



Canadian Championships Policies

BOWLS CANADA BOULINGRIN

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CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Introduction

This document contains policies that apply to the following events:

1. Canadian National Championships (Majors/Outdoor Singles)
2. Canadian Mixed Pairs Championship (Mixed Pairs)
3. Canadian Para-bowls Championships (Singles/Team Events)
4. Canadian Seniors Triples Championships (Seniors)
5. Canadian Youth Championships – Under 18
6. Canadian Youth Championships – Under 25
7. Canadian Youth Championships - Forster-Lang Pairs
8. World Cup Selection (Indoor Singles)

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

All Bowls Canada Boulingrin events will also be governed by a set of Conditions of Play.

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';

Residency Eligibility Policy

1. Players in Canadian Championships 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.
2. Exceptions and Clarifications:
 - 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.

Canadian Championships' Entries Policy

The winners of the Provincial Association playdowns, organized for each specific event, shall represent their province in the event as outlined in the Conditions of Play.

Preliminary Entry Deadline

1. Each Provincial Association must confirm with the BCB Office, 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.
2. Any Provincial 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. The Preliminary Entry Deadline shall be no later than 60 days prior to the opening round of the event.

Final Entry Deadline

1. 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 Office immediately upon the completion of the Provincial Association playdowns. This must be received no later than 21 days prior to the commencement of each of the respective events.

Withdrawn Entries

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. 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.
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.
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.

Substitutions Policy

1. The Provincial Association shall determine the rules of substitution for all matches leading up to and during the Provincial Association playdowns.
2. If, after the official entry has been submitted, substitutions of any nature shall only be permitted following an application to BCB and approval of that authority. If 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. The Provincial Association concerned will provide the circumstances and reasons for substitutions to BCB
 - b. In Pairs and Triples, one (1) substitute will be allowed and, in Fours, two (2) substitutes will be allowed;
 - c. If more than one (1) substitute is required in Pairs or Triples or more than two (2) in Fours, the next available Pairs, Triples or Fours team shall be offered the opportunity to represent their province in the event concerned.
 - d. The substitute(s) must also meet eligibility rules in section 2.d. of this policy
 - e. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis for those situations where an association is only able to identify a substitute whose eligibility for other national championships may be impacted.
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 list provided by the Host province to the Head Event Umpire prior to the start of the event 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. If the original player has resolved the issue before the game has been completed, the original player may return to the current game.
 - c. Prior to the first round of play, each province must provide the names of their substitute players to the Head Event Umpire if they have any. After the commencement of the opening round, should a province require a substitute but did not provide a list of substitutes to the Head Event Umpire, said province will be required to use substitutes from the Host province list of substitutes.
 - d. 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
 - e. Substitute players must be ready to play within 20 minutes after the player in question has left the green. If a substitute player is not ready to play within 20 minutes, the game will be forfeited.
 - f. Substitutes may not play in the Skip position but may play in any other position. After playing any part of more than two consecutive games any substitute becomes a member of the team and may play in any position, including Skip. In the third consecutive game the substitute may play in any position.
 - g. 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.
 - h. 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 is made available to the Emergency Committee prior to the commencement of the tournament, the substitutes should have access to suitable bowling attire.
 - i. There are no substitutions in Singles. In the event of a Singles player being unable to participate due to illness, opponents shall receive three match 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.
4. The list of eligible of male and female substitutes provided to the Head Event Umpire by the Host province will be used as follows:
- a. The list will include a minimum of one male and one female bowler which will be used as a pool of available substitutes.
 - b. The participants on the list will be the first used should a province require a substitute and not have one readily available.
 - c. If a Host province substitute is to be used, he/she will be chosen randomly by the Emergency Committee from players on this list who are readily available at the time. If no player from the list is readily available, then the Emergency Committee may select any other readily available player at their discretion who meets the qualifications and eligibility criteria.
 - d. Potential host province substitute players should have competed in any of the host province's provincial playdowns during the year of competition; if this is not possible then substitute players should have played in any of the host province's playdowns within the past three years. Host province substitute players must meet all of that specific event's eligibility requirements except residency requirements.
 - e. Substituting for another province at a national championship does not impact participant's eligibility for other national championship events.

Support Personnel, Coaching and Chaperone Policy

1. At the discretion of the Provincial Association, the selection of team support personnel, be it the Coach and/or the Team Manager, must be registered with BCB 14 days prior to the start of the event for each event. BCB in turn, shall notify the Head Event Umpire and Host committee not fewer than 7 days prior to the event
2. All coaches must be NCCP Accredited Bowls Coaches and must be identified to BCB 14 days prior to the start of the event. Coaches must be a minimum of NCCP Competition Coach Trained in order to coach at any national championship. Mental Trainers with the appropriate certifications may be granted Coach status upon formal request to BCB at least 14 days prior to the start of the event. BCB in turn, shall notify the Head Event Umpire and Host committee of all accredited Coaches approved to coach at the event not fewer than 7 days prior to the event.
3. Only the registered Coach 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. When seeking advice, the player(s) may step off the green should he/she desire.
4. If a Coach is giving advice to their player(s), they must not disturb players on any rink. If a player on any rink is being interfered with, annoyed or distracted by the actions of a Coach, and appeals to the Umpire, the Umpire will first warn the offending Coach. If there is another occurrence during the game, the Umpire is to be called, and he/she will take immediate action to prevent any further violations of the conditions of play, which may include removal of the Coach from the surrounds of the green.
5. If a player/team believes that the volume of coaching being provided to their opposition is creating undue delay, distraction or interference with the game, they may appeal to an Umpire. The Umpire will first warn the offending Coach. If there is another occurrence during the game, the Umpire is to be called, and he/she will take immediate action to prevent any further violations of the conditions of play, which may include suspension of coaching for the remainder of the game.
6. Each Association must ensure that all competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of a national 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.
7. For the Para-bowls Championships, each participant is entitled to one (1) assistant/support person. Assistants/support personnel are required to register with BCB 14 days prior to the start of the event.
 - a. Assistants/support personnel are not coaches (unless they register as a coach in addition to their role as an assistant/support person). Should an assistant/support person, who is not registered as a coach, be deemed to be coaching their team/player, Law 44 will be considered broken and Law 44.5 will apply.

Bowls Policy

1. 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 competitors will receive four (4) decals each, Pairs competitors will receive three (3) decals each, and Fours and Triples competitors will receive two (2) decals. At the conclusion of the tournament, competitors will receive sufficient decals to complete a set of four (4), should enough decals be available. 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.
2. Old disc-type bowls and bowls stamped "coaching" will not be allowed for competition.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Game and Event Forfeiture Policy

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 player/team and their opponents awarded a win.
2. An Umpire, either upon request, or having noted specific infractions of the Laws of the Sport or the 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. When an entrant has withdrawn from an event, all remaining scheduled opponents, including an opponent of a commenced and uncompleted game, will be awarded match points for a win, subject to point 5 below. The opponent will be credited with shots for/shots against equal to the average of all other winning results recorded during the appropriate rounds. The entrant in default will receive shots for/shots against equal to the average of all losing results recorded during the appropriate rounds.
4. An entrant will be considered to have withdrawn from an event if:
 1. the entrant unilaterally terminates a game without the prior authorization of the Head Event Umpire, or
 2. the entrant misses more than any part of two games.
5. If an entrant has withdrawn from the event for any reason, then the following shall determine the impact on the remaining entrants:
 - a. If the entrant withdraws after one half or more of their scheduled games have been fully completed, then all previously played game results will stand as played. All remaining scheduled un-played games will be considered "Forfeited" games. The impact on the scheduled opponents is explained in point 3 above.
 - b. If the entrant withdraws before one half of their scheduled games have been fully completed, then all previously played game results will be considered un-played and all results from those previously played games will not be counted in any way. All remaining scheduled un-played games, likewise, will be considered as un-played, and those games will not be counted in any way.

Alternate Entry Provisions Policy

1. Provision for Nomination

- a. 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 shall be conducted in lieu of a play-down. All other Conditions of Play shall apply.

2. Provision for Direct Entry

- a. All players applying for direct entry must be eligible to compete in their respective province. Direct entries must comply with the Residency Eligibility Policy.
- b. 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:
 - i. 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;
 - ii. 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:
 1. 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;
 2. 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.
- c. 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.

3. Provision for Additional Entries into the Event

- a. 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 an additional entry to complete an even number as follows.
- b. 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
- c. Host Province:
 - i. The hosting province will receive the first right of accepting an additional entry into the competition
- d. Roll Down:
 - i. If the host province refuses to enter a team in a non-open event, then the roll down will continue where it was left off the year previous.
 - ii. The roll down list outlined in Table 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 all non-open events by the BCB office.

- iii. 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.
- iv. No Province shall be allowed to have more than two entries into non-open championships. The only exception shall be the Indoor Singles and Outdoor Singles.
- v. As Ontario will always receive two entries into any non-open events, they are not included in the roll-down list.

Table 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

e. Acceptance of Additional Entries

- i. The participating province being offered an additional entry opportunity may, at its sole discretion, elect to nominate the silver medalists from the respective play-down or use any nomination selection process.
- ii. Acceptance of an additional entry must be confirmed in writing by the province within 2 business days of the opportunity having been formally communicated by BCB.
- iii. “Odd” numbered additional entries are conditional upon the acceptance of the following “even” numbered entry. For example, participation of a 9th additional entrant will be conditional upon the next available roll down entry being accepted.

4. Provision for Additional Entries into the Indoor Singles Event

- a. 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. The process for third or fourth entries shall be administered using the same process described for determining second entries in clause 1) above, however, Table 2 will be used.

Table 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

5. Provision for Additional Entries into the Outdoor Singles Event

- a.** If after the preliminary deadline all spots are still not filled for this event, those provinces who have duly entered the event and filled all their allocated spots, shall be given the opportunity to submit additional entries as follows.
 - i.** If fewer than 24 entries have been submitted, the Roll Down list will be utilized once under the following circumstances:
 - 1. If fewer than 18 entries are submitted, then the Roll Down list will be utilized to fill the event with an even number up to 18 entries. “Odd” numbered additional entries are conditional upon the acceptance of the following “even” numbered entry. For example, participation of a 15th additional entrant will be conditional upon the next available roll down entry being accepted.
 - 2. If fewer than 24 but more than 18 entries are submitted, then the Roll Down list will be utilized to fill the event with an even number up to 24. “Odd” numbered additional entries are conditional upon the acceptance of the following “even” numbered entry. For example, participation of a 19th additional entrant will be conditional upon the next available roll down entry being accepted.
- b.** The order for selection to complete the draw in descending order is as follows.
- c.** Host Province:
 - i.** The hosting province will receive the first right of accepting one additional entry into the competition, and every third available entry after that.

1. The “Host” entry that is allocated to the host province is an allocated entrant and does not count as the host province’s first additional entrant
- d. Roll Down:
- i. The hosting province will receive the first right of accepting one additional entry into the competition, and every third available entry after that. If the host province refuses to enter an additional player, then the roll down will continue where it was left off the year previous.
 - ii. The roll down list outlined in Table 3 below will be used to determine additional entries based on first right of acceptance or refusal. 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 each event by the BCB office.
 - iii. If after all provinces have had the opportunity to add an additional player, and there are still spots available in the event, then the draw will be modified to allow for fewer participants

Table 3 – Roll Down List for Outdoor Singles Starting in 2018

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

Draw Policy for Canadian Championships

Policy Statement

National Championship draws are created to be fair and equitable to all participating athletes. They consider the unique characteristics of each venue and the individual challenges of each Host Organizing Committee. Each draw assumes that all athletes abide by the Bowls Canada Boulingrin Code of Conduct and Ethics.

Definitions

The “*Scheduler*” refers to the individual who is creating the draw schedule.

The “*Drawmaster*” refers to the individual(s) who are conducting the random draw resulting in the assignment of participants/teams to playing positions within the draw schedule.

The “*Draw Schedule*” refers to the structure of the draw wherein the round robin format is created with the assignment of rinks and greens.

The “*Draw*” refers to the random assignment of participants/teams to playing positions within the draw schedule.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clarity and transparency around the principles and situational factors considered when a draw is created for a national championship.

Principles

The following principles must be applied when creating a national championship draw. They are listed in order of priority. When a facility does not allow for the full application of a principle, the Scheduler will apply required accommodations.

1. When creating a draw for a competition with multiple events, all teams in an individual category (e.g., Women’s Triples) should be kept together on the same green and events should rotate on a daily basis in order to ensure that all athletes enjoy the same advantages regarding green conditions.
2. Playoff rounds and medal rounds will be played on the best possible rinks. When an event is being ‘live-streamed’, playoff rounds and medal rounds will be played on the best possible rinks that can also accommodate live-streaming.
3. The sequence of round robin play, rink numbers and start times should be determined before specific opponents are determined.
4. Players and teams should not play on the same rink more than once during the round robin play if possible.

5. Players and teams should play on the same number of “good” and “poor” rinks as identified in advance by the Host Organizing Committee.
6. For each individual event (or section), players or teams should play a similar number of games on each green.
7. Mid-day travel should be reduced to a minimum and then distributed evenly amongst the players and teams.
8. Teams should not play back to back games on the same green on the same day unless playing an opponent who is also playing back to back games on the same green on the same day.
9. Every effort will be made to avoid having A and B teams play each other in the last rounds of a round robin tournament. However, in those instances where last minute changes make this unavoidable, it is assumed that both teams will abide by the Bowls Canada Boulingrin Code of Conduct and Ethics.

Additional Factors Considered

10. The Scheduler will have knowledge of the greens. This knowledge will either be first-hand or provided by the Host Organizing Committee.
11. The Scheduler will determine the rinks and times that each team will play during the round robin phase.
12. If possible, the direction of play (N-S or E-W) may be changed mid-day, enabling the same rink number to be played in each direction.
13. It may be possible for rink centres and boundaries to be moved laterally between games or between days. The draw schedule is prepared on the assumption that rinks will not be adjusted.
14. The Scheduler will work with the Host Organizing Committee to ensure that the schedule can be accommodated logistically.

Application

15. The Scheduler will be appointed by Bowls Canada Boulingrin.
16. The Drawmaster will be a staff member of Bowls Canada Boulingrin. The draw for team assignments will be conducted under the observation of a member of the Bowls Canada Boulingrin Board of Directors.
17. The Draw for team assignments for non-open Championships will take place following the Preliminary Entry Deadline as the teams are confirmed.

18. The Draw for open events will take place immediately following the final entry deadline.
19. In those cases where Championship teams include an “A” and “B” team from the same province, every effort will be made to have the “A” and “B” team meet in Round 3 of the Draw by conducting the draw in the following manner:
 - a. All A teams will first be placed in one blind draw and all team numbers will be placed in a second blind draw.
 - b. As each A team is drawn, a corresponding team number will be drawn.
 - c. The corresponding B team will receive their team number based on the Round 3 schedule. That number will then be removed from the team number blind draw.
 - d. The draw will continue in this fashion until all “B” teams have been assigned a number.
 - e. The remaining provinces will then be placed into the blind draw and randomly assigned the remaining team numbers as they are drawn.
20. With the exceptions of Singles events, in those cases where there are byes in the opening session, every effort will be made to have the host team play in the first session of the Draw by conducting the draw in the following manner:
 - a. All team numbers that play in the first session will be placed in one blind draw.
 - b. The host team number will be drawn.
 - c. All remaining team numbers will be added to the team number blind draw and all remaining teams will be added to a second blind draw.
 - d. As each A team is drawn, a corresponding team number will be drawn.
 - e. The corresponding B team will receive their team number based on the Round 3 schedule. That number will then be removed from the team number blind draw.
 - f. The draw will continue in this fashion until all “B” teams have been assigned a number.
 - g. The remaining provinces will then be placed into the blind draw and randomly assigned the remaining team numbers as they are drawn.
21. In those cases where there are byes in the opening session, and there is an “A” and “B” team from the host province, every effort will be made to have both of the “A” and “B” teams play in the first session of the Draw (but not play each other) by conducting the draw in the following manner:
 - a. All team numbers that play in the first session will be placed in one blind draw and the “A” and “B” host teams will be placed in a second blind draw.
 - b. When the host A or B team number is drawn, the other team will be assigned a team number based on their opposing team number from Round 3 of the schedule, and this number will be removed from the team number blind draw.
 - c. All remaining teams will be added to the blind draw.
 - d. As each remaining A team is drawn, a corresponding team number will be drawn.
 - e. The corresponding B team will receive their team number based on the Round 3 schedule. That number will then be removed from the team number blind draw.
 - f. The draw will continue in this fashion until all “B” teams have been assigned a number.

- g. The remaining provinces will then be placed into the blind draw and randomly assigned the remaining team numbers as they are drawn.
22. For the Outdoor Singles, when multiple groups are used, an emphasis will be placed on the following:
- a. Each gender will be determined separately
 - b. Participants from the same province will not be in the same group (if possible)
 - c. The provincial winners from the provinces with the largest numbers of registered BCB members will be placed in separate groups (as best as possible)
 - d. Groups will be created prior to the Final Entry Deadline
 - e. A bracket system will be designed for post-sectional play using the following principles:
 - i. When there are four sections, each sectional first place player will play a randomly selected sectional second place player from a different section in the quarter-finals; each winner advances to the semi-finals to play against a randomly selected player from a different section, with those winners advancing to the Gold medal game.
 - ii. When there are three sections, then each sectional first place player will be ranked against each other as outlined in Appendix A of the Conditions of Play. The top two sectional players will receive byes to the semi-finals. No tie break games will be played to determine those byes. The remaining first place player will play against a randomly selected sectional second place player from a different section and the other two sectional second place players play each other in the quarter finals. Each winner then advances to play in the semi-finals with those winners advancing to the Gold medal game.
23. For the Indoor Singles, one section per gender will be used and a full round robin will be played.
- a. Competitors may compete on the same rinks multiple times throughout the event, however every effort will be made to ensure competitors do not compete on the same rink more than once per day.
 - b. If there are more than two representatives from the same province in the same discipline, said competitors will be drawn to play each other randomly and no longer subject to facing each other in the third round of the event.
24. For the Canadian Youth Championships, the draw will be dependent on the number of entrants.
- a. Should there be 7 entries or fewer, there will be one section and a full round robin will be played if possible. If time allows, more than a single round robin may be used (i.e. double round robin or triple round robin).
 - b. Should there be more than 7 entries in a discipline, then multiple sections will be used.

- c. If there are an even number of sections, the top 2 from each section will advance to post-sectional play.
 - d. If there is an odd-number of sections, then the drawmaster and scheduler will determine the usage of byes so that the number of competitors advancing is a factor of 16 (e.g. if there are 3 sections, the top 2 from each section will advance whereby the top 2 ranked competitors will receive a bye to the semifinals, while the remaining 4 competitors will compete in straight knockout).
25. For the Para-bowls Championships, the draw will adhere to the following principles as best as possible:
- a. For all events, bowlers with visual impairments will compete with or against other bowlers with visual impairments; and bowlers with physical disabilities will compete with or against other bowlers with physical disabilities.
 - b. Where possible, players should compete within their classification. However, bowlers may play in a **higher** classification.
 - i. Example: a B1 player may compete in the B2 classification, but a B2 player may NOT compete in a B1 classification.
 - c. There must be a minimum of four (4) entrants to hold an event for any classification. If there are fewer than four entrants, classifications may be combined while still separating the visually impaired and physically disabled groups.
 - i. Example: Two B2 players may be combined with three B3 players to create a B2/B3 combined group.
 - d. For Singles, priority will be given to keeping bowlers of the same classification competing against each other, which may mean combining men and women into the same section.
 - i. Example: Two B2 men and four B2 women may be combined to create a six-person B2 section.
 - e. For the team event, teams will be created as fairly and equitably as possible. Each bowler will be assigned a point score based on their classification (e.g. class B1 is worth 1 point, class B2 2 points, etc.). Teams will be created so that they each have cumulative point scores which are roughly equivalent.
 - i. Example: With two B5 bowlers and two B7 bowlers, two pairs teams would be created by including one B5 bowler and one B7 bowler on each team.
 - f. The format and number of games played will depend on the final number of entrants.
 - i. Participants will not be expected to compete in more than three (3) games per day.
 - g. Every effort will be made to have gold/silver medal matches, as well as bronze/4th place matches.

Dress Code Policy for Canadian Championships

Dress Code for Players and Designated Team Support Personnel

1. All athletes are expected to dress in an appropriate manner when participating in the Canadian Championships:
2. For events in which, in order to participate, a player must qualify as a Provincial representative:
 - a. Each provincial team (this means an event team such as Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours teams) shall wear shirts as approved by their Provincial Association and bottom of a similar colour. Players must be identifiable by their provincial name, association or logo.
 - b. All members of a team shall wear their provincial uniforms for the opening and closing parades. Designated Team Support Personnel shall dress the same as the players for both the opening and closing parades, and for all games played by members of their provincial team.
 - c. Long sleeves shall be permitted and shall be worn under the provincial shirts.
 - d. UV protective clothing may be worn as long as the provincial shirt is visible.
3. For open events, players are prohibited from wearing official national bowls team playing shirts from any country including Canada during competition.
4. All Footwear must comply with the Domestic Regulation *Use of Approved Footwear* approved in 2015. Only approved footwear shall be permitted. Manufacturer colours, logos and designs are acceptable.
 - a. For the Canadian Indoor Singles Championships, 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.
5. There are no restrictions on hats or visors. They can be of any colour or pattern and need not match with other team members.
6. There are no restrictions on rain gear or other outerwear, although provincial colours are encouraged.

Commercial Markings

7. 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.
8. Players shall be permitted to display commercial markings in accordance with the following provisions.
9. Sponsor Trademarks:
 - a. 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:

- i. each trademark shall be no larger than one hundred (100) square centimeters; and
- ii. the trademark and its location on the player are dignified; and
- iii. 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
- iv. the "sponsor" is not for a tobacco, alcohol or cannabis company or related product.

10. Manufacturers' Trademarks:

- a. 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.
- b. 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:
 - i. not more than two manufacturer's trademarks per garment, shoe, hat or item of clothing

11. 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

12. 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 where applicable (e.g., Cy English and Lady Alexander awards).
- h. Continued infractions may result in forfeiture of games and loss of points. 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.

13. Other

- a. 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.

14. Dress Code for Officials

- a. Umpires
 - i. All umpires shall wear an approved BCB "Umpire" shirt with white, cream or black bottoms.
 - ii. When working as a Marker, Umpires may wear the BCB approved umpire shirt.
 - iii. Umpires may wear white, cream or red outerwear in the event of inclement weather.
- b. Markers
 - i. Markers shall wear suitable bowls attire.
- c. Uniformity
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Acceptable footwear for officials is outlined under Dress Code for Players in section 4.

Tobacco, Cannabis, Alcohol, Cell Phone and Verbal Abuse Policy

1. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes is only allowed in designated areas. This includes: competitors, umpires and markers.
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.
3. No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed during play.
4. Cannabis is a banned substance in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy and as such, Cannabis is not to be consumed, smoked or imbibed in any form during play.
5. 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 Provincial Association to ensure that the fine is paid immediately, before the next round commences.
6. The use of mobile phones and other electronic/communication devices on the green and surrounds during play is not permitted. Arrangements for the use of electronic/communication devices by a player with a hearing impairment, and for any other necessary communication requirement, will be made at the discretion of the Controlling Body.
7. Any disciplinary action will be addressed according to BCB's Discipline and Complaints Policy: <https://bowlscanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Discipline-and-Complaints-Policy.pdf>

Inclement Weather Policy

Electrical Storms

At the first sound of thunder or observation of lightning, play shall be suspended immediately, and all participants shall be ordered off the greens to find appropriate shelter.

Play will not resume until at least 30 minutes have passed since the last sight of lightning or the sound of thunder.

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

Hot Weather Guidelines

Background

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.
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.
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.
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.

General preparedness

5. Players, officials and spectators should be encouraged to wear hats or other head protection.
6. Water and/ or other drinks shall be readily available.

Procedure

7. 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 game will be waived.

8. When the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius at the venue, play/competition will be suspended.
9. 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.
10. 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.

Instructions on installation of a thermometer at the venue

11. 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.

Other considerations

12. 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 games last from 2.5 to 4 hours, with multiple games per day, during which players are fully exposed to the effects of heat and humidity.

Table 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

Cold Weather Guidelines

1. General Awareness and Preparedness
 - a. Exposure to cold presents an inherent risk of injury, which may result in hypothermia, or frostbite in more extreme conditions.
 - b. Air temperature, wind speed and humidity can all contribute to a cold environment.

- c. All players, coaches and officials should be prepared for cold weather by bringing and wearing protective clothing, including hats, gloves and scarves; layered inner and outer wear; and long sleeves and pants.
 - d. Participants need to be aware that consistent hydration remains necessary in cold weather.
 - e. Event hosts must be prepared to provide food, fluids and warming facilities.
2. Procedures
- a. These Cold Weather Guidelines are applicable when the outdoor temperature is at or below **five** degrees Celsius. All participants will be advised to dress warmly. Dress code provisions will no longer apply, with the exception of footwear.
 - b. Wind chill – the combined effect of cold air and wind – will be used as a general guideline for determining subsequent procedures, in the absence of any precipitation. If there is any precipitation (i.e. rain or snow), further adjustments may be made.
 - c. When the wind chill drops below **minus five** (-5) degrees Celsius at the venue, play/competition will be interrupted at five (5) end intervals (at the completion of the end in play) for a period of 15 minutes, during which time players must leave the green to warm up.
 - d. When the wind chill drops below **minus nine** (-9) degrees Celsius at the venue, play/competition will be suspended.
 - e. Any time limit imposed on the interrupted game will be waived.
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, wind chill, and precipitation.
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.
5. Environment Canada has prepared a table to assist with estimating wind chill values, which is included below.

Wind speed (km/h)	Estimating wind speed – what to look for	Temperature (°C)										
		0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45	
10	Wind felt on face – wind vane begins to move.	-3	-9	-15	-21	-27	-33	-39	-45	-51	-57	Wind chill index
20	Small flags extended.	-5	-12	-18	-24	-30	-37	-43	-49	-56	-62	
30	Wind raises loose paper, large flags flap and small tree branches move.	-6	-13	-20	-26	-33	-39	-45	-52	-59	-65	
40	Small trees begin to sway and large flags extend and flap strongly.	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-54	-61	-68	
50	Large branches of trees move, telephone wires whistle and it is hard to use an umbrella.	-8	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-49	-56	-63	-69	
60	Trees bend and walking against the wind is hard.	-9	-16	-23	-30	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	

Weather forecasts: weather.gc.ca

Wind Chill information: www.ec.gc.ca/meteo-weather, Hazardous weather

[Source: Environment Canada – WIND CHILL The chilling facts, 2014]

Air Quality Guidelines

Background

1. BCB has created these guidelines to protect the health and well-being of our participants in order to ensure that they are not placed at risk by staging an event in air quality that may adversely affect their health.
2. The following guidelines are meant to assist players, coaches, officials and event hosts in mitigating the effects of poor air quality and deciding when to suspend play on the green.
3. These guidelines are based on air quality health index readings from the Government of Canada’s website:
https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/index_e.html
4. The Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) is a risk management tool which describes local air quality as it relates to human health. The AQHI is a scale that lists numbers from 1 to 10+ to indicate the level of health risk associated with air quality. The higher the number, the greater the risk and the need to take precautions.
 - 1-3 = “Low” health risk
 - 4-6 = “Moderate” health risk
 - 7-10 = “High” health risk
 - Above 10 = “Very high” health risk
 - a) It is recognized that some provinces have more detailed and specific tools to assess readings (e.g. Alberta’s AQHI platform includes more pollutants and is calculated more frequently than the Federal platform). It is at the discretion

of BCB and the host organizing committee to determine whether to use a provincial AQHI platform or the Federal version; however, in most instances the Federal version should be sufficient.

5. The Federal AQHI recognizes that “at risk populations” may need to consider reducing or avoiding strenuous activities earlier than the general population. “At risk” populations may include (but are not limited to) people with increased sensitivity to air pollution, people with pre-existing conditions, seniors, pregnant women, and others.
 - a. For the purposes of these guidelines, it is assumed that a significant number of national championship participants are part of the “at risk” population demographic.

General preparedness

6. Players, coaches, officials and spectators are encouraged to monitor the Federal AQHI in advance of each day’s competition.

Procedure

7. At national championships, the “air quality watcher” will be the Head Event Umpire, on behalf of the Controlling Body, who will be responsible for interrupting or suspending play; or, if there is more than one venue, each Venue Umpire.
8. When the AQHI is between 4 and 6, if any player experiences symptoms due to poor air quality, play for their specific game may be stopped for 20 minutes.
 - a. After the first 10 minutes, the symptomatic player(s) will be assessed to determine whether they are able to continue to play;
 - b. If they are able to continue, play will recommence after the 20 minute break;
 - c. If they are not able to continue playing at that time, a substitute will be recruited in accordance with the BCB *Substitution Policy*, and play will recommence with the substitute after the 20 minute break;
 - d. If there is no substitute available, an additional 10 minutes may be taken (20 minutes total) for the symptomatic player to recover. If, after 20 minutes, the symptomatic player remains unable to continue, the game will be forfeited by the defaulting team.
9. When the AQHI reaches 7, all play/competition will be suspended for at least one hour, during which time, players should be encouraged to rest and/or find shelter indoors, provided the shelter has better air quality than is currently outdoors.
 - a. It will be at the discretion of the Head Event Umpire to determine when to resume play. Consideration should be given to all relevant factors, including the age and health of participants, the proximity of the venue to the nearest air quality station(s), and the predicted forecast.
10. Any time limits will be extended for any stoppages in play due to poor air quality.
11. In all instances where play is stopped or suspended, any end that has commenced must be completed before the stoppage takes effect.
 - a. Unless stopped by the Chief Umpire mid-end.

Other considerations

12. Health Canada has produced a chart to describe the health messages of the Air Quality Health Index, an index developed by Environment Canada. The air quality readings, as outlined in Table 1, indicate the messaging for the average Canadian, as well as “at risk” populations. Many bowlers tend to fall into the “at risk” demographic, as they tend to be older, and may have health concerns. Young bowlers are also at risk as their bodies are not fully developed and may make them more susceptible to the effects of high air pollution. Compounding the problem of high AQHI readings is that games last from 2 to 3 hours, with multiple games per day, during which players are fully exposed to the effects of air pollution. All of these considerations combined result in a “high risk, low reward” situation for playing bowls during anything above a low-risk AQHI reading. As such, the Head Event Umpire shall have the ability to suspend or discontinue play earlier than the guidelines listed above in order to ensure the safety of all participants.

Table 1 - Health Canada’s Air Quality Health Index Messages

Health Risk	Air Quality Health Index	Health Message	
		At Risk Population*	General Population
Low Risk	1-3	Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.	Ideal air quality for outdoor activities.
Moderate Risk	4-6	Consider reducing or rescheduling strenuous activities outdoors if you are experiencing symptoms.	No need to modify your usual outdoor activities unless you experience symptoms such as coughing and throat irritation.
High Risk	7-10	Reduce or reschedule strenuous activities outdoors. Children and the elderly should also take it easy.	Consider reducing or rescheduling strenuous activities outdoors if you experience symptoms such as coughing and throat irritation.
Very High Risk	Above 10	Avoid strenuous activities outdoors. Children and the elderly should also avoid outdoor physical exertion.	Reduce or reschedule strenuous activities outdoors, especially if you experience symptoms such as coughing and throat irritation.

**Unsure if you are at risk? Consult this [health guide](#) to help you determine if you are at risk from air pollution. People with heart or breathing problems are at greater risk. Follow your doctor's usual advice about exercising and managing your condition.*

Approved Domestic Regulations

Use of Bowling Delivery Aids

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. We must also ensure that bowlers do not damage the playing surface while using a bowling delivery aid on the green. This regulation covers the domestic use of a delivery aid (e.g. support, bowling arm, etc.) for delivering a jack and a bowl, as permitted under laws 41.5 and 41.8 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Any bowler may use a bowling delivery aid for delivery of the jack and their bowls. For all Canadian Championships, and for provincial playdowns leading towards a national championship, use of these devices is subject to inspection by officials and approval of each 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.

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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.

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Use of Groundsheets

For outdoors play, portable groundsheets 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 groundsheets must remain in use until the end of the game or until the Controlling Body decides that they are no longer needed.

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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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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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Eligibility of Players

Excerpt from World Bowls Regulations adopted 2 May 2018

<http://www.worldbowls.com/about-us/regulations-in-full/>

9. Eligibility of Players

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.

COVID-19

Due to the ever-changing requirements and restrictions from provincial governments and local public health agencies, BCB reserves the right to alter, modify, or adjust these Conditions of Play at any time such that they adhere to local, provincial, or national requirements. Further, BCB reserves the right to alter, modify, or adjust these Conditions of Play above and beyond the minimum requirements set forth by government or health agencies to further enhance participant safety and limit the spread or possibility of harm due to COVID-19. Examples of such changes may include, but is not limited to:

- Altering the schedule, including reducing the number of ends, number of games, or timing of games
- Modifying visits to the head, or where players can stand on the green, such that physical distancing can be maintained
- Tie-breakers
- Minimum rink widths
- The Draw Policy, especially as it relates to rink allocation
- Entries Policy, Game and Event Forfeiture Policy, Alternate Entry or Substitutions Policy, specifically as they may be impacted by COVID-19
- Dress Code, specifically as it relates to face masks

Depending on how much time is available, the BCB Board may call an emergency meeting to decide on these matters. During the event, the Emergency Committee will decide on COVID matters.

Anyone developing symptoms upon arrival to the event and/or during the event will be considered a presumed COVID positive case and must follow the local public health COVID positive protocol for self-isolation.