



**Bowls Canada Boulingrin 2026 Conditions of Play  
Canadian Indoor Championships**

**Controlling Body:** Bowls Canada Boulingrin

**Event:** 2026 Canadian Indoor Championships [Indoor Singles]

**Venue:** Pacific Indoor Bowls Club, Vancouver, BC

**Dates:** Oct TBC, 2026

**Entry Conditions**

1. Entries for this event shall consist of a maximum of 12 men’s and 12 women’s participants. The cost of each entry is \$150/person.
2. All competitors will be representatives of their respective province, and will have earned the right to represent their province as determined by their respective provincial association, be it through a provincial playdown process or otherwise.
  - a. The previous year’s champion will be guaranteed one place. Should the reigning champion decline to participate or be otherwise unavailable, the silver medal winner from the previous year (followed by the bronze medal winner if necessary) shall be invited to compete in the tournament. In the event that none of the medal winners accept the invitation to join the championships the place shall be filled in accordance with the *Alternate Entry Provisions Policy*.
3. Competitors must be in good standing with BCB, their respective Association, and an affiliated club during the year of the event.
4. All competitors must meet the residency requirements identified in the *Residency Eligibility Policy*. In addition, all competitors must meet the following requirements:
  - a. Competitors must not have previously represented another country at an international bowls competition; or if so, make a written declaration that he/she intends to exclusively represent Canada at future international bowls competitions if so qualified or selected.
  - b. Players must be a Canadian citizen or possess a Canadian Permanent Resident Card and meet the regulations of the international bowls authority having jurisdiction over the event (World Bowls – World Cup).
  - c. Players must be prepared to formalize selection or entry by signing a BCB – Athlete Agreement and fulfill obligations contained therein.
  - d. All players entering the competition must declare their agreement to playing in the next World Bowls World Cup event. Failure to meet that agreement may result in disqualification from future Canadian Championships as determined by the BCB Board.
5. Each provincial association will be allocated the following number of entries in the event:

Province	Men	Women
British Columbia	2	2



Alberta	1	1
Saskatchewan	1	1
Manitoba	1	1
Ontario	2	2
Quebec	1	1
New Brunswick	1	1
Nova Scotia	1	1
Prince Edward Island	1	1

- a. In the event that one or more provincial associations do not send their full allocation of entrants, the following rolldown list will be utilized:

1	Alberta
2	Saskatchewan
3	Manitoba
4	Nova Scotia
5	Quebec
6	New Brunswick
7	Prince Edward Island
8	British Columbia
9	Ontario

- b. Acceptance of an additional entry must be confirmed in writing by the provincial association within 2 business days of the opportunity having been formally communicated by BCB.

**Format of Play and Trial Ends**

6. All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Fourth Edition, 2022; BCB Domestic Regulations; BCB Canadian Championship Policies; and these Conditions of Play.
7. Each game will consist of two sets, with each set played over seven (7) ends. Four bowls each will be played, with each player playing in turn.
  - a. The winner of each set will be the player with the most shots at the completion of the seventh end. The winner of the game being the better of two sets. (A game tiebreaker is not a set.) In round robin play, all 7 ends of a set must be completed. In knockout play a set will be decided if, at any point, it becomes impossible for one player to draw or win the set given the number of ends left.
    - i. If the shot scores are tied after the last end of a set, the set is drawn.
  - b. If the game is tied (two drawn sets or one set each) after the two sets have been completed, a tie-breaker consisting of three (3) ends will be played to determine the winner. If the shot scores are tied after the third end of the tie-breaker, a further tie-breaker end will be played.
  - c. In all cases a tied end will count as a played end.
  - d. There will be a time limit of 2 hours. Time limits include trial ends.



- i. If the time limit is reached and the sets are split, a tiebreaker will still be played. A tie-breaker does not count towards the time limit.
8. Sectional round robin will be played leading to post-sectional straight knockout rounds. The creation of the draw and assignment of players into sections will take place as per the *Draw Policy*.
9. All games shall be played using the “re-spotting the jack” rule per section 56.5 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and the “one re-spot position” per section 56.5.3 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
10. Prior to the start of a game, each player or team will be allowed two trial ends. For trial ends, players may use the same number of bowls as they would in the game. Trial ends will be included as part of the time limit for the match.
11. Any player not ready to play at their official start time for any game, or within 10 minutes of the previous game’s completion on their assigned rink, shall forego their right to play trial ends.
12. An official signal shall be sounded to signal the scheduled starting time for each game. No game shall be started before the official signal is given. If any player is not ready to play within 10 minutes after the official start time of their game, their team shall forfeit the game to their opponent.

### **Scoring and Tie-Breaking Procedure**

13. Entrants earn match points from each game based on three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss.
14. No round robin games shall be conceded before the completion of the game.
15. If a game is forfeited, the non-offending player will be awarded three match points, two set wins, two set points, 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.
16. At the end of round robin play, the top three ranked entrants in each discipline will advance to the playoffs:
  - a. The top ranked player in each pool will receive a bye, while the second ranked player will play the third ranked player of the opposite pool.
  - b. The winners of the #2 vs #3 games will play a top ranked player in the semifinals; the losers of the #2 vs #3 games will be eliminated.
  - c. The winners of the semi-final matches will play off, with the winner being awarded the gold medal and the loser being awarded the silver medal.
  - d. The losers of the semi-final matches will play off, with the winner being awarded the bronze medal.
17. In the event of a tie, ties will be broken as follows:
  - a. The Tie-Breaking Procedure will be implemented by a committee composed of the Chief Scorer, Head Event Umpire and a representative of either BCB or the Host Committee.
  - b. Entrants will be ranked based on total number of match points accumulated during the round robin. If total match points are equal, the following will be used to rank the tied players:



- i. the player with the highest number of sets won will be the winner; [Note: tied sets are not included in determining the number of sets won]
  - ii. If match points and sets won are equal, the player with the highest net total of set points will be the winner; [Note: in the event of a tied set, a half set point shall be awarded to each player (tie breakers are not sets)]
  - iii. If all the above are still equal, then the player with the highest net total of shots over all games in the section (excluding tie-breaker ends) will be the winner;
  - iv. If game points, sets won, net set points and net total of shots are equal, then the player that won the game between the players that are equal will be declared the winner.
18. During medal games there must be no further play in a set if, at any point, it becomes impossible for one player to draw or win the set, given the number of ends left.

### Practice

19. Competitors may practice, according to Law 3.3 and Law 4 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, during the period (between games) prior to the commencement of the trial ends - provided that time permits, and that the practice does NOT interfere with greens maintenance activities, or officials' preparation for the next game.
20. A player that has not played due to a bye shall, if possible, be allowed to practice prior to playing a game.

### Coaches

21. Each player shall be entitled to accredited support personnel at this event as follows:
- a. Only coaches who meet the eligibility as per the *Coaching Policy* will be permitted to coach.

### Restrictions on the Movement of Players During Play

22. After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head after delivering their third and fourth bowls.
- a. In exceptional and limited circumstances, a Singles player can ask the Marker for permission to walk up to the head earlier than described in the clause above.
  - b. If a player does not meet the terms of this law, Law 13 will apply.

### Procedure for Applying Time Limits

23. Start of Play - an Official signal (bell, horn, etc.) shall be sounded to signal the scheduled starting time for the first game of each day. Each subsequent game on each rink will start within 20 minutes after the previous game's completion on that rink. Any player arriving at the green more than twenty minutes after the official starting time shall cause that player to forfeit such game to the opposition.
24. End of Play - At the completion of the allocated time, the appointed official will signal the end time of play by a bell, horn, etc. At this time, players will complete the current end



they are playing. (The start of an end is determined by the delivery of the jack by the first player in that end).

25. Time limits will be imposed during medal rounds.

### **Deliberate Delay of Play**

26. Players are required to play without undue delay and in a manner which does not prevent their opponents from being able to complete the requisite number of ends within the prescribed time limit. If an appeal is made by a Skip, a Singles player or a coach that their team or player is being prevented from playing all their bowls within the time decided for the game, the Umpire will warn the offending team, in the presence of the Skip, that they are deliberately delaying play. Deliberate delay of play may include a player leaving the green multiple times, delaying the delivery of a player's bowl, or the Skip acting or issuing instructions designed to delay play.
27. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, as a result of their own observation or on appeal by one of the Skips or a Singles player, the team or player has committed the same offence again, further action may be taken in consultation with the Head Event Umpire (or designate), such as the following:
- a. If a player is leaving the green more than once, on each occasion after the first, they can leave the green only with their opponent's and the Umpire's permission.
  - b. If a player is leaving the green to smoke, this will not be permitted for the remainder of the game.
  - c. The end in progress will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use for the game (for example, in the case of Fours, this would be eight shots).
  - d. If, during the end which is in progress immediately before the end time of play is signalled or on completion of that end and before the start of any subsequent end, it has been determined that a team or player is being prevented from playing a further end due to the actions of their opponents, they will notify the teams that they must play one more end, even though the end time of play may have been signalled when such notification is given.
  - e. The offending team may be put on the stopwatch on completion of any end in progress. The offending team will be required to deliver all their bowls in each of the remaining ends within a time period specified by the Umpire. Timing will be undertaken by a technical official specifically allocated for that purpose.
  - f. The offending team may be put on the stopwatch from the start of their succeeding game.
28. Any stoppage of play due to time spent in discussion with the offending team or player in regards to the application of these conditions will be added to the time limit of the game.

### **Adherence to the Conditions of Play, Code of Conduct and Event Waiver**

29. All competitors and coaches will be required to complete and sign the Bowls Canada Code of Conduct and event waiver. Forms must be completed online with the BCB event registration and must be submitted by **September 30, 2026**.
30. Players who violate the Code of Conduct or Conditions of Play will be fined \$100.00 per player. If a player continues to violate the specific Condition of Play, or any other Condition of Play, they will be deemed ineligible for participation in BCB events for three (3) years after the conclusion of the event in which the violation occurred.



31. All players must adhere to the BCB *Tobacco, Cannabis, Alcohol, Cell Phone, and Verbal Abuse Policy*.
32. Provincial Associations are responsible for ensuring that all players, Coaches and Team Managers receive copies of the current Laws of the Sport, *Conditions of Play* and all applicable national policies for the event prior to leaving their home province. Provincial Associations, or their designates, are also responsible for the department of their players, both on and off the green.

### **Bowls, Footwear and Attire**

33. A bowls and footwear inspection shall be staged prior to the start of the competition. Random checking of bowls and footwear may occur prior to the commencement of games.
34. At the bowls inspection, players are required to present the same number of bowls as they are playing with.
35. All bowls must have visible legible stamps, which comply with the Laws of the Sport and have proper provincial decals affixed. Players will receive bowls decals prior to the start of the competition and will be responsible for removing all old decals and affixing provincial decals.
  - a. It should be noted that the winners of the event, when representing Canada at the World Bowls World Cup event, must use bowls that bear a legible, approved World Bowls stamp of the current year (year of the event) or later.
36. Participants must abide by BCB's *Dress Code Policy*.
  - a. 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.

### **Substitutions**

37. No substitutes are permitted.

### **Drug Testing**

38. Drug testing may take place in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and the BCB *Anti-Doping Policy*.

### **Alterations to the Format and Length of Games**

39. The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the format, times of play and greens to suit local unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical.
40. Where a program is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Emergency Committee may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result or postpone the event where an outcome cannot be achieved.
  - a. For situations not covered by the Conditions of Play the Emergency Committee will be the governing body for these Championships.

### **Emergency Committee and Jury of Appeal**

41. The Emergency Committee consists of the Head Event Umpire or designate as appointed by Head Event Umpire and any two of the following:
  - a. Official BCB technical representative or designate as appointed by BCB;



- b. Host Chairperson, Greens Chairperson or designate as appointed by Host Chairperson;
  - c. Alternate as appointed by Head Event Umpire.
42. The Jury of Appeal consists of one person from each of the following groups:
- a. Head Event Umpire, Assistant Head Event Umpire, or designate as appointed by Head Event Umpire;
  - b. Official BCB technical representative or designate as appointed by BCB;
  - c. Host Chairperson, Greens Chairperson or designate as appointed by Host Chairperson.

### **Protests and Appeals**

43. Protests, complaints and appeals shall be decided by the Jury of Appeal.
44. Any protests, complaints and appeals must be directed to the Head Event Umpire within a timeframe appropriate to the nature of the issue in question and must be directed no later than two (2) hours of the completion of the game in question. The initial communication may be provided orally, but a written submission must be received within 24 hours of the completion of the game, with the timeline to be determined at the discretion of the Head Event Umpire. A protest, complaint or appeal may only be made by the designated Coach registered for a team or player or by an on-duty official. In the absence of a registered Coach, a protest, complaint or appeal may be made by any player in a Singles game or the Skip in a team game.
- a. In the event that the initial two-hour time limit has not been met, the alleged misconduct will not be examined.
  - b. The Jury of Appeal will meet as soon as possible and reach an agreement to resolve the allegation in a timely manner. Any further action will be subject to the provisions of BCB's Discipline and Complaints Policy.