

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Canadian Singles Championship

BOWLS CANADA BOULINGRIN

Updated February 2013

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Section 1 – Introduction and Definitions

1.1 Introduction

All Bowls Canada Boulingrin events are to be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Second Edition) January 2011.

1.2 Definitions

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

The "Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Second Edition)" as adopted by BCB in 2011, will be referred to as the 'Laws of the Sport'.

Section 2 – General Conditions Relating to All Rounds of Play

2.1 Eligibility

2.1.1 This event is open to all bowlers that are members of a Provincial Association that is affiliated with BCB. Any player who is a Canadian Citizen but not resident in Canada may apply to BCB for entry into the competition.

2.1.2 The entrant must also qualify under the World Bowls Regulations of eligibility for the Champion of Champions event (see Appendix A).

2.1.3 As a condition of entry to compete in this event, all players must:

- a. not be currently under disqualification or suspension by their provincial or national association;
- b. satisfy the eligibility criteria of their Provincial Association;
- c. comply with all applicable rules and regulations of BCB.

2.1.4 All players entering the competition must declare their agreement to playing in the World Bowls Champion of Champions event in the following year. Failure to meet that agreement may result in disqualification from future Canadian Singles Championships.

2.2 Conduct of Participants and Doping Control

2.2.1 This event may be subject to Drug Testing. All players and officials are expected to be aware of and abide by BCB regulations including the BCB Anti-Doping policy and the BCB Code of Conduct and Ethics policy.

2.2.2 The Tobacco, Alcohol and Verbal Abuse Policy, contained in Appendix C, shall apply to these championships.

2.3 Entries

- 2.3.1 Separate men's and women's singles events will be staged.
- 2.3.2 Entries must be received no later than six (6) weeks prior to the start of the event.
- 2.3.3 All entries will be subject to a \$100 entry fee payable to BCB at the time of entry.

2.4 Format of Play

- 2.4.1 Singles will be played with four bowls per player, with each player playing in turn.
- 2.4.2 The event is intended to be played as a round robin within equal sections of eight (8) players, wherever possible. At the end of round robin play, all players winning three or more qualifying games will advance to post-sectional play. In sections with fewer than eight players the required number of qualifying games may be altered.
- 2.4.3 Post-sectional play will be sudden death knockout.
- 2.4.4 Section winners will be ranked and placed in the knockout draw, based on their ranking. All other qualifiers will be randomly drawn into the remaining positions. Where byes are necessary, section winners will receive a bye into the second round. All byes will be scheduled in the first round.
- 2.4.5 Each event will be played in the sets format. Each game shall be played over the better of two sets, with each set consisting of nine (9) ends.
- 2.4.6 The winner of a set will be the player with the highest number of shots when the ninth end is completed.
- 2.4.7 If the shot scores are tied after the ninth end of a set, the set will be a draw.
- 2.4.8 During sectional play, all nine ends of each set shall be completed.
- 2.4.9 During knockout play, there shall be no further play in a set if, at any point, it becomes impossible for one player to draw or win the set, given the number of ends left.
- 2.4.10 If the game is tied after the two sets have been completed (each player having won one set or both sets having been drawn), a tie-breaker consisting of three (3) ends shall be played to determine the winner.
- 2.4.11 The winner of the tie-breaker will be the player with the highest number of shots when the third end is completed.
- 2.4.12 There shall 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.
- 2.4.13 If the shot scores are tied after the third end of the tie-breaker, the players shall play a fourth tie-breaker end to decide the winner.
- 2.4.14 If the fourth end of a tie-breaker is a tied end, the players will play more tie-breaker ends until a winner is found.

2.4.15 First to Play and Re-spotting the Jack – refer to Appendix B for laws 15.4 and 15.5.

2.5 Trial Ends

2.5.1 Prior to the start of a game, each player will be allowed two trial ends.

2.6 The Game

2.6.1 An official signal shall be sounded five minutes before 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 to forfeit such game to the opposition.

2.6.2 If a game is forfeited, the non-offending player shall be awarded two game points, two set wins, 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 event.

2.7 Time Limits

2.7.1 There will be no time limits; however, if in the opinion of the Emergency Committee, slow play or other factors (i.e. weather) have resulted in delays that prohibit the program from running on schedule, time limits may be applied.

2.8 Scoring

2.8.1 Two game points will be awarded for a game win and nil points for a game loss.

2.8.2 Section winners will be determined as follows:

- i) Highest number of game points scored;
- ii) If game points are equal, the player with the highest number of sets won will be the winner;
- iii) If game points and sets won are equal, the player with the highest sets difference will be the winner;
- iv) 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;
- v) If game points, sets won, sets difference and shots difference are equal, then the player that won the game between the players that are equal will be declared the winner.

NB In the event of a tied set a half set shall be awarded to each player.

2.9 Restrictions on the Movement of Players during Play

2.9.1 Players may only visit the head after delivery of their third and fourth bowls. In exceptional circumstances, a player can ask the Marker for permission to visit the head before they deliver their third bowl.

2.10 Financial Assistance

- 2.10.1 BCB will provide \$1,500 to the winners of the men's and women's singles events to assist them with their travel costs to represent Canada at the following year's World Singles Champion of Champions event.
- 2.10.2 In addition, the entry fees will support the following disbursement of funds: Gold Medal 50%; Silver medal 25%; Bronze 15%; Fourth 10%. Entry fee funds will be split into two pools of prizes – one for Men and one for Women. Prize money may not be equal as it is based on the number of entries in each event.

2.11 Bowls and Footwear

- 2.11.1 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 Champion of Champions, must use bowls that bear a legible, approved World Bowls stamp of the current year (year of the event) or later.
- 2.11.2 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.
- 2.11.3 Footwear shall conform to the specifications provided in Appendix C- Dress Code. The Head Event Umpire will be responsible for enforcement of the footwear

2.12 Practice

- 2.12.1 Competitors may practice, according to law 12.3 and law 13, 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.
- 2.12.2 A player that has not played due to a bye shall, if possible, be allowed to practice prior to playing a game.

2.13 Dress Code

- 2.13.1 Tops must have a collar and/or sleeves.
- 2.13.2 Men – may wear slacks or shorts (shorts will not be more than 3" above the knee).
- 2.13.3 Women – may wear dresses, skirts, culottes, slacks or shorts (shorts will not be more than 3" above the knee).

2.14 Support Persons

- 2.14.1 Each player shall be entitled to one accredited coach. The Coach is permitted to give advice to a singles player from beyond the limits of the rink of play BUT only when said advice has been requested by the player. When seeking advice, the player may step off the green should he/she desire.

2.15 Emergency Committee and Jury of Appeal

- 2.15.1 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.
- 2.15.2 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.
- 2.15.3 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.

APPENDIX A

Eligibility of Players (World Bowls Regulations)

- 9.8 Subject to Regulation 9.9, no player shall be qualified to represent a country competing in any World Bowls sanctioned international event (including all International Events and all other Events) unless he or she:
- 9.8.1 is not currently under disqualification or suspension by World Bowls or the National Authority of the country they are representing;
 - 9.8.2 satisfies the eligibility criteria of the member National Authority of the country they are representing;
 - 9.8.3 complies with all applicable rules and regulations of World Bowls, their member National Authority and the World Anti Doping Code as may be applied by World Bowls to ensure that the overriding principles of World Bowls are observed.
- 9.9 A player is qualified to represent a country competing in any World Bowls sanctioned international event (including all International Events and all other Events) if:
- 9.9.1 he or she was born in the country; or
 - 9.9.2 he or she is a citizen of the country, or
 - 9.9.3 he or she has been a permanent resident of the country for a period of twenty four months immediately prior to the event.
- 9.10 A player who is eligible to represent two or more countries competing in any World Bowls sanctioned international event (including all International Events and all other Events) in terms of Regulation 9.8 and 9.9, may upon notice being given to the World Bowls Board elect to represent either country.
- 9.11 A player who is eligible to represent two or more countries competing in any World Bowls sanctioned international event (including all International Events and all other Events) in terms of Regulation 9.8 and 9.9, who has previously represented a country in a World Bowls sanctioned event (including all International Events and all other Events) may not represent another country;
- 9.11.1 for a period of at least twenty four months; and
 - 9.11.2 without the approval of the National Authorities of both countries that the player is eligible to represent; and
 - 9.11.3 without the approval of the Board of World Bowls.

The Board of World Bowls shall have the power to alter or waive the provisions of Regulation 9.10 and 9.11 in any case for good reason or if circumstances warrant.

APPENDIX B

Laws of the Sport – laws 15.4 and 15.5

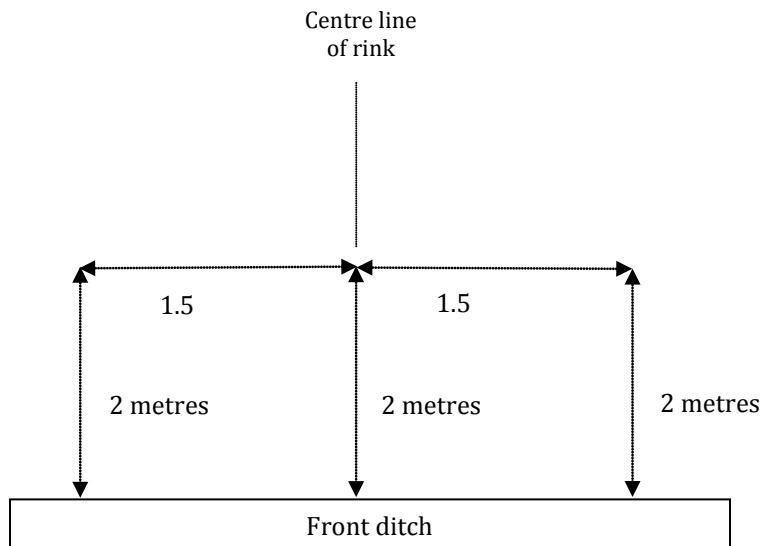
15.4 First to play

- 15.4.1 First set: the skips or opponents in Singles should toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the options described in law 18.2.2.
- 15.4.2 Second set: the winner of the first set should place the mat and then deliver the jack and the first bowl. If the first set is a draw, the winner of the last scoring end in that set should place the mat and then deliver the jack and the first bowl.
- 15.4.3 First, fourth and any further ends of a tie-breaker: the skips or opponents in Singles should toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the options described in law 18.2.2.
- 15.4.4 In all ends after the first in each set (including tie-breaker ends), the winner of the previous scoring end should place the mat and then deliver the jack and the first bowl. If, however, the first end of the first set or the first end of a tie-breaker is a tied end, the first to play in that end should also play first in the second end of the first set or the second end of the tie-breaker.

15.5 Re-spotting the jack

- 15.5.1 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 18 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 appropriate spot described in laws 15.5.2, 15.5.3, 15.5.4 and 15.5.5, and play should continue.
- 15.5.2 If the jack passes outside the side boundary on the right of the rink, it should be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a spot on the rink which is 2 metres from the front ditch and 1.5 metres to the right of the centre line.
- 15.5.3 If the jack passes outside the side boundary on the left of the rink, it should be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a spot on the rink which is 2 metres from the front ditch and 1.5 metres to the left of the centre line.
- 15.5.4 If the jack 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, it should be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a spot on the rink which is 2 metres from the front ditch and on the centre line.
- 15.5.5 If the jack rebounds to a distance of less than 18 metres from the mat line, it should be placed:
 - 15.5.5.1 with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at the appropriate spot described in laws 15.5.2 and 15.5.3; or

- 15.5.5.2 with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at the spot described in law 15.5.4 if it comes to rest on the centre line.
- 15.5.6 If any of the spots mentioned in laws 15.5.2, 15.5.3 and 15.5.4 are partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack should be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl.
- 15.5.7 The spots mentioned in laws 15.5.2, 15.5.3 and 15.5.4 should be marked using chalk or some other suitable method (see diagram below).



APPENDIX C

C. Dress Code

C.1. Dress Code For Players and Designated Team Support Personnel

[Note: The Dress Code for junior players and team support personnel participating in the Canadian Junior Championships and World Junior Cup Selection will be open, recognizing that the final decision on dress is a provincial responsibility.]

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.

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 where medically necessary, and shall be worn under the provincial shirts.
- 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 dress alike for the opening and closing parades. 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. Flat soled shoes (i.e. walking shoes) and running shoes that have no separation between the front sole and heel (flat from toe to heel) that possess a shallow tread pattern or grooves less than a 1/4 inch deep are acceptable foot wear.
- b. Flat soled wedge shoes are not acceptable – these shoes have a flat sole but increase in height markedly from toe to heel forming a narrow heel as a base of support.
- c. Only approved footwear shall be permitted. Manufacturer colours, logos and designs are acceptable.

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. Hats or visors may be any colour and may include provincial name, player name, club name/logo, or that of the national or personal sponsor, and need not be uniform for all members of a team.

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 centimetres (roughly equivalent to the size of a credit card, although the shape may vary within the limitations of the maximum total square centimetres 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 centimetres.

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 or Provincial Director, 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 slacks or walking shorts.
 - b. Women shall wear a BCB approved umpire shirt with white or cream slacks, skirts or culottes, or walking shorts.
 - c. When working as a Marker, Umpires may wear the BCB approved umpire shirt.
- C.2.3. Markers
- a. When working as a Marker, men shall wear white or cream shirts, and slacks or walking shorts.
 - b. When working as a Marker, women shall wear white or cream shirts, and slacks, skirts or culottes, or walking shorts.
- 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 and belts.
 - i. Belts must be a solid colour - white, cream, black, or brown.
 - ii. Acceptable footwear for officials is outlined under Dress Code for Players in section C.1.6.
- C.2.5. Hat or Visor
- a. Basic single colour – white, cream, or red. The BCB or sponsor's crest/logo, and red hat band on brimmed hats are permitted.
- C.2.6. Outer Wear
- a. In the event of inclement weather, Umpires may wear white, cream, or red.
- C.2.7. Rain Gear
- a. No restriction, but must be readily available.

APPENDIX D

Tobacco, Alcohol and Verbal Abuse Policy

- 1 Smoking by competitors anywhere on the playing area is prohibited. The carrying of cigarettes, cigars or pipes by a player, lit or unlit on the playing area is prohibited. No player may sit on the bank with a lit cigarette, cigar or pipe. Should an infraction occur, the player will be notified. Upon a further occurrence the offending player will be subject to a fine of \$100, 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.
- 2 Smoking by umpires or markers on duty is prohibited anywhere within the confines of the Green area.
- 3 No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed during play.
- 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, 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 player to pay the fine immediately, before the next round commences.

2013 CANADIAN SINGLES ENTRY FORM

Entrant: _____

Entry Fee: \$100.00 per player enclosed.

Event Entry: Entries are due on or before June 14, 2013. Entries should be mailed to Bowls Canada Boulingrin at: 720 Belfast, Suite 207, Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 0Z5

Player Entry Data

Name	Province	Women	Men

I _____ declare that should I win the Canadian Singles championship I will represent Canada at the designated World Bowls Champion of Champions Tournament.

Signed _____ Date _____

I attest that the above player hereby duly entered meets all eligibility requirements.

Provincial Coordinator Name (print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____