the competition.
- f. For the first day the substitute is involved in the tournament, the substitute will be exempt from the dress code. If a pool of potential substitutes are made available to the Emergency Committee prior to the commencement of the tournament, the substitutes should have access to suitable bowling attire.
- g. There are no substitutions in singles. In the event of a singles player being unable to participate due to illness, opponents shall receive three game points, (two set wins if in sets play) and a net total of shots that is equal to the average net total of shots scored by the winners of all other games played in the same round of the same event. When the singles player is able to resume play, he/she shall carry on with his/her record (from before the illness occurred) intact.

3.12 Time Limits

- 3.12.1 There will be a time limit specified for all round robin games (see Section 4 for details), commencing when the signal for the start of the game is given. At the conclusion of this time period, another signal will be given at which point an end in progress must be completed but no new end may be commenced. [5/14]
- 3.12.2 Time limits will not be imposed during **tie-breaking matches** or medal round play. [3/17]
- 3.12.3 The definition of an end in progress is that the jack has been delivered by the first player to play in that end.

3.13 Deliberate Delay of Play [4/15]

- 3.13.1 If the Umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from the opposing skip or the opponent in singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl or the Skip is acting or issuing instructions designed to deliberately delay play:
 - 3.13.1.1 in the case of Singles, on the first occasion the umpire will warn the Player. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, the Player commits the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender will be awarded as many shots as are bowls in use for the match – in the case of Singles, this is four shots;
 - 3.13.1.2 in the case of Team Play, on the first occasion the umpire will warn the Team in the presence of the Skip. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, the Team commits the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use for the match (for example, in the case of Fours, this would be eight shots).

3.13.2 Any stoppage of play due to time spent in discussion with the offending team or player in regards to the application of this rule will be added to the time limit of the game.

3.14 Restrictions on the Movement of Players During Play

3.14.1 After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances.

- a. Singles game
 - i. the opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
- b. Pairs game
 - i. the leads: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls; and
 - ii. the skips: after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls.
- c. Triples game
 - i. the leads: after delivery of their third bowl;
 - ii. the seconds: after delivery of their second and third bowls; and
 - iii. the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
- d. Fours game
 - i. the leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl;
 - ii. the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl;
 - iii. the thirds: after delivery of their second bowl; and
 - iv. the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

3.14.2 In exceptional and limited circumstances, a Singles player can ask the Marker for permission to walk up to the head, or a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier than described in the paragraph above.

3.14.3 If a player does not meet the terms of this law, Law 13 will apply.

3.15 Bowls and Footwear Inspection

3.15.1 A bowls and footwear inspection shall be staged prior to the start of the competition. Random checking of bowls and footwear may occur prior to the commencement of games.

3.15.2 Individuals who compete in Provincial Playdowns – leading to National Championships – must use bowls that have visible legible stamps, which comply with the Laws of the Sport and have proper Provincial decals affixed.

3.15.3 Players will receive bowls decals prior to the start of the competition and will be responsible for removing all old decals and affixing tournament decals. Singles and pairs competitors will receive four (4) decals each, triples competitors will receive three (3) decals each, and fours competitors will receive two (2) decals. At the conclusion of the tournament, competitors will receive sufficient decals to complete a set of four (4). If another set of bowls is required during the round robin (and prior to a round commencing), an Umpire will check the bowls and ensure new decals are affixed and that decals are removed from the original set of bowls.

3.15.4 At the bowls inspection, players should only be required to present the same number of bowls as they are playing with (i.e. 3 for triples and 2 for fours). [5/14]

- 3.15.5 Old disc-type bowls and bowls stamped “coaching” will no longer be allowed for competition.
- 3.15.6 Bowls of any colour shall be permitted, as will be coloured dimples and rings on bowls so long as they shall not interfere with the decals.
- 3.15.7 If a player qualifies for an event under the control of World Bowls, World Bowls requires bowls to carry a stamp of a specified date or later and shall specify the required date.
- 3.15.8 Footwear shall conform to the specifications provided in Appendix C – Dress Code. The Head Event Umpire will be responsible for enforcement of the footwear requirements.

3.16 Practice

- 3.16.1 Competitors may practice, according to Law 3.3 and Law 4, during the period (between games) prior to the commencement of the trial ends - provided that time permits, and that the practice does NOT interfere with greens maintenance activities, or officials' preparation for the next game.
- 3.16.2 A player or team that has not played due to a bye shall, if possible, be allowed to practice prior to playing a game. [2/12]

3.17 Groundsheets

- 3.17.1 The Head Event Umpire, on the behalf of BCB, can make the decision to use groundsheets at any time. The HEU will consult with the Greens Chairperson before deciding where the groundsheets will be placed on the green.

3.18 Umbrellas On the Green

- 3.18.1 No umbrellas (open or folded) shall be allowed on the green during championship play. [2/12]

3.19 Emergency Committee and Jury of Appeal

- 3.19.1 The Emergency Committee consists of the Head Event Umpire, Assistant Head Event Umpire, or designate as appointed by Head Event Umpire and any two of the following:
 - a. BCB representative or designate as appointed by BCB;
 - b. Host Chairperson, Greens Chairperson or designate as appointed by Host Chairperson;
 - c. Alternate as appointed by Head Event Umpire.
- 3.19.2 The Jury of Appeal consists of one person from each of the following groups:
 - a. Head Event Umpire, Assistant Head Event Umpire, or designate as appointed by Head Event Umpire;
 - b. BCB representative or designate as appointed by BCB;
 - c. Host Chairperson, Greens Chairperson or designate as appointed by Host Chairperson.

3.19.3 Responsibilities of the Jury of Appeal

3.19.3.1 The Jury of Appeal will deal with any matters concerning an Umpire's interpretation of the laws. No person with a material interest in the original ruling shall be on the Jury of Appeal.

3.19.4 Responsibilities of the Emergency Committee

3.19.4.1 As per Section 3.10.3, the Emergency Committee shall have the authority to modify the formats of medal rounds. Specifically, they may shorten the length of the matches, rearrange starting times, amend the playoff format, and take any other measures necessary to ensure the successful conclusion of this event.

3.19.4.2 As per Appendix B.2.2 the Emergency Committee will have the authority to (i) determine the order of play of matches in the round robin, and (ii) shorten the length of matches to 4 ends if the round robin involves more than 3 entrants, or if weather or other conditions limit the availability of time to complete the tie-breaking process

3.19.4.3 As per Appendix C.1.14, changes to the Dress Code, due to "weather conditions", will be determined by the Emergency Committee in conjunction with any members of the BCB Officiating Committee who are in attendance at the event.

3.19.4.4 For situations not covered by the Conditions of Play the Emergency Committee will be the governing body for the National Championship.

3.20 Dress Code

3.20.1 The Dress Code contained in Appendix C, unless otherwise noted in Section 4, shall apply to all events.

3.21 Tobacco, Alcohol, Cell Phone and Verbal Abuse Policy

3.21.1 The Tobacco, Alcohol, Cell Phone and Verbal Abuse Policy contained in Appendix D, shall apply to all events.

3.22 Doping Control

3.22.1 All competitors, as a condition of entry, shall be aware of and comply with the BCB Anti-Doping Policy.

3.23 Support Personnel

3.23.1 At the discretion of the Association, the selection of team support personnel, be it the Team Manager, must be identified to BCB 14 days prior to the start of the event. BCB in turn, shall notify the Head Event Umpire and Host committee not less than 7 days prior to the event **[4/16]**

3.23.2 If the respective Association appoints an accredited coach, the coach must show their accreditation to the Head Event Umpire prior to the start of a match. **[4/16]**

3.23.3 The Coach, or in the absence of a Coach, the Team Manager, is permitted to give advice to his/her team, or player in a Singles game, from beyond the limits of the rink of play

BUT only when their team or side is in possession of the rink as per Law 44 [4/15].
When seeking advice, the player(s) may step off the green should he/she desire.

- 3.23.4 Each Association must ensure that all competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event are accompanied by a chaperone for the duration of the competition. The name and contact information of the Association's chaperone shall be provided to BCB and the Host committee prior to the start of the event. This chaperone may be in addition to the accredited support personnel mentioned above. [3/17]

3.24 General

- 3.24.1 Players who violate the Conditions of Play will be fined \$100.00 per player. If a player continues to violate the specific Condition of Play, or any other Condition of Play, they will be deemed ineligible for participation in BCB events for three (3) years after the conclusion of the event in which the violation occurred.
- 3.24.2 Provincial Associations are responsible for ensuring that all players and Team Managers receive copies of the current Laws of the Sport and Conditions of Play for the event prior to leaving their home province. Provincial Associations, or their designates, are also responsible for the department of their players, both on and off the green.
- 3.24.3 All players and officials shall conduct themselves in a manner that promotes goodwill between the participants and in the eyes of the spectators.

3.25 Forfeited Game(s) [4/16]

- 3.25.1 It is the responsibility of each player to be aware of the start time for each game. If a start time is delayed by twenty minutes the Head Event Umpire shall declare the game a forfeit - the loss registered to the offending team(s) and the opponents awarded a win. [3/17]
- 3.25.2 An umpire, either upon request, or having noted specific infractions of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls or these Conditions of Play, will warn the offending player or players. If the Umpire then considers that the infractions are both continuing and deliberate, the game will be forfeited to the opponents.
- 3.25.3 When an entry forfeits a single match, the opponent will be awarded match points for a win and will be credited with shots for/shots against equal to the average of all other winning results recorded during the appropriate round in the whole event (not just a single section). The entry in default will receive shots for/shots against equal to the average of all losing results recorded during the appropriate round in the whole event (not just a single section).
- 3.25.4 When an entry has withdrawn from an event, all remaining scheduled opponents, including an opponent of a commenced and uncompleted match will, subject to 3.26.6., be awarded match points for a win and will be credited with shots for/shots against equal to the average of all other winning results recorded during

the appropriate rounds. The entry in default will receive shots for/shots against equal to the average of all losing results recorded during the appropriate rounds.

- 3.25.5 An entry will be considered to have withdrawn from an event if (a) the entry unilaterally terminates a match without the prior authorization of the drawmaster, or (b) misses more than any part of two matches.
- 3.25.6 If an entry has withdrawn from the event for any reason, then the following shall determine the impact on the remaining entrants:
- a. If the entry withdraws after one half or more of its scheduled matches have been fully completed then all previously played match results will stand as played. All remaining scheduled un-played matches will be considered "Forfeited" matches. The impact on the scheduled opponents is explained in point 4 above.
 - b. If the entry withdraws before one half of its scheduled matches have been fully completed, then all previously played match results will be considered un-played and all results from those previously played matches will not be counted in any way. All remaining scheduled un-played matches, likewise, will be considered as un-played, and those matches will not be counted in any way.

Section 4: Additional Conditions Applying to Specific BCB Championships

4.1 Majors: Men's and Women's Pairs, Triples and Fours

4.1.1 Entries

- 4.1.1.1 The entries shall consist of a maximum of 10 men's teams and 10 women's teams in each event.
- 4.1.1.2 All competitors shall be champions of their respective provinces in the event in which they are participating, as outlined in the Conditions Relating to Rounds Under the Jurisdiction of the Association (see Section 2).
- 4.1.1.3 If an Association does not stage a play-down event, the Alternate Provisions for Entry contained in Appendix A shall apply.
- 4.1.1.4 Exceptions:
 - a. The Ontario Lawn Bowls Association is permitted two entries to each event. Each Ontario entrant will have the same rights and privileges as outlined in the Conditions of Play and provided for other entrants at this event.

4.1.2 Eligibility

- 4.1.2.1 There are no age restrictions.

4.1.3 Entry Fees

- 4.1.3.1 The entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BCB.

4.1.4 Match Composition

- 4.1.4.1 Pairs and Fours matches shall be eighteen (18) ends. No games in the round robin shall be conceded before the completion of all 18 ends. Four bowls each will be played in pairs and two bowls each will be played in fours, with each player playing in turn.
- 4.1.4.2 Triples matches shall be sixteen (16) ends. No game in the round robin shall be conceded before the completion of all 16 [5/14] ends. Three bowls each will be played in triples, with each player playing in turn.

4.1.5 Time Limit

- 4.1.5.1 There will be a time limit of three and one half hours (3-¹/₂ hours) for all round robin games.

4.1.6 Support Personnel

- 4.1.6.1 One support personnel for an overall provincial team size of one to five players; or two support personnel for an overall provincial team size of six or more players, including replacement entries.
- 4.1.6.2 Provinces with a fully accredited Club Coach or fully certified Competition Coach (new NCCP Certification) or Level 1 Coach (old NCCP certification) are permitted

one additional support staff (total of 2 support personnel for teams of one to five players, total of 3 support personnel for teams of six or more players).

4.1.7 Provincial Overall Trophies

- 4.1.7.1 Separate men's overall winners and women's overall winners shall be presented with the Cy English Trophy and Lady Alexander Trophy, respectively.
- 4.1.7.2 The men's and women's overall winners are determined separately as outlined below.
- a. The winning province will be the one with the greatest number of standing points obtained in all round robin games (pairs, triples and fours).
 1. Standing points shall be allocated as follows: teams will be ranked 1 to 10 at the end of round robin play, with the top team allocated 10 standing points, second place 9 standing points, etc.
 - b. In the event of a tie between two or more provinces, the following steps shall be applied in sequence until the tie(s) is broken:
 - i. Determining the most number of wins in the matches between the tied teams in pairs, triples and fours during the round robin play
 - ii. Using the most number of wins during the round robin
 - iii. Using the aggregate system - shots for, divided by shots against - for all matches during round robin play
 - iv. Scoring the most shots in all matches during the round robin play
 - v. If still necessary, scoring the most shots in all matches of the medal round.

4.2 Mixed Pairs

4.2.1 Entries

- 4.2.1.1 The entries shall consist of a maximum of 10 mixed pairs teams.
- 4.2.1.2 All competitors shall be champions of their respective provinces in the event in which they are participating, as outlined in the Conditions Relating to Rounds Under the Jurisdiction of the Association (see Section 2).
- 4.2.1.3 If an Association does not stage a play-down event, the Alternate Provisions for Entry contained in Appendix A shall apply.
- 4.2.1.4 Exceptions:
- a. The Ontario Lawn Bowls Association is permitted two entries to each event. Each Ontario entrant will have the same rights and privileges as outlined in the Conditions of Play and provided for other entrants at this event.

4.2.2 Eligibility

- 4.2.2.1 There are no age restrictions.
- 4.2.2.2 Both genders shall be eligible to play at any position in mixed events.

4.2.3 Entry Fees

- 4.2.3.1 Entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BCB.

4.2.4 Match Composition

4.2.4.1 Matches shall be eighteen (18) ends. No games in the round robin shall be conceded before the completion of all 18 ends. Four bowls each will be played in pairs with each player playing in turn.

4.2.5 Time Limit

4.2.5.1 There will be a time limit of three and a half hours (3 1/2 hours) for all round robin games.

4.2.6 Support Personnel

4.2.6.1 One support personnel for an overall provincial team size of one to five players; or two support personnel for an overall provincial team size of six or more players, including replacement entries.

4.2.6.2 Provinces with a fully accredited Club Coach or fully certified Competition Coach (new NCCP Certification) or Level 1 Coach (old NCCP certification) are permitted one additional support staff (total of 2 support personnel for teams of one to five players, total of 3 support personnel for teams of six or more players).

4.3 Senior Triples

4.3.1 Entries

4.3.1.1 The entries shall consist of a maximum of 10 men's teams and 10 women's teams in each event.

4.3.1.2 All competitors shall be champions of their respective provinces in the event in which they are participating, as outlined in the Conditions Relating to Rounds Under the Jurisdiction of the Association (see Section 2).

4.3.1.3 If an Association does not stage a play-down event, the Alternate Provisions for Entry contained in Appendix A shall apply.

4.3.1.4 Exceptions:

- a. The Ontario Lawn Bowls Association is permitted two entries to each event. Each Ontario entrant will have the same rights and privileges as outlined in the Conditions of Play and provided for other entrants at this event.

4.3.2 Eligibility

4.3.2.1 Players must have reached their 60th birthday in the year of the event **[4/16]**

4.3.3 Entry Fees

4.3.3.1 Entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BCB.

4.3.4 Match Composition

4.3.4.1 Matches shall be fourteen (14) ends [5/14]. No game in the round robin shall be conceded before the completion of all 14 ends. Three bowls each will be played in triples, with each player playing in turn.

4.3.5 Time Limit

4.3.5.1 There will be a time limit of three hours (3 hours) for all round robin games.

4.3.6 Support Personnel

4.3.6.1 One support personnel for an overall provincial team size of one to five players; or two support personnel for an overall provincial team size of six or more players, including replacement entries.

Provinces with a fully accredited Club Coach (new NCCP Certification) or Level 1 Coach (old NCCP certification) are permitted one additional support staff (total of 2 support personnel for teams of one to five players, total of 3 support personnel for teams of six or more players).

4.4 Juniors (Open)

4.4.1 Entries

4.4.1.1 Entry to this event shall be by open application.

4.4.1.2 Players shall forward their name, address, and submit proof of age documentation to the BCB Executive Director by the stated Final Entry Deadline.

4.4.2 Eligibility

4.4.2.1 Players must not have reached their nineteenth birthday by January 1 in the year of the event in order to be eligible for the Canadian Junior Championships. [4/15]

4.4.3 Entry Fees

4.4.3.1 There are no entry fees.

4.4.4 Match Composition

4.4.4.1 Singles played to 18 shots (shots scored over 18 will not be counted). [4/16]

4.4.4.2 Four bowls will be played, with each player playing in turn.

4.4.5 The Draw

4.4.5.1 If the total of the number of entries in an event is four or fewer, a double round robin shall be played leading to the medal round.

4.4.5.2 The preferred format is a single round robin in which each player plays against each player entered. If the number of players warrant, two sections may be created in which players shall be drawn randomly into two sections. If two sections are used in the round robin, the winner and runner-up in each section will proceed to a semi-final stage, being drawn against players from the opposing section, with the first place finisher in one section playing the second place finisher in the other section. The semi-final winners will play off for the gold and silver medals, and the semi-final losers will play off for the bronze medal.

4.4.6 The Game

4.4.6.1 Play to 18 shots in all matches. [4/16].

- 4.4.6.2 If a jack passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, or passes above the face of the bank that is within the side boundaries of the rink of play, or comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank, or rebounds to a distance of less than 18 meters from the mat line, the end should not be declared dead. Instead, the jack should be re-spotted to a single re-spot position which is 2 metres from the front ditch and on the centre line as per Law 56.5.3 *Re-spotting the jack*, and play should continue. [4/15]

4.4.7 Time Limit

- 4.4.7.1 There will be a time limit of two and a quarter hours for round robin games [4/16]

4.4.8 Dress Code

- 4.4.8.1 All participants at open national championships may wear personal attire as long as they abide by the appropriate clothing guidelines for all National events (please see Appendix C). [4/16]
- 4.4.8.2 Players are prohibited from wearing official national bowls team attire from any country during competition. [4/16]

4.4.9 Support Personnel

- 4.4.9.1 Each Association must ensure that all Junior competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event [4/15] are accompanied by a team chaperone for the duration of the Juniors. The name and contact information of the Association's chaperone shall be provided to BCB and the Host committee prior to the start of the event.
- 4.4.9.2 Each provincial team shall be entitled to accredited support personnel at this event as follows:
- a. Up to two support personnel per provincial team that can perform the duties of chaperone or Team Manager; plus
 - b. One accredited coach for every entry.

4.5 Under 25's (Open)

4.5.1 Entries

- 4.5.1.1 Entry to this event shall be by open application.
- 4.5.1.2 Players shall forward their name, address, and submit proof of age documentation to the BCB Executive Director by the stated Final Entry Deadline.

4.5.2 Eligibility

- 4.5.2.1 Entrants must have reached their 18th birthday by the start of the Canadian Championship event but must not reach their 25th birthday by the start of the corresponding World Youth Championship event. [5/14]

- 4.5.2.2 Players must not have previously represented another country at an international bowls competition; or if so, make a written declaration that he/she intends to exclusively represent Canada at future international bowls competitions if so qualified or selected.
- 4.5.2.3 Players must be a Canadian citizen or possess a Canadian Permanent Resident Card and meet the regulations of the international bowls authority having jurisdiction over any international event for which the winner may qualify to represent Canada.
- 4.5.2.4 Players must be prepared to formalize selection for Canada or entry into an international event by signing a *BCB – Athlete Agreement* and fulfill obligations contained therein.
- 4.5.2.5 All players entering the competition must declare their agreement to playing in the World Bowls Youth Championships event in the following year. Failure to meet that agreement may result in disqualification from future Canadian National Championships as determined by the BCB Board. [3/17]

4.5.3 Entry Fees

- 4.5.3.1 Entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BCB.

4.5.4 Financial Assistance

- 4.5.4.1 Bowls Canada will provide financial assistance to the winners of the men's and women's Singles events to assist with the costs of competing at the World Junior Championships. [5/14]

4.5.5 Match Composition [4/15]

- 4.5.5.1 Singles played to 21 shots (shots scored over 21 will not be counted).
- 4.5.5.2 Four bowls will be played, with each player playing in turn.

4.5.6 The Draw

- 4.5.6.1 The preferred format is a single round robin in which each player plays against each player entered. If the number of players warrant, two sections may be created in which players shall be drawn randomly into two sections. If two sections are used in the round robin, the winner and runner-up in each section will proceed to a semi-final stage, being drawn against players from the opposing section, with the first place finisher in one section playing the second place finisher in the other section. The semi-final winners will play off for the gold and silver medals, and the semi-final losers will play off for the bronze medal.

4.5.7 The Game

- 4.5.7.1 Play to 21 shots in all matches. [4/15]
- 4.5.7.2 If a jack passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, or passes above the face of the bank that is within the side boundaries of the rink of play, or comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank, or rebounds to a distance of less than 18 meters from the mat line, the end should not be declared dead. Instead, the jack should be re-spotted to a single re-spot position which is 2

metres from the front ditch and on the centre line as per Law 56.5.3 *Re-spotting the jack*, and play should continue. [4/15]

4.5.8 Medal Rounds

4.5.8.1 The winner of the men's and women's Singles events will qualify to represent Canada at the 2018 World Youth Championships.

4.5.9 Time Limit

4.5.9.1 There will be a time limit of two and a quarter hours for round robin games. [4/16]

4.5.10 Dress Code

4.5.10.1 All participants at open national championships may wear personal attire as long as they abide by the appropriate clothing guidelines for all National events (please see Appendix C). [4/16]

4.5.10.2 Players are prohibited from wearing official national bowls team playing shirts during competition. [4/16]

4.5.11 Bowls

4.5.11.1 Players must use bowls that have visible legible stamps, which comply with the Laws of the Sport. It should be noted that the winner of the event, when representing Canada at the World Youth Championships, must use bowls that bear a legible, approved World Bowls stamp of the current year (year of the event) or later. [3/17]

4.5.12 Support Personnel

4.5.12.1 Each player shall be entitled to accredited support personnel at this event as follows:

- a. Each player may designate a maximum of one accredited Coach, Manager or support person.

4.6 World Cup Selection (Indoor Singles)

4.6.1 Entries

4.6.1.1 The entries shall consist of a maximum of 12 men and 12 women. [7/14]

4.6.1.2 All competitors shall be champions of their respective provinces in the event in which they are participating, as outlined in the Conditions Relating to Rounds under the Jurisdiction of the Association (see section 2). If an Association does not stage a play-down event, the Alternate Provisions for Entry contained in Appendix A shall apply.

4.6.1.3 Exceptions:

- a. The Ontario Lawn Bowls Association is permitted two entries to each event. Each Ontario entrant will have the same rights and privileges as outlined in the Conditions of Play and provided for other entrants at this event.

- b. The previous year's Champion will be guaranteed one place. Should the reigning champion decline to participate or be otherwise unavailable, the silver medal winner from the previous year (followed by the bronze medal winner if necessary) shall be invited to compete in the tournament. In the event that none of the medal winners accept the invitation to join the championships the place shall be filled in accordance with Appendix A.3. [3/17]

4.6.2 Eligibility

- 4.6.2.1 Players must not have previously represented another country at an international bowls competition; or if so, make a written declaration that he/she intends to exclusively represent Canada at future international bowls competitions if so qualified or selected.
- 4.6.2.2 Players must be a Canadian citizen or possess a Canadian Permanent Resident Card and meet the regulations of the international bowls authority having jurisdiction over the event (World Bowls – World Cup Indoor Championship).
- 4.6.2.3 Players must be prepared to formalize selection or entry by signing a BCB – Athlete Agreement and fulfill obligations contained therein.
- 4.6.2.4 All players entering the competition must declare their agreement to playing in the World Bowls World Cup event in the following year. Failure to meet that agreement may result in disqualification from future Canadian National Championships as determined by the BCB Board. [3/17]

4.6.3 Entry Fees

- 4.6.3.1 Entry fees shall be \$50 per player payable to BCB.

4.6.4 Financial Assistance

- 4.6.4.1 Bowls Canada will provide limited financial assistance to the winners of the men's and women's Singles events to assist with the costs of competing at the World Cup. [7/14]

4.6.5 Match Composition

- 4.6.5.1 Each match will consist of two sets, with each set played over nine (9) ends. Four bowls each will be played, with each player playing in turn.
- 4.6.5.2 The winner of each set will be the player with the most shots at the completion of the ninth end. The winner of the match being the better of two sets. (A match tie-breaker is not a set.) In round robin play, all 9 ends of a set must be completed. In knockout play a set will be decided if, at any point, it becomes impossible for one player to draw or win the set given the number of ends left.
- 4.6.5.3 If the shot scores are tied after the last end of a set, the set is drawn. If the match is tied (two drawn sets or one set each) after the two sets have been completed, a match tie-breaker consisting of three (3) ends will be played to determine the winner. The match tie-breaker is decided by the winner of the total number of shots scored in the three ends. If at the completion of the third end of a tie-breaker the scores are equal, a fourth tie-breaker end will be played. In both round robin

play and knockout play there should be no further play in the tie-breaker if, at any point, it becomes impossible for one player to draw or win the tie-breaker given the number of ends left.

4.6.5.4 In all cases a tied end will count as a played end.

4.6.6 The Draw

4.6.6.1 All events shall be played on a round robin basis with a match win counting three (3) points [4/15] and a loss counting nil points.

4.6.7 The Game

4.6.7.1 Sets play and any tie-breakers shall proceed according to Law 56.4 *First to Play*.

4.6.7.2 If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank, or rebounds to a distance of less than 20 metres from the mat line, the end should not be declared dead. Instead, the jack should be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at the central 2 metre spot. [4/15]

4.6.7.3 If the spot is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack should be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, between and in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl. [4/15]

4.6.8 Medal Rounds

4.6.8.1 The winner of the men's and women's Singles events will qualify to represent Canada at the World Cup.

4.6.9 Time Limit

4.6.9.1 There will be a time limit of two and a half hours for round robin games. [4/15]

4.6.10 Bowls

4.6.10.1 Players must use bowls that have visible legible stamps, which comply with the Laws of the Sport. It should be noted that the winner of the event, when representing Canada at the World Bowls World Cup, must use bowls that bear a legible, approved World Bowls stamp of the current year (year of the event) or later. [3/17]

4.6.11 Dress Code

4.6.11.1 Women and men shall wear a provincial association approved uniform. This may be white, cream, their provincial colour or a colour scheme where the provincial colours predominate.

4.6.11.2 The reigning champions may wear a colour scheme of their choice provided that it complies with the other aspects of the dress code.

4.6.11.3 Only the Canadian defending champions may wear a Canadian National Team uniform [4/15].

4.6.11.4 The enforcement of the Dress Code shall be the sole responsibility of the appointed Head Event Umpire, or designate, who shall have the authority to disqualify offenders who fail to respond to an official warning.

4.6.11.5 Flat soled shoes that possess no tread pattern or grooves are acceptable. Those shoes that possess a shallow tread pattern or groove are not acceptable. [7/14]

4.6.12 Support Personnel

4.6.12.1 Each player shall be entitled to accredited support personnel at this event as follows:

- a. Each player may designate a maximum of one accredited Coach, Manager or support person.

APPENDIX A

A. Alternate Provisions for Entry into an Event

A.1 Provision for Nomination

A.1.1 In cases where a province does not stage a play-down for this event, the Association may nominate entries providing it notifies BCB in writing at least 60 days prior to the start of the event that a nomination process will be conducted in lieu of a play-down. All other Conditions of Play shall apply.

A.2 Provision for Direct Entry

A.2.1 All players applying for direct entry must be eligible to compete in their respective province. Direct entries must comply with the residency rule outlined in the Conditions of Play, Section 2.

A.2.2 Direct entries will be accepted in cases where an Association does not stage a play-down, does not declare a provincial representative, or does not otherwise submit an entry at least 60 days prior to the start of the event. The process is:

- a. Interested entries shall apply for direct entry by submitting a completed application form to BCB at least 35 days prior to the start of the event;
- b. If more than one application for direct entry for a particular event from members of one province is duly received, BCB shall conduct a selection process as follows:
 - i. Based upon the competitive playing record submitted by the players, BCB shall make a determination as to whether the entry possesses competitive proficiency suitable for the event;
 - ii. If there is still more than one application deemed suitable for a given entry, the entry shall be determined at least 30 days prior to the start of the event by random draw.

A.2.3 Such direct entries are deemed a representative of their province of residence, not of their Association, nor shall the Association in any way be responsible or accountable for such entries.

A.3 Provision for Second Entry into the Event

A.3.1 If, after provisions have been made for Nomination and Direct Entry as per the above, and all spots are still not filled for this event, those provinces who have duly entered the event shall be given the opportunity to submit a second entry to complete an even number as follows.

A.3.2 Determination of which province(s) are to be given a second entry opportunity in this event.

A.3.2.1 Additional Team Selection Process - the order for selection to complete an even number draw in descending order and to a maximum of two teams per province is as follows.

- i. Host Province;
- ii. Roll Down:
 1. The hosting city will receive the first right of accepting a second entry into the competition. If the host city refuses to enter a team, in a non-open

event then the roll down will continue where it was left off the year previous.

2. The roll down list outlined in Table A.1 below will be used to determine second entries based on first right of acceptance or refusal to a maximum of 2 teams per event. The roll down list is continuous. It begins in the following year where it left off in the previous year. It is managed independently for the Majors, the Senior Triples and the Mixed Pairs by the BCB office.
3. For example: In 2010 BC is the first province on the Roll Down list, if they accept an entry into the Majors in 2010 – then the Roll Down in 2011 begins with Nova Scotia. If BC refuses an entry in 2010 then the Roll Down proceeds to the next province on the list which is Nova Scotia – if they refuse then it moves to the next Province which is Manitoba – if Manitoba accepts the second entry in 2010, then in 2011 the Roll Down would begin with Saskatchewan.
4. No Province shall be allowed to have more than two entries into non-open championships. The only exception shall be the Indoor Singles as outlined in A.3.2.2
5. As Ontario will always receive two entries into any non-open events, they are not included in the roll-down list.
6. **Table A.1 – Roll Down List Starting in 2010**

1	British Columbia
2	Nova Scotia
3	Manitoba
4	Saskatchewan
5	Alberta
6	New Brunswick
7	Prince Edward Island
8	Quebec
9	Newfoundland

A.3.2.2 In the case of the Indoor Singles if, after all Provinces have been given the opportunity for a second entry, and all spots are still not filled for this event, all Provinces (including Ontario) who have duly entered the event shall be given the opportunity to submit additional entries to complete an even number, to a maximum of four (4) entries per Province. [7/14] The process for third or fourth entries shall be administered using the same process described for determining second entries in clause A.3.2.1 above, however, Table A.2 will be used. [4/15]

Table A.2 – Roll Down List for the Indoor Singles Championships Starting in 2015

1	Ontario
2	British Columbia
3	Nova Scotia
4	Manitoba
5	Saskatchewan
6	Alberta
7	New Brunswick
8	Prince Edward Island
9	Quebec
10	Newfoundland

A.3.3 Acceptance of a Second Entry

- a. The participating province being offered a second entry opportunity may, at its sole discretion, elect to nominate the silver medalists from the respective play-down or use any nomination selection process.
- b. Acceptance of a second entry must be confirmed in writing by the province within **2 business days** of the opportunity having been formally communicated by BCB. [3/17]

APPENDIX B

B. Tie Breaking Procedures for Final Standings and Medal Match-ups [4/16]

B.1 General Information

- B.1.1 Competition will take the form of a “full” round robin, with provincial entrants earning match points from each game based on three (3) points for a win, one (1) for a tie and zero (0) for a loss.
- B.1.2 Following the round-robin, the top two ranked entrants, in each discipline, will advance to the Gold/ Silver Championship game, while the third and fourth place entrants will play for the Bronze Medal game.
- B.1.3 Any tie breaker games for Medal playoffs will be determined on the green starting in 2016 and are applicable for the Majors, Mixed Pairs, Juniors, Under 25's and Senior Triples.

B.2 Procedure

- B.2.1 Step 1: Order the entrants based on the total number of match points accumulated during the round robin portion of the event.
- B.2.2 Step 2: If total match points are equal, tie breakers will be played, when necessary, to determine qualifiers for the medal games. The following format will be used **only** to rank tie breaker teams, when necessary (three or more teams tied), for their tie break matches by:
 - a. Comparing the total match points earned by each of the tied entrants from head-to-head matches between those entrants during the round robin;
 - b. If still tied, by comparing the shot differential (shots for minus shots against) from head-to-head matches between those entrants during the round robin;
 - c. If still tied, by comparing the shot differential from all other matches played by those entrants during the round robin;
 - d. If still tied, by using the aggregate system shots for divided by shots against, from all matches played by those entrants during the round robin;
 - e. After all teams are “ranked” **for tie breakers** using the above procedure the following format shall be used as tie breakers to determine qualifiers for the medal games;

B3. Tiebreaker System

B3.1 Teams tied for first place

B3.1.1 *Two teams tied for first place*

- B3.1.1.1 No tiebreaker game. Both teams advance to the Gold medal game.

B3.1.2 *Three teams tied for first place*

- B3.1.2.1 Bottom ranked team has a bye to the final tiebreaker.
- B3.1.2.2 The other two teams play a mini tiebreaker. The winner of this mini tiebreaker advances to the Gold medal game.

- B3.1.2.3 The loser of that first mini tiebreaker then plays the bottom ranked team in another mini tiebreaker. The winner of this match advances to the Gold medal game, the loser plays in the Bronze medal game.
- B3.1.3 *Four teams tied for first place*
 - B3.1.3.1 Top ranked team plays team ranked #4 in a full length tiebreaker.
 - B3.1.3.2 Team ranked #2 plays team ranked #3 in a full length tiebreaker.
 - B3.1.3.3. The winners of the tiebreakers advance to the Gold medal game.
 - B3.1.3.4. The losers of the tiebreakers play in the Bronze medal game.
- B3.1.4 *Five or more teams tied for first place*
 - B.3.1.4.1 The top four ranked teams will play as per section B3.1.3 above.
 - B.3.1.4.2. All other teams will be eliminated from further competition.
- B3.2 Teams tied for second place
 - B3.2.1 *Two teams tied for second place*
 - B3.2.1.1 Full length tiebreaker. The winner of this match advances to the Gold medal game, loser plays in the Bronze medal game.
 - B3.2.2 *Three teams tied for second place*
 - B3.2.2.1 Top ranked team has a bye to the final tiebreaker.
 - B3.2.2.2 The other two teams play a mini tiebreaker.
 - B3.2.2.3 The winner of this first mini tiebreaker then plays the top ranked team in another mini tiebreaker.
 - B3.2.2.4 The winner of this match advances to the Gold medal game, the other two teams play in the Bronze medal game.
 - B3.2.3. *Four teams tied for second place*
 - B3.2.3.1 Top ranked team plays team ranked #4 in a mini tiebreaker.
 - B3.2.3.2 Team ranked #2 plays team #3 in a mini tiebreaker.
 - B3.2.3.3 The winners of the first mini tiebreaker games then play each other in another mini tiebreaker, the winner of which advances to the Gold medal game, while the loser plays in the Bronze medal game.
 - B3.2.3.4 The losers of the first mini tiebreaker games then play each other in another mini tiebreaker game, the winner plays in the Bronze medal game.
 - B3.2.4. *Five or more teams tied for second place*
 - B3.2.4.1 The top four ranked teams will play as per section B3.2.3 above.
 - B3.2.4.2 All other teams will be eliminated from further competition.
- B3.3. Teams tied for third place

B.3.3.1 *Two teams tied for third place*

B3.3.1.1 No tiebreaker game. Both teams play in the Bronze medal game.

B3.3.2 *Three teams tied for third place*

B3.3.2.1 Bottom ranked team has a bye to the final tiebreaker.

B3.3.2.2 The other two teams play a mini tiebreaker. The winner of this mini tiebreaker plays in the Bronze medal game.

B3.3.2.3 The loser of that mini tiebreaker then plays the bottom ranked team in another mini tiebreaker.

B3.3.2.4 The winner of this match plays in the Bronze medal game.

B3.3.3 *Four teams tied for third place*

B3.3.3.1 Top ranked team plays team ranked #4 in a full length tiebreaker.

B3.3.3.2 Team ranked #2 plays team ranked #3 in a full length tiebreaker.

B3.3.3.3 The winners of the tiebreakers play in the Bronze medal game.

B3.3.4. *Five or more teams tied for third place*

B3.3.4.1 The top four ranked teams will play as per section B3.3.3 above.

B3.3.4.2 All other teams will be eliminated from further competition.

B3.4 Teams tied for fourth place

B3.4.1 *Two teams tied for fourth place*

B3.4.1.1 Full length tiebreaker. The winner of this match plays in the Bronze medal game.

B3.4.2 *Three teams tied for fourth place*

B3.4.2.1 Top ranked team has a bye to the final tiebreaker.

B3.4.2.2 The other two teams play a mini tiebreaker.

B3.4.2.3 The winner of this first mini tiebreaker then plays the top ranked team in another mini tiebreaker.

B3.4.2.4 The winner of this match plays in the Bronze medal game.

B3.4.3 *Four teams tied for fourth place*

B3.4.3.1 Top ranked team plays team ranked #4 in a mini tiebreaker.

B3.4.3.2 Team ranked #2 plays team ranked #3 in a mini tiebreaker.

B3.4.3.3 The winners of the mini tiebreakers then play each other in another mini tiebreaker.

B3.4.3.4 The winner of this match plays in the Bronze medal game.

B3.4.4 *Five or more teams tied for fourth place*

B3.4.4.1 The top four ranked teams will play as per section B3.4.3 above.

B3.4.4.2 All other teams will be eliminated from further competition.

B.4. Tiebreaker number of ends to be played

- B4.1 The number of ends to be played in tiebreaker matches will be based on the number of ends played in the round robin portion of the tournament.
- B4.2 Two ends of full trials bowls shall be held prior to each match.
- B4.3 Either a full length tiebreaker or two rounds of mini tiebreakers will be played as noted in section B.2.3 above.
- B4.4 Full length tiebreaker number of ends:
 - B4.4.1 Pairs 18 ends
 - B4.4.2 Fours 18 ends
 - B4.4.3 Triples 16 ends
 - B4.4.4 Senior Triples 14 ends
 - B4.4.5 Mixed Pairs 18 ends
 - B4.4.6 Junior Singles 18 shots
 - B4.4.6 Under 25 Singles 21 shots
- B4.5 Mini tiebreaker number of ends:
 - B4.5.1 Pairs 9 ends
 - B4.5.2 Fours 9 ends
 - B4.5.3 Triples 8 ends
 - B4.5.4 Senior Triples 7 ends
 - B4.5.5 Mixed Pairs 9 ends
 - B4.5.6 Junior Singles 9 shots
 - B4.5.7 Under 25 Singles 11 shots
- B4.6 In all cases if a match ends in a tie, then an extra end is to be played. A coin flip is to be used to determine “choice of mat” for the extra end.
- B4.7 There are not time limits for tiebreaker games.

B.5 Process for determining final standings
(Applicable to the Indoor Singles)

- B.5.1 Highest number of game points scored;
 - B.5.2 If game points are equal, the player with the highest number of sets won will be the winner; [Note: tied sets are not included in determining the number of sets won]
 - B.5.3 If game points and sets won are equal, the player with the highest net total of set points will be the winner; [Note: in the event of a tied set, a half set point shall be awarded to each player (tie breakers are not sets)]
 - B.5.4 If all the above are still equal, then the player with the highest shots difference over all games in the section (excluding tie-breaker ends) will be the winner;
 - B.5.5 If game points, sets won, net set points and shots difference are equal, then the player that won the game between the players that are equal will be declared the winner.
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APPENDIX C

C. Dress Code

Dress Code For Players and Designated Team Support Personnel [4/16]

- C.1 All athletes are expected to dress in an appropriate manner when participating in National event competitions:
- For events in which, in order to participate, a player must qualify as a Provincial representative, the expectation is the approved team uniform: Provincial team shirt and bottoms of similar colour for event team members.
 - Appropriate clothing guidelines for Open events:
 - beach shorts, sweat pants and jeans are not acceptable attire;
 - shorts and skirts/skorts are to be of a respectful length;
 - Canadian National team uniform clothing must not be worn while competing;
 - shirts must be sleeved and have a collar or high neck;
 - Shirts should be of a respectable length, pattern, and design.
 - Players are prohibited from wearing official national bowls team playing shirts from any country including Canada during competition.
 - T-shirts, muscle shirts, tank tops, and low neckline shirts are not acceptable attire.
 - A respectful length for shorts and skirts/skorts is considered to be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee.
- C.1.1 Colour
- a. Women and men shall wear an Association approved uniform. The Team Manager / Association shall ensure their team colours are whites, creams, their provincial colour or a colour scheme where the provincial colour dominates.
 - b. All participants at open national championships may wear personal attire as long as they abide by the general clothing guidelines for all National events [4/16]
- C.1.2 Opening Parade
- a. Team Managers / Associations shall ensure that team members wear a provincial approved uniform in the opening parade.
- C.1.3 On the Green
- a. Women shall be permitted to wear slacks, skirts, culottes or shorts and their provincial team shirts.
 - b. Men shall be permitted to wear slacks or shorts and their provincial team shirts.
 - c. Long sleeves shall be permitted and shall be worn under the provincial shirts. [4/16]
 - d. UV protective clothing may be worn over the provincial shirts, as long as the provincial shirt is visible.
- C.1.4 Closing Parade

- a. Team Managers / Associations shall ensure that team members wear a provincial approved uniform in the closing parade.
- C.1.5 Uniformity
- a. All members of a team shall wear their provincial uniforms for the opening and closing parades. **[4/16]** Designated Team Support Personnel shall dress the same as the players for both opening and closing parades, and for all games played by members of their provincial team.
- C.1.6 Footwear
- a. All Footwear must comply with the Domestic Regulation *Use of Approved Footwear* approved in 2015 and located in Appendix G of this document. [4/15]
 - b. Only approved footwear shall be permitted. Manufacturer colours, logos and designs are acceptable.
 - c. Exception: Indoor Singles footwear must comply with the requirements listed in clause 4.6.10.5 [7/14]
- C.1.7 Provincial Shirts/Colours
- a. Each provincial team (this means an event team such as singles, pairs, triples and fours teams) shall wear shirts as approved by their Association. Players must be identifiable by their provincial name, association or logo.
- C.1.8 Hat or Visor
- a. There are no restrictions on hats or visors. They can be of any colour or pattern and need not match with other team members. **[4/16]**
- C.1.9 Outer Wear
- a. All outer wear must be white, cream, provincial colour or a colour scheme where the provincial colour dominates.
- C.1.10 Rain Gear
- a. No restrictions, but must be readily available at the rink. However, white, cream, provincial colour or a colour scheme where the provincial colour dominates are encouraged for rain gear.
- C.1.11 Commercial Markings
- a. BCB may require players to display BCB sponsor markings or trademarks on provincial shirts, other designated item(s) of clothing or technical equipment. In such instances, the commercial markings permitted for individual or provincial team sponsors, as outlined below, shall be considered above and beyond the markings required for BCB sponsors.
 - b. Players shall be permitted to display commercial markings in accordance with the following provisions.
 - c. Sponsor Trademarks:
 - i. Players may display on their clothing, footwear or persons, not more than a total of two trademarks for any "sponsor", commercial product, service or enterprise while competing in this event which shall include all events, practices, awards ceremonies and activities within the grounds of the event, providing that:

1. each trademark shall be no larger than fifty (50) square centimeters (roughly equivalent to the size of a credit card, although the shape may vary within the limitations of the maximum total square centimeters permitted); and
 2. the trademark and its location on the player are dignified; and
 3. the "sponsor", commercial product, service or enterprise does not conflict with BCB sponsors; it shall be the player's or provincial team's responsibility, as the case may be, to ensure that they are aware of BCB sponsors, and who conflicting companies, products or services may be, preferably before a prospective sponsor is approached; and
 4. the "sponsor" is not for a tobacco company or related product.
- d. Manufacturers' Trademarks:
- i. A manufacturer's trademark is defined as the normal identification marking or logo of the actual manufacturer or supplier of the garment, shoe, hat or item of clothing.
 - ii. Trademarks of the manufacturer or clothing supplier may be displayed on each item of a player's garment, shoe, hat or clothing as per all of the provisions outlined above for Sponsor Trademarks, with the following variations:
 1. not more than two manufacturer's trademarks per garment, shoe, hat or item of clothing; and
 2. each manufacturer's trademark shall be no larger than twenty-five (25) square centimeters.

C.1.12 Enforcement of Dress Code

- a. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure all provincial players are in adherence with the Dress Code.
- b. The Head Event Umpire will be responsible for enforcement of the footwear requirements.

C.1.13 Penalty/Process for Violation

- a. NOTE: Play should continue regardless of any suggested Dress Code infractions.
- b. In the event a Team Manager is of the opinion that a member of the opposing team is not dressed properly, he/she shall immediately present a WARNING to the opposing Team Manager before the completion of the first end. Failure to do so will constitute de facto acceptance of the situation.
- c. After serving the WARNING, should the opposing Team Manager decline to take corrective action in the 20 minutes provided, the aggrieved Team Manager shall indicate that a formal COMPLAINT shall be filed.
- d. The COMPLAINT will be referred to a Committee of three persons, one nominated by the Host Committee and two drawn among the Team Managers not immediately involved in the dispute. The complainant and respondent will each nominate one Team Manager to the Committee. Once nominated, a Team Manager may not decline the request to assist.
- e. The Committee must meet and render a decision prior to the commencement of the next succeeding round of the competition. For a complaint to be successful, the decision of the Committee must be unanimous.

- f. If the complaint is denied, no similar complaints related to this matter will be considered for the duration of the competition.
- g. The first successful COMPLAINT will result in loss of provincial team points for the overall standings (Cy English and Lady Alexander awards).
- h. Continued infractions may result in forfeiture of matches and loss of points.

C.1.14 Other

- a. Changes to the Dress Code, due to "weather conditions", will be determined by the Emergency Committee in conjunction with any members of the BCB Officiating Committee who are in attendance at the event.
- b. It is the responsibility of Designated Team Support Personnel, as applicable, to ensure that all provincial players attending the event are aware of the "Dress Code for Players" prior to leaving their home province.

C.2 Dress Code for Officials

C.2.1 All Umpires and Markers, when on duty, shall adhere to the established Dress Code as approved by the BCB Board of Directors.

C.2.2 Umpires

- a. Men shall wear a BCB approved umpire shirt with white or cream or black slacks or walking shorts. [5/14]
- b. Women shall wear a BCB approved umpire shirt with white or cream or black slacks, skirts or culottes, or walking shorts. [5/14]
- c. When working as a Marker, Umpires may wear the BCB approved umpire shirt.
- d. Umpire belts must be a solid colour- white, cream, black or brown.
- e. Hat or visor should be a basic colour – white, cream, or red. The BCB or sponsor's crest/ logo and red hat band on brimmed hats are permitted.
- f. Umpires may wear white, cream or red outer wear in the event of inclement weather.

C.2.3 Markers

- a. Markers shall wear suitable bowls attire. **[4/16]**

C.2.4 Uniformity

- a. To provide for uniformity on the green, the Head Event Umpire shall ensure that all umpires and markers are dressed in accordance with this Dress Code with the exception of shoes.
 - i. Acceptable footwear for officials is outlined under Dress Code for Players in section C.1.6.

C.2.5 Rain Gear

- a. No restriction, but must be readily available.

APPENDIX D

D. Tobacco, Alcohol, Cell Phone and Verbal Abuse Policy

- D.1 Smoking, including electronic cigarettes is only allowed in designated areas. This includes: competitors, umpires and markers. **[4/16]**
- D.2 Should an infraction occur, the respective Team Manager and player will be notified. Upon a further occurrence the offending player will be subject to a fine of \$100.00, to be immediately levied towards that player. If the player persists in violating this policy, and the fine has already been levied, the player shall be disqualified from further play during the current event. Should the tobacco and alcohol policy of the host club differ from that describe in this paragraph the most stringent policy shall apply.
- D.3 No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed during play.
- D.4 Verbal abuse of an opponent or official will not be tolerated. When profanity is used, the offending player will be subject to a fine of \$100.00, for a first offence and any further occurrence will cause suspension of the player from further games during the current championships. It is the responsibility of the Association to ensure that the fine is paid immediately, before the next round commences.
- D.5 No electronic communication or entertainment devices, such as two-way radios, cell phones, or music players shall be allowed on the green during championship play, including trial ends. **[4/16]** All players shall be required to place their phones on silent or vibrate. **[5/14]**
- D.6 Any disciplinary action will be addressed according to BCB's Discipline and Complaints Policy:
[http://www.bowlsCanada.com/downloads/policy/Discipline Complaints Policy en.pdf](http://www.bowlsCanada.com/downloads/policy/Discipline%20Complaints%20Policy%20en.pdf) **[3/17]**

APPENDIX E

E. Electrical Storms – When Should We Clear the Green? An Action Advisory

E.1 Background

E.1.1 The National Officiating Committee has created these guidelines as action steps in the event that an electrical storm develops while players are on the green. As Alan Webster of Environment Canada, who is also a lawn bowler, stated during the consultation process, “I have always believed there should be more care taken with an approaching thunderstorm than has been in the past”.

E.1.2 The following guidelines have been developed following a consultative process and a literature review, to assist officials and players to reach an informed decision as to when play should be interrupted and the green cleared.

E.1.3 However it should be recognized that, as with many natural phenomena, electrical storms do not always follow a predictable progression. With lightning activity in the general area of the green, players and officials should always be on the alert for any unusual occurrence.

E.2 General

E.2.1 Thunder can be heard at a maximum distance of about 11 km (7 miles) whilst lightning can be seen 96 km (60 miles) away at night. Sound travels at an approximate average speed of 1 km in 2.5 seconds (1 mile in 4 seconds). With the storm at the limit of audible range it will take approximately 28 seconds for the sound of thunder to follow the flash of lightning.

E.3 Procedure

E.3.1 At this point it is time to take notice and to start tracking the storm.

E.3.2 Count the number of seconds between seeing the second flash of lightning and hearing the associated thunder. If the interval is less than that for the first incident then the storm is headed your way.

E.3.3 If the speed of approach is rapid, i.e. there is a considerable reduction in the time between the “sight” and the “sound”, clear the green immediately.

E.3.4 If the speed of approach is relatively slow and subsequent time measurements indicate that there is no change in the speed of the storm it is time to issue a warning not to start a new end pending further developments but otherwise play may continue.

E.3.5 When the time interval between “sight” and “sound” is 12 seconds the storm will be about 5 km (3 miles) away. All play should be terminated immediately and the players instructed to leave the green.

E.4 Points to remember:

E.4.1 Link the thunder to the corresponding lightning flash. Should there be multiple successive lightning flashes and you have started counting from the first flash, the first sound you hear may be that from the last flash. This could give the impression that the storm is further away than it actually is. When multiple lightning flashes are detected, the situation should be treated as one requiring the exercise of extreme

- caution. These are storms showing signs of being dangerous and they should be given greater consideration, even if still distant.
- E.4.2 If the lightning is directly overhead, either within a cloud or between clouds, the interval between “sight” and “sound” can still exceed 12 seconds. Since such storms can produce occasional cloud to ground lightning strikes, ignore any reference to time frames, stop play and leave the green immediately.
- E.4.3 On leaving the green, the players should move inside a safe structure. A safe structure is one consisting of four walls and a roof and which is electrically grounded. Do not seek shelter in a work shed - such structures do not usually meet these criteria. An enclosed vehicle such as a car, van or bus with the windows rolled up is an excellent alternative.
- E.5 NOTE: One important qualification to the foregoing - Any player who feels uncomfortable being outside with lightning present should feel free to leave the green without fear of penalty or repercussions.
- E.6 Vigilance is required even as the storm leaves the area. Environment Canada’s standard for the end of a thunderstorm is 15 minutes after the last roll of thunder. In many instances, should the storm be accompanied by rain, it will take longer than that for the green to dry out sufficiently to permit play to resume. However, should there be any doubt regarding whether or not the storm has moved completely out of the area, the wait should be extended to 30 minutes.
- E.7 Each Club and each Provincial or Area Organizing Committee should set up a chain of command under this Protocol that identifies who is responsible for actively looking for signs of threatening weather. This individual, generally the umpire (if one has been appointed), will notify the chain of command when the storm is deemed dangerous. Further, the chain of command should identify who is responsible for stopping play and instructing players to leave the green. This will generally be the Tournament Director.
- E.8 At National Competition level, the “weather watcher” will be the Duty Umpire(s) while the individual responsible for stopping play and instructing players to leave the green will be the Head Event Umpire or, if there is more than one venue, the Venue Umpire.

APPENDIX F

F. Hot Weather Guidelines

F.1 Background

- F.1.1 The National Officiating Committee has created these guidelines as steps to take in extreme hot weather conditions to protect the health of players and maintain the quality of play.
- F.1.2 The following guidelines are derived from a consultative process and a literature review. They are meant to assist players, officials and event hosts in mitigating the effects of hot weather and deciding when to suspend play on the green.
- F.1.3 These guidelines are based on temperature readings from the local weather station, but it is recognized that local conditions on the green may vary. Instructions on the proper set-up of a thermometer at the venue are included in these guidelines.
- F.1.4 Consideration has also been given to using Humidex readings in these guidelines. The Humidex is an index used to describe how hot the weather feels to the average person, by combining the effects of heat and humidity.

F.2 General preparedness

- F.2.1 Players, officials and spectators should be encouraged to wear hats or other head protection.
- F.2.2 Water and/ or other drinks shall be readily available.

F.3 Procedure

- F.3.1 When the temperature reaches 35 degrees Celsius at the venue, play/competition should be interrupted at 20-minute intervals (at the completion of the end in play) for a period of 5 minutes, during which time, drinks should be made available. Any time limit imposed on the interrupted match will be waived.
- F.3.2 When the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius at the venue, play/competition will be suspended.
- F.3.3 It will be at the discretion of the Head Event Umpire, on behalf of the Controlling Body, to determine whether to discontinue play. Consideration should be given to all relevant factors, including the age and health of players and officials, the level of humidity, and the amount of shade or shelter available at the venue.
- F.3.4 At National Competition level, the “weather watcher” will be the Duty Umpire(s) while the individual responsible for interrupting or suspending play will be the Head Event Umpire or, if there is more than one venue, the Venue Umpire.

F.4 Instructions on installation of a thermometer at the venue

- F.4.1 The thermometer should be accurate and easy to read (preferably electronic). It must not be placed in direct sunlight and should not be under cover of bushes or trees. Ideal placement would be above a grassy area, at a height of about 5 feet above the ground, and shielded from the wind.

F.5 Other considerations

F.5.1 Health Canada has produced a chart to describe the effects of the Humidex, an index developed by Environment Canada. The Humidex readings, as outlined in Table 1, indicate the effect on the average Canadian. Bowlers are not average – they tend to be older and may have health concerns. Both age and health issues make the body less able to withstand the rigors of high heat in combination with high humidity – or in other words a high Humidex reading. Young bowlers are also at risk as their body temperature regulation mechanisms are not fully developed and many have a poor fitness levels making them more susceptible to the effects of high heat. Compounding the problem of high Humidex readings is that matches last from 2.5 to 4 hours, with multiple matches per day, during which players are fully exposed to the effects of heat and humidity.

F.5.2 **Table F.1 - Health Canada’s guide to Humidex readings**

Humidex Reading	Degree of Comfort
20 - 29	No discomfort
30 - 39	Some discomfort
40 - 45	Great discomfort; avoid exertion
46 and over	Dangerous; possible heat stroke

APPENDIX G

Approved Domestic Regulations

G. 1 Use of Bowling Delivery Aids

May 2014 – Bowls Canada Boulingrin recognizes that the primary purpose of a bowling delivery aid is to enable a person with a physical disability to play the sport of bowls. This regulation covers the use of a delivery aid (e.g. support, bowling arm, etc.) for delivering a jack and a bowl.

For all Canadian Championships, and for provincial playdowns leading towards a national championship, a player must seek approval of their specific bowling delivery aid. Devices such as bowling arms that are produced by a recognized manufacturer, and used with no customized modifications, will typically be approved. Manufacturers are encouraged to provide a sample device for testing by BCB to assist with the approval process.

For most Canadian Championships, and for provincial playdowns leading towards a national championship, a bowler must be able to produce a medical certificate that attests to their physical disability. The exception is the Canadian Senior Triples Championships, which are intended for bowlers 60 years and over. If a bowling delivery aid enables a senior bowler to continue to play competitively, this should be encouraged at the Senior Triples Championships.

For any other competitions or local club bowling activities which are purely social or recreational, a bowler is free to use a bowling delivery aid for delivery of the jack and a bowl.

Approved May 2014 / Amended April 2015

G. 2 Minimum Jack Length Regulation

Law 10.5 of the new Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, 2015 gives National Authorities the discretion to change the minimum jack length from 23 m to 21 m.

In March 2011, after careful consideration, Bowls Canada Boulingrin, the National Authority for Canada, decided to change the minimum jack length from 23 metres to 21 metres for all play in Canada. This decision leads to a number of other changes to distances set out in the Laws, as further detailed in laws 10.5.1 and 10.5.3, and will necessitate changes to the positioning of "hog line markers" at clubs across the country.

For safety reasons in particular, an exemption will apply for the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club and the Qualicum Indoor venue, which may continue to use a minimum jack length of 23 m.

Approved March 2011 / Amended April 2015

G. 3 Use of Groundsheets

For outdoors play, portable groundsheet do not need to be fastened to the green, and may be temporarily removed upon completion of an end. The groundsheet may be placed at a different position at the start of each end, unless otherwise directed by the Controlling Body or greenkeeper, but always at least 2 metres from the rear ditch and at least 23 metres from the front ditch. The groundsheet must remain in use until the end of the game or until the Controlling Body decides that they are no longer needed.

Approved April 2015

G. 4 Skips Duties Regarding the Score Card

Skips can transfer the duties of marking the score card described in law 40.1.7 to another member of the team. However, they must make sure that these duties are transferred to players whose positions, in order of play, are the same in each team. If the skips cannot agree on who should keep the score card, then the skips in both teams must keep the score card as described in law 40.1.7.

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G. 5 Use of Approved Footwear

Shoes must be flat-soled with no separation between the front sole and heel (i.e. flat from toe to heel). Walking shoes and sports shoes are acceptable; sandals with a heel strap are also acceptable, as long as the back strap is firmly fitted when worn. Flat-soled wedge shoes (i.e. shoes that increase in height from toe to heel) are not acceptable. The width of any heel must be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole.

The sole may possess a shallow tread pattern or indented grooves to improve traction, without damaging the green. A channel in the centre of the sole is acceptable; protuberances that extend out from the sole are not acceptable. Edges around the sole, and around any channel, need to be rounded.

Brand name bowling shoes that are listed as approved on a current list, published by a member national authority, are generally acceptable. Shoes that have been re-soled to ensure that they comply with the laws of the sport are also generally acceptable. Nevertheless, Bowls Canada Boulingrin reserves the right to disallow any specific shoe.

Umpires must use their best judgment and not unduly eliminate members from play unless they have a shoe that would clearly damage the green. Common sense must prevail.

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