

2024 National Championship Model FAQ

Q: Why did BCB change the national championships?

A: Both BCB and the PSOs could not afford the current model. Provinces were incurring deficits as high as \$100,000. Continuing with the existing model was not feasible for anyone. Costs to individual bowlers to participate in the playdown process and national model were becoming prohibitive to participation.

Q: Why were the Senior Triples eliminated?

A: The average age of all participants at all championships in 2022 (including Youth) was 61. This means seniors are already competing in non-age specific events. With the model being unsustainable for BCB, PSOs and individuals, removing the Seniors opens up the calendar for other events, and reduces costs for everyone.

Q: Why were the Mixed Pairs eliminated?

A: With no international Mixed Pairs event, this event is difficult to justify retaining. Removing this event frees up the calendar for clubs and PSOs to hold their own regional events if they wish.

Q: Why were the Indoor Singles eliminated?

A: The Indoor for many years has become mostly a Western-specific event as eastern provinces do not attend. Similar to the World Youth, Canada's representatives will be selected for future World Cups.

Q: Why did the Youth event change?

A: The World Youth Championships no longer requires participants to be a minimum of 18 years of age, and is seen as a key development opportunity for those aspiring to play on the High Performance Squads. Rather than leaving it to chance, the HPC will select who will represent Canada, meaning the Canadian version is no longer a qualifier. Further, the majority of U25 participants are already playing elsewhere, meaning this event becomes redundant for those who have HP aspirations.

Q: Why did the format get changed so drastically?

A: The world has changed where games in all sports are being modified to become shorter, faster, and more appealing to spectators. In order to still allow for a full round robin, games were made shorter to accommodate a 7-game round robin in fewer days, and sets play to ensure meaningful competition with fewer blow-outs.

Q: Why did everything get moved to one location?

A: The previous model of events being spread across the country was fractured, resulting in fewer resources for host clubs from all sources. By bringing everything together, it will result in greater resources and investment for the host – this will result in a greatly improved venue, experience, and all-around result for championships.

Q: When will the 2024 Championships take place?

A: Mid-to-late August

Q: How do we bid on hosting?

A: Bidding details will be posted on the Bowls Canada website by the end of May 2024. Contact Alec Deschamps at adeschamps@bowlscanada.com for details.

Q: Who can bid on hosting?

A: Cities, clubs, and Provincial Associations are all eligible to submit a bid, however all three will need to work in collaboration for a successful bid.

Q: Why were triples brought back?

A: To ensure an affordable, meaningful experience for participants, two disciplines per person were recommended. The five-side format made the choice to offer singles/fours and pairs/triples a feasible option. Feedback from bowlers and provincial associations also indicated that triples was a popular and desirable event.

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