



2019 Asia Pacific Championships

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Canadians Ready to Roll on the Gold Coast

Team Canada is ready to roll at the 2019 Asia Pacific Championships in Gold Coast, Australia where nineteen nations will battle it out for a spot in the 2020 World Championships.

Five men and five women have been chosen to represent Canada, each playing in two events. The first half of the event will feature men's pairs and triples, and women's singles and fours. The second half of the event will feature women's pairs and triples, and men's singles and fours.

Women

[Kelly McKerihen](#) (Toronto, ON) – Singles, Pairs
[Joanna Cooper](#) (Calgary, AB) – Fours, Pairs
[Leanne Chinery](#) (Victoria, BC) -- Fours, Triples
[Jordan Kos](#) (Regina, SK) – Fours, Triples
[Jackie Foster](#) (Bridgetown, NS) – Fours, Triples

Men

[Ryan Bester](#) (Hanover, ON) – Pairs, Singles
[Rob Law](#) (Winnipeg, MB) – Pairs, Fours
[Cameron Lefresne](#) (Enfield, NS) – Triples, Fours
[Greg Wilson](#) (Cochrane, AB) – Triples, Fours
[Pat Bird](#) (Calgary, AB) – Triples, Fours

The team will be joined by the support staff of Terry Scott (Head Coach – Senior Squad), Darryl Fitzgerald (Head Coach – Youth and Development Squads), Derek Dillon (Coach) and Jean Roney (Coach and Manager).

With a two hour and fifteen-minute time limit, games will take place at 8:45am, 12:00pm, and 2:45pm local time each day from June 18 to June 20 for the round robin games, followed by playoffs and finals on June 21 and 22. The second half will follow the same schedule with round robin games taking place from June 24 to June 26, followed by playoffs and finals on June 27 and 28.

The finals will take place at the 2018 Commonwealth Games venue, the Broadbeach Bowls Club. The 2018 Games resulted in Canada's most successful international event to date, and will be familiar territory when the Canadian Squads take to the greens. Canada will be looking for a top 11 finish in each event in order to qualify for the 2020 World Championships.

After a successful 2018 Commonwealth Games, Team Canada is confident in their chances for a successful performance on the Australian greens. "But we are not taking anything for granted," commented Coach Terry Scott, "The athletes have been training hard on and off the greens and have committed 110% to their preparation efforts."

Look for Canadians to advance to the quarter finals in all events, with solid medal hopes in both Men's and Women's Singles.

Fast Facts – 2019 Asia Pacific Championships

Dates -- June 18-28, 2019

Location - Gold Coast, Australia.

Competition -- Teams from 19 countries, including defending Champions Australia (Women) and New Zealand (Men)

Australia	Brunei	Canada	China	Fiji	Hong Kong China	India
Japan	Macau	Malaysia	New Zealand	Niue	Norfolk Island	
Papua New Guinea	Phillipines	Samoa	Singapore	Thailand	United States	

The Asia Pacific Championships is a qualifying event for the World Bowls Championships 2020 which will also be held at the same venues in May and June next year

Hosted by [Bowls Australia](#)

Sanctioned by [World Bowls](#)

Live streaming can be found on Bowls Australia's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BowlsAustralia starting June 22 (local time)

For standings and results: <https://www.bowls.com.au/events-page/international-events/2019-asia-pacific-championships/>

Host Clubs – [Broadbeach Bowls Club](#), [Club Helensvale](#), [Musgrave Hill](#)

Australia is fourteen hours ahead of Canada's Eastern Daylight Savings time

Team Canada Athletes



Bester, Ryan

DOB: 1984

Hometown: Hanover, Ontario

Profession: Bowls Club Coordinator

Home Clubs: Hanover Lawn Bowling Club (Ontario), Broadbeach Bowls Club (Australia)

Events: Men's Pairs – Skip | Men's Singles



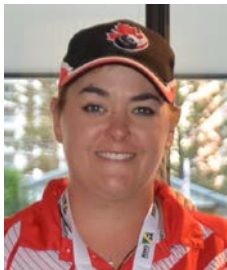
Bird, Pat

DOB: 1965

Hometown: Calgary, AB

Home Club: Calgary Lawn Bowling Club

Events: Men's Triples – Lead | Men's Fours – Second



Chinery, Leanne

DOB: 1981

Hometown: Victoria, BC

Profession: Registered Nurse

Home Clubs: Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling Club (Australia), Windsor Lawn Bowling Club (Ontario)

Events: Women's Fours – Skip | Women's Triples – Skip



Cooper, Joanna

DOB: 1983

Hometown: Calgary, AB

Profession: Student (Ph.D. Candidate)

Home Clubs: Stanley Park LBC (Calgary), Rotary Park LBC (Calgary), Calgary Lawn Bowling Club, North East Valley Bowling Club (Dunedin, NZ)

Events: Women's Fours – Second | Women's Pairs - Lead



Foster, Jacqueline (Jackie)

DOB: 1975

Hometown: Bridgetown, NS

Profession: Communications Specialist

Home Clubs: Wanderers Lawn Bowling Club (NS), Bridgetown Lawn Bowling Club (NS)

Events: Women's Fours – Lead | Women's Triples – Lead



Kos, Jordan

DOB: 2000

Hometown: Regina, NS

Profession: Student

Home Club: Regina Lawn Bowling Club

Events: Women's Fours – Vice (third) | Women's Triples—Vice (second)



Law, Rob

DOB: 1997

Hometown: Winnipeg, MB

Profession: Student – Accounting and Finance Major

Home Club: Norwood Lawn Bowling Club

Events: Men's Pairs – Lead | Men's Fours -- Lead



Lefresne, Cameron

DOB: 1994

Hometown: Enfield, NS

Profession: Survey Technician

Home Club: Wanderers Lawn Bowling Club (NS)

Events: Men's Triples – Skip | Men's Fours - Skip



McKerihen, Kelly

DOB: 1986

Hometown: Toronto, ON

Profession: Bowls Shop Manager

Home Club: Clayton Bowls Club (AUS), James Gardens Lawn Bowling Club (ON)

Events: Women's Singles | Women's Pairs – Skip



Wilson, Greg

DOB: 1982

Hometown: Burlington, ON

Profession: Survey Assistant

Home Club: Calgary Lawn Bowling Club

Events: Men's Triples – Vice (Second) | Men's Fours – Vice (Third)



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Format of Play

Canadian bowlers will compete in four able-bodied events at the 2019 Asia Pacific Championships in Gold Coast: singles, where each player delivers four bowls; pairs, where teams of two compete and each player delivers three bowls; triples where teams of three compete and each player delivers two bowls, and fours where teams of four compete and each player delivers two bowls. Teams always compete over a predetermined number of “ends”, with the exception of Singles where players play up to a score of 21.

Lawn bowling is played on a 37- to 40-metre-square, flat section of grass called a “green”. A green is divided into multiple sections called rinks. Generally, rinks are between 5.5 and 5.8 metres wide.

Play begins with the first player laying the mat and, while standing on it, rolling a small white target ball, known as the “jack”, up the green where the “skip” (or in singles, the “marker”) centres it. During the delivery of each bowl, a player must have one foot in contact with, or fully over the mat. The first player begins the match by delivering a bowl, which is followed by a delivered bowl from a player on the opposing team; play continues back and forth until both teams have rolled the appropriate number of bowls. The goal of the game is to roll as many bowls as close as possible to the jack. When the last bowl has been rolled, the players determine whose bowls are closest to the jack. One point is awarded for every bowl that is closer to the jack than the opponent’s closest bowl. The score is entered onto the scorecard.

Although the game may seem as simple as rolling a bowl close to the jack, other factors must be taken into account to ensure an accurate bowl. For instance, in lawn bowling the bowls are deliberately eccentric (lopsided) so they do not roll in a straight line. Therefore, as a bowl slows down, the bowl increasingly curves towards its “non-flat side” (and ideally closer to the jack). Players must determine where they wish the bowl to rest and then roll the bowl according to that “line of aim”. Players must also take into account the “feel” of the green and roll the bowl with sufficient “weight” (force). For example, if the green is heavy or the jack is far away, more weight is needed; whereas if the green is light or the jack is positioned closer, less weight is needed. Players may also deliver the bowl using either a forehand or backhand release depending on the position of other bowls in play. The jack can also be moved or knocked away by a delivered bowl.

Taking into account that the jack is moveable, the balls are biased, and no two greens are the same, lawn bowling is a complex target sport involving multiple offensive and defensive strategies.

Run Down By Event

The first half of the event will feature women's singles and fours, and men's pairs and triples. With a two hour and fifteen-minute time limit, games will take place at 8:45am, 12:00pm, and 2:45pm local time each day from June 18 to June 20 for the round robin games, followed by playoffs and finals on June 21 and 22.

Women's Singles

With 9 others in her section, [Kelly McKerihen](#) (Toronto, ON) will be eager to improve on her showing at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Also played on the Gold Coast, Kelly finished 4th in the Commonwealth Games and will be hungry for a podium finish at these Asia Pacific Championship. Standing in her way will be Australia's Kelsey Cottrell and Malaysia's Siti Zalina Ahmad. Kelly doesn't play Australia until game 5, and Malaysia until game 8, so she should be warmed up and ready to go by then. Keys to a playoff push from McKerihen will include securing those early wins in her section.



Women's Fours



[Leanne Chinery](#) (Victoria, BC), [Jordan Kos](#) (Regina, SK), [Joanna Cooper](#) (Calgary, AB), and [Jackie Foster](#) (Bridgetown, NS) will be in for a tough sectional of women's fours. With the likes of New Zealand, USA, and the Philippines in their pool, the Canadians will need to play at the top of game to advance out of their pool of 9. At the last Asia Pacific Championships, USA's women's fours team brought home a silver medal, while the Philippines lost out in the quarterfinals. With New Zealanders frequently competing in Australia, these three matches have the potential to cause difficulties for the

Canadian squad. These are also the last three games for the Canucks, so each game could be the difference maker for who advances to the playoffs and who does not. The Canadian women are no strangers to a challenge. At the 2018 Commonwealth Games, Chinery, Cooper and Foster were part of a fours team that almost knocked the favoured Australians out of gold medal contention. While still new to the international scene, Kos has demonstrated her ability to compete under pressure in the vice position at multiple national championships. As long as the Canadians can grab one win from either New Zealand, USA, or the Philippines, they should stand a fighting chance to advance to the playoffs.

Men's Pairs

Making his Asia Pacific Championship debut, [Rob Law](#) (Winnipeg, MB) will be teaming up with [Ryan Bester](#) (Hanover, ON) in the men's pairs. Law has competed on the Gold Coast several times before, and Bester is a current resident, making this pair a favourite to advance out of their 10-team section. It won't be easy though, as New Zealand's Shannon McIlroy and Gary Lawson will be eager to claim the top spot. Keep an eye out for Hong Kong/China as well. At the last Asia Pacific Championships they made it to the quarterfinals, and will be hungry to improve on that result. This will be the first time Bester and Law compete at an international event together, so the first few games may prove challenging as this duo learn each other's playing habits. How long it takes this pair to gel will be one of the main keys to where they finish at the end of the round robin.



Men's Triples



After a successful Commonwealth Games showing, [Cameron Lefresne](#) (Enfield, NS) and [Greg Wilson](#) (Cochrane, AB) will now team up with [Pat Bird](#) (Calgary, AB) in the triples. With the likes of New Zealand, Malaysia, and Norfolk Island in their 10-team section, this trio will need to bring their A-game in order to advance to the playoffs. Expect a grudge match as Lefresne and Wilson will be looking to get their revenge against Norfolk Island after losing to the Islanders 19-16 in the bronze medal match at the Commonwealth Games. The Canadian trio will also need to watch out for Fiji: at the 2015 AP Championships, the Fijians lost a tight semifinal match to New Zealand, making them a team you don't want to sleep on. If the Canadians can win 2 of their games against New Zealand, Fiji, Malaysia, and Norfolk Island, they should have a fighting chance to get into the playoffs.

The second half of the event will feature men's singles and fours, and women's pairs and triples. With a two hour and fifteen-minute time limit, games will take place at 8:45am, 12:00pm, and 2:45pm local time each day from June 24 to June 26 for the round robin games, followed by playoffs and finals on June 27 and 28.

Women's Pairs

Kelly McKerihen (Toronto, ON) and Joanna Cooper (Calgary, AB) will team up for the women's pairs portion of the competition. This is a new pairing for Canada. The duo had their first chance to play together during the 2019 Australian Open where they went 3-0 in sectional play to advance to the knock out rounds.



The big three in their Asia Pacific Championships group are Malaysia, Philippines, and New Zealand. These are also the last three games of the round robin, so each game will be critical by the time McKerihen and Cooper get to them. Malaysia's skip, Siti Zalina Ahmad, won gold in women's pairs at the Commonwealth Games, and was also in McKerihen's section for the singles in the first half of this event. This should be the game to watch, and could be the decider for who finishes first and who finishes second in the pool.

Women's Triples



In the women's triples, Leanne Chinery (Victoria, BC), Jordan Kos (Regina, SK), and Jackie Foster (Bridgetown, NS) will join forces. Canada is hoping that the move of Chinery from leading Pairs to skipping the Triples will prove profitable. Leading the Triples is a familiar spot for Foster having played this position at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. While still new to the international scene, newcomer Kos is known for her steady play and clutch shots in the vice position.

Australia's Rebecca Van Asch, Natasha Scott and Carla Krizanac will be the team to beat in their pool, but Malaysia will prove difficult as well. At the last two major international events (Commonwealth Games and World Championships), Malaysia's women's triples squad has finished 5th and 3rd respectively. If Canada can keep it close against both Australia and Malaysia, they should be able to finish in the top three in their group and advance to the playoffs.

Men's Singles

Ryan Bester (Hanover, ON) will be representing Canada once more in the men's singles. Over the past 7 years, Bester has claimed silver in the men's singles at the World Championships (2012 and 2016), and the Commonwealth Games (2014 and 2018). His toughest competition in sectional play will be Australia's Ray Pearse. Pearse took silver in the fours, and bronze in the pairs at the 2015 AP Championships; he most recently won the 2018 Australian Singles Championships as well. Bester will also need to be wary of Malaysia's Soufi Rusli. Rusli made it to the quarterfinals of the 2018 Commonwealth Games and will be eager to improve on that result. Coming off a strong win in the 2019 Blue Opal Singles challenge, expect to see Bester advance to the play off rounds.



Men's Fours



Cameron Lefresne (Enfield, NS) Greg Wilson (Cochrane, AB), Pat Bird (Calgary, AB), and Rob Law (Winnipeg, MB) will make a dynamic force in the fours. This is a new fours grouping with the return of Pat Bird to the Canadian fold and the addition of newcomer Rob Law. The back end of Lefresne and Wilson remains unchanged from the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

This four is facing a tough section with the likes of New Zealand, Malaysia, Philippines, and USA all be standing in their way. USA finished 6th in men's fours at the 2016 World Championships, and Malaysia finished 7th at the same event. New Zealand will be the favourite in the group, despite a major shakeup from their Commonwealth Games fours team. Of Kiwi squad (Ali Forsyth, Gary Lawson, Jamie Hill, and Mike Kernaghan), only Forsyth competed at the Commonwealth Games. Canada can't take this team for granted, as both Lawson and Kernaghan have been on and off the Blackjack squad for years. If Canada can win two of their games against New Zealand, Malaysia, and USA, they should stand a good chance at getting into the playoffs.

Schedule – First Half

AUS Time	Canada EDT	Round	Men's		Women's	
			Pairs	Triples	Singles	Fours
June 18 8:45am	June 17 6:45pm	1	JPN vs CAN	NFK vs CAN	NIU vs CAN	NFK vs CAN
12pm	10pm	2	CHN vs CAN	MAS vs CAN	FIJ vs CAN	BYE
2:45pm	June 18 12:45am	3	PNG vs CAN	IND vs CAN	PNG vs CAN	NIU vs CAN
June 19 8:45am	June 18 6:45pm	4	PHL vs CAN	MAC vs CAN	CHN vs CAN	SGP vs CAN
12pm	10pm	5	HKG vs CAN	THA vs CAN	AUS vs CAN	IND vs CAN
2:45pm	June 19 12:45am	6	NZL vs CAN	HKG vs CAN	MAC vs CAN	MAC vs CAN
June 20 8:45am	June 19 6:45pm	7	FIJI vs CAN	NZL vs CAN	THA vs CAN	NZL vs CAN
12pm	10pm	8	NFK vs CAN	PNG vs CAN	MAS vs CAN	USA vs CAN
2:45pm	June 20 12:45am	9	SAM vs CAN	FIJI vs CAN	PHL vs CAN	PHL vs CAN
June 21 9am	June 20 7pm		QF	QF	QF	QF
1pm	11pm		SF	SF	SF	SF
June 22 9am	June 21 7pm			Finals		Finals
1pm	11pm		Finals		Finals	

Schedule – Second Half

AUS Time	Canada EDT	Round	Men's		Women's	
			Singles	Fours	Pairs	Triples
June 24 8:45am	June 23 6:45pm	1	FIJ vs CAN	SGP vs CAN	FIJ vs CAN	SGP vs CAN
12pm	10pm	2	IND vs CAN	USA vs CAN	BYE	BRN vs CAN
2:45pm	June 24 12:45am	3	CHN vs CAN	CHN vs CAN	NIU vs CAN	SAM vs CAN
June 25 8:45am	June 24 6:45pm	4	SGP vs CAN	THA vs CAN	JPN vs CAN	NIU vs CAN
12pm	10pm	5	AUS vs CAN	PHL vs CAN	MAC vs CAN	AUS vs CAN
2:45pm	June 25 12:45am	6	PHL vs CAN	SAM vs CAN	IND vs CAN	THA vs CAN
June 26 8:45am	June 25 6:45pm	7	PNG vs CAN	NZL vs CAN	PHL vs CAN	BYE
12pm	10pm	8	MAS vs CAN	MAC vs CAN	MAS vs CAN	FIJ vs CAN
2:45pm	June 26 12:45am	9	NFK vs CAN	MAS vs CAN	NZL vs CAN	MAS vs CAN
June 27 9am	June 26 7pm		QF	QF	QF	QF
1pm	11pm		SF	SF	SF	SF
June 28 9am	June 27 7pm			Finals	Finals	
1pm	11pm		Finals			Finals

About Bowls Canada Boulingrin

Bowls Canada Boulingrin (BCB) is the governing body responsible for lawn bowls in Canada. The BCB mission is to advance the sport of bowls in Canada. For more details on Bowls Canada Boulingrin and the sport of lawn bowls, visit www.bowlscanada.com.

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Glossary of Bowls Terms

Aiming line - an imaginary line the player aims along to allow for the bias of the bowl

Aiming point – a point on the aiming line where the bowler focuses during delivery of the bowl

Bank – the area above the ditch, not part of the green

Bias – refers to the shape of the bowl and its effect whereby the bowl will curve in its path to the side of the bowl's bias

Boundary pegs – white, orange or yellow poles, situated on the bank, which indicates the boundary of each rink

Centre line – line marked at each end of the rink indicating the middle of the rink. The mat is placed on the centre line. After being rolled, the jack is also straightened to rest on the centerline.

Delivery – the action of rolling the bowl or jack

Ditch – the gutter around the outside edge of the green, usually filled with sand

Draw shot – the standard shot where players aim to deliver their bowl as close as possible to the jack or designated position

End – each 'end' begins with the placement of a mat and the rolling/placement of the jack. The end concludes once all players have delivered all of their bowls and the shots have been declared

Grass – a reference is sometimes made to delivering the bowl wide enough, or with "enough grass" to allow for the bias of the bowl

Green – the rectangular playing surface covered in grass or synthetic grass, between 31 and 40 metres long

Head – the group of bowls, including the jack that has come to rest within the boundary of the rink

Heavy – when a bowl is unintentionally delivered beyond the target, also refers to a slow green

Jack – the small white or yellow unbiased ball, which is the target for the game

Jack high – if a bowl is jack high it means it has reached a position whereby its nearest part is laterally aligned with the jack. Effectively it means the bowl and jack are level

Mat – a non-slip area from where players must deliver their bowls, with some part of their foot on or over the mat upon release

Narrow – when a player has insufficiently allowed for the bias, the bowl will curve too far in front of the jack and finish wide of the mark. This is referred to as being ‘too narrow’

Plinth – the edge of the grass, which meets the ditch

Rink – the playing area for each game indicated by boundary pegs. Usually a green is divided into 7 or 8 rinks

Shot – shot can have several meanings. The shot or shots are the number of points scored in an end. It can also mean the type of delivery, e.g. a drawing shot, and during an end, the bowl that is currently nearest the jack

Toucher – is a bowl that touches the jack and remains in play which is marked with spray/chalk to signify it as being a toucher

Weight – the amount of force applied to the bowl when delivered

Wide – when a player has allowed too much for the bias, the bowl will curve behind the jack and finish wide of the mark. This is referred to as being ‘too wide’