

2023 Canadian Para Bowls Championship Media Kit



Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club is set to host the 2023 Canadian Para Bowls Championships

The 2023 Canadian Para Championships are set to begin at the Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club in Calgary, Alberta. The competition takes place from July 24 – July 30, 2023, and will feature the top para bowlers from across the country in the men's and women's divisions. The 2023 Canadian Para-Bowls championship is a selection tournament to represent Canada at the International Bowls for the disabled world championship in Johannesburg, South Africa 2024.

The event is open to any visually impaired or physically impaired lawn bowler who belongs to an affiliated club in Canada. In para bowls, participants are classified into two sections: bowlers with a visual impairment and bowlers with an ambulatory impairment. Classification involves a variety of medical tests that compare muscle strength, range of motion, co-ordination, amputation, and balance against standardized classification descriptions.

The Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club was established in the 1970s. Stanley Park is a leader of Para-bowls in Canada. They introduced a Para-bowls Just Roll with It program for children and adults who are visually or physically disabled.



The Para Championships are sponsored by long-term supporter MVP Sports. MVP Sports is Canada's leading lawn bowls equipment distributor since 1985. MVP Sports is the inventor, developer, and sole distributor of the world's best bowls delivery aid, the Ubi-Launcher. Revolutionizing the bowls world, MVP Sports assisted in the development of the SRPM, the world's only accurate tool for testing green speeds. For more information on MVP Sports please visit www.mvpsports.ca.

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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Fast Facts

Canadian Para Championships

July 24- July 30, 2023

The 2023 Canadian Para Championships will be held at the Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club in Calgary, Alberta. This championship brings the premier para from around the country to compete.

Club Information - Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club

350 42 Ave SW Calgary, Alberta T3C 1Y3

Phone - 403-532-8006

Websites - https://www.calgarybowls.com/

Championship Information

Championship Dates – July 24 – July 30, 2023

Past Host – Windsor Lawn Bowling Club

Next Host - TBD

Provinces - 9 provinces (ON, BC, SK, AB, MB, QC, NS, NB)

Participants – 14 participants (6 participants with Visual Impairments and 8 participants with Physical Impairments)

2022 Champions

B1: Geoff Connor (AB athlete) / Kathryn MacGregor (director)

B2: Louise McLean (ON athlete) / Lianne Franklin (director)

B3: Elizabeth Mayo (NS athlete) / Pat Vos (director)

B6: Chelsea Robertson (ON)

B7: Andy Caldwell (ON)

Bowls Explained

Bowls is a strategic, challenging and fun sport that can be enjoyed by anyone. It is played on a large smooth grass surface called a "green". Lawn bowls are large, hard resin balls with a bias to them, so that they travel along an elliptical path, rather than going straight. The object of the game is to roll your bowls closer to the target than your opponents. The target is a small white ball called a "jack". The jack is rolled the length of the green to start each end. Players from each team taking turns rolling their bowls down the green toward the jack until all the bowls have been played.

Story Lines

This is the second annual Para Bowls Championship, the first one was held last year in Windsor, Ontario hosted by the Windsor Lawn Bowling Club. The addition of the Canadian Para Bowls Championship is important for continuing to grow the sport of lawn bowling in Canada. It gives players who may not have previously had a chance to compete nationally to do so. Participants with both visual impairments as well as physical impairments are competing to win the title of

Canadian Para Bowls Champion, but at the same time are out on the Stanley Park Bowling greens to have fun! The continued growth of the Para Bowls program is essential to making bowls the most inclusive sport it can be.

Useful Links

Bowls Canada

http://www.bowlscanada.com/

Championship page

https://bowlscanada.com/en/championship/2023-canadian-para-bowls-championships/

Club Websites

https://www.calgarybowls.com/

Championship results

https://bowlscanada.com/en/championship/2023-canadian-para-bowls-championships/

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