

Executive Summary of Restructured National Championship Model

Bowls Canada Boulingrin conducted an extensive two-year review process. This process included collection of participation data, interviews with provincial association representatives, surveys of bowlers, examination of best practices of international bowls federations and similar Canadian sport associations. A national summit with designated provincial representatives was hosted to review and consider this data. Various proposals were submitted and then analyzed against bowls specific competition principles and the Bowls LTAD pathway and a series of recommendation options was released. Provincial associations and national technical committees provided feedback on the options. Using all of this information, the BCB Board of Directors made the final decisions based on what they believed to be the best overall fit for the sport of bowls with respect to developmental appropriateness and sport sustainability at all levels. The revised structure will be implemented effective for 2018.

Canadian Lawn Bowling and Outdoor Singles Championships

- The Canadian Lawn Bowls Championships (CLBC) will consist Fours and Pairs by 10 provincial team entries (two entries for Ontario) in round robin format of 3 games/day to determine medal rounds:
 - Two-bowl Fours will be played over 18 ends in a 2.75-hour time limit for round robin play,
 - Three-bowl Pairs will be played over 18 ends in a 2.5-hour time limit for round robin play.
 - Single respot rule in effect for all events
- The Outdoor Singles will run immediately following the CLBC by the same host:
 - The entries will be capped at 24 per gender according to a pre-determined provincial distribution,
 - Entries will be allocated as follows:

BC 4	MB 2	NB 1	Host 1
AB 3	ON 4	NS 3	
SK 3	QC 2	PEI 1	
 - Participants will be distributed across four pools of six with the top two of each pool advancing to post-sectional play, existing draw policy to be revised to allow for an equitable distribution of participants across pools,
 - Play to 21 shots in round robin play and post-sectional play, with single respot rule in effect,
 - Play 5 games per day (3 of one gender, 2 of the other) with “First rink available” style scheduling to allow games to begin as soon as a green is available.

Senior Triples and Mixed Pairs Championships

- Distinct Senior Triples and Mixed Pairs Championships will be held.
- Senior Triples format: 2-bowl triples, 3 games per day, 2.5-hour time limit, 16 ends.
- Senior Triples age limit will be raised to 65 years of age and phased in over five years starting in 2018: 61 years in 2018, 62 in 2019, 63 in 2020, 64 in 2021 and 65 in 2022.
- Mixed Pairs format: 3-bowl pairs, 3 games per day, 2.5-hour time limit, 18 ends.
- Bowlers competing in ‘excellence stream’ events will not be eligible to compete in Senior Triples or Mixed Pairs Championships at the **national** level in the same calendar year.

Canadian Youth Championships

- An amalgamated Canadian Youth Championships with separate U18 and U25 age categories that run concurrently for male and female singles events along with an open pairs event will be held.
- Singles will be played in the mornings and pairs in the afternoons.

- A 'mini' development camp will be included as part of the overall event.
- U25 category will continue to be the qualifier to the World Youth Championships

Indoor Singles Championships

- The existing format of the Indoor Singles Championship will remain at status quo for Indoor Singles Championships

Financial Considerations

- In order to reflect the rising costs of running a national championship program, entry fees will be raised to \$100/person per event. The entry fees for the Canadian Youth Championship are currently under review.

Rotational Schedule and Identification of Host Facilities

- The rotation schedule will be addressed by the Presidents' Council and approved by the BCB Board of Directors on a regular basis.
- Key principles will guide the identification of host facilities:
 - That provinces share in hosting of national events
 - That the events move across the country
 - That the best facilities host championship events
 - That the CLBC/Outdoor Singles are rotated equally between East and West given that not every province has the capacity to host this event
 - That consideration be given to the hosting needs of Legacy Facilities

National Calendar

- Slightly modify the calendar of outdoor competition to allow for more optimal greens conditions and extend the amount of time provinces have to complete their playdowns by:
 - Moving the Youth Championships to mid-August,
 - Moving the Canadian Lawn Bowls and Outdoor Singles Championships to late August,
 - Running the Mixed Pairs and Senior Triples Championships in the same time frame in mid-September.

Future Considerations for BCB's Next Strategic Plan

- Consider development of a long-term plan to host additional events such as open tournaments, festivals and international competitions.
- Investigate a strategy to identify sustainable solutions to enhance greens for national championship events.
- Explore sustainable solutions for maintaining, improving and developing bowls facilities across Canada.
- Further investigate strategies to grow the indoor game.
- Develop comprehensive resources and strategies to assist provincial associations and local clubs implement recommended competition models for all stages of bowler development.

Working Groups, Summit Participants and PSO Webinar Consultations

Review Working Group	Analysis Working Group	2017 PSO Webinar Consultations – Participants
Don Caswell George Boxwell Jackie Foster Jake Schuknecht Harry Carruthers Dave Cox Katie Gardner Anna Mees	Darryl Fitzgerald Nick Watkins Dave Cox Jake Schuknecht Anna Mees	Prince Edward Island Lawn Bowling Association Lawn Bowls Association of Alberta Bowls Saskatchewan Lawn Bowls Nova Scotia Ontario Lawn Bowls Association Bowls Manitoba Quebec Lawn Bowling Federation Bowls BC

2016 National Summit Participants

	Delegate	Role
ON	Paul Jurbala	Canadian Sport 4 Life Expert / Facilitator
BC	Steven Santana	Nominated representative of Bowls British Columbia, Competition Chair
AB	Val Wilson	Nominated representative of LBAA, member of LBAA LTAD committee
SK	Gary Laurence	Nominated representative of Bowls Saskatchewan, Past President
MB	Marilyn Baron	Nominated representative of Bowls Manitoba, Past President
ON	Dave Burrows	Nominated representative of OLBA, Coaching Coordinator
ON	Ian Howard	Nominated representative of OLBA
QC	Ann Dittmar	Nominated representative of Quebec Lawn Bowls Federation, President
NB	Gloria McLaughlin	Nominated representative of Bowls New Brunswick Boulingrin, President
NS	Dale Kidd	Nominated representative of Lawn Bowls Nova Scotia, President
PEI	Richard Gallant	Nominated representative of Lawn Bowls PEI, Treasurer
AB	Dave Cox	National Competition Committee
ON	Don Caswell	High Performance Committee
BC	George Boxwell	High Performance Committee
NS	Jackie Foster	Competition Review and Restructuring Working Group
ON	Jake Schuknecht	Competition Review and Restructuring Working Group
ON	Darryl Fitzgerald	Competition Review and Restructuring Working Group
ON	Nick Watkins	National Officiating Committee
BC	Ian Tyzzer	BCB President
SK	Murray Pituley	BCB Treasurer
AB	Pat Vos	BCB Secretary
BC	Mary Wright	BCB Director
BCB	Anna Mees	Executive Director
BCB	Katie Gardner	Technical Coordinator