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Club Championship Rules

The Club Championship Rules By-Law relates to the following events:

Singles:

- Men's Club Championship (A grade)
- Men's B Grade
- Ladies' Club Championship
- Ladies' Plate
- Handicap Open
- Novice
- Veteran
- Dot Finn 100 up (Ladies)

Pairs:

- Men's
- Ladies
- Mixed

Triples Open

Fours Open

A. ENTRY CONDITIONS FOR ALL EVENTS

- 1) All players must be registered with Bowls SA as members of the Happy Valley Bowling Club. The following membership classes are eligible to enter:
 - Full members including Veteran members
 - Life members
 - Junior and Student members.

Membership classes are defined in the *Club Membership Classes By-Law*.

- 2) There is no entry fee to enter any event.
- 3) Players/teams must submit entry for events on entry sheets at the Club before the closing date.
- 4) All entry forms will carry information about the play by/play on dates.
- 5) The Tournament Director and the Event Manager for an event will not necessarily attend the event.
- 6) The Event Manager will ensure that all players know how to access the greens and the Clubrooms as necessary and that they can access score cards as needed.
- 7) Games cannot be scheduled at times that interfere with club events (such as Night Owls), or the preparation of greens for events; or the maintenance of greens.



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B. RULES OF PLAY FOR ALL EVENTS

- 1) All games will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Handbook. The Bowls SA *Heat and Inclement Weather policy* also applies.
- 2) Rules Pertaining to Substitutes and Replacements are as per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Domestic Regulations for Australia, DR4.
- 3) Current Club Pennant uniform must be worn for all Semi-Final and Grand Final games. Players not complying with this will forfeit the game. Club Pennant uniform need not be worn for preliminary round games.
- 4) The draw for each event will be prominently displayed prior to the event. It is the responsibility of each player/team to make themselves aware of applicable dates and times and conditions of play.
- 5) All games will be played on or by the date specified on the draw at a time mutually agreed upon by those playing. If a player/team defaults and a suitable alternate playing date prior to the scheduled date and time cannot be found, then the player/team that first defaults will forfeit the game.
- 6) Any player/team arriving more than 30 minutes late for a scheduled match will forfeit, unless there are extenuating circumstances beyond a player's control. The Tournament Director will determine the outcome.
- 7) Players are not allowed to practice on the club greens on the day of a scheduled game. Any official club organised practice will be exempt from this condition.
- 8) A 2-end roll-up will occur prior to commencement of the match.
- 9) In all events, dead ends do not count and must be replayed.
- 10) Semi-finals and Finals will be played on A green in Club Pennant uniform. All other games will be allowed on any green in mufti. If players can't agree on where to play, they must contact their Event Manager who will make the decision. Participants in Semi-finals and Finals who attend any official club practice held on the day of any of these matches must only practice on B green.
- 11) Once a game has been organised players are to advise their Event Manager to allow them time to ensure entry conditions are met and enable information to be circulated to members to encourage spectators.
- 12) Once the game has finished players are to place the score card in the box provided on the wall near the jacks and mats box. The score cards will be collected by the Tournament Director. All score cards must include the Club Championship event name, names of all participants and the date the match was played.

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C. ADDITIONAL RULES AND CONDITIONS BY SPECIFIC EVENT

1) Singles

- 1.1 Players will organise their own markers. Losers of preliminary round matches must make themselves available to mark the winner's next game. Semi-finals and Finals' markers will be decided by the Tournament Director.
- 1.2 Finalists of the Men's and Ladies Club Championship Singles in one year are to be seeded in different halves of the draw for the following year's Club Championship Singles.
- 1.3 In all Club Championship draws for Singles matches, the Tournament Director or Tournament Committee will seed the top four players and spread them through the draw.
 - a) Men's Club Championship singles (A grade)
Open to all male Members. The winner is the first player to reach 25 shots.
 - b) Men's B Grade singles
Open to all male Members who have not played in the top 2 sides in Saturday Pennants or the top side in Wednesday Pennants. The winner is the first player to reach 21 shots.
 - c) Ladies' Club Championship
Open to all female members. The winner is the first player to reach 25 shots.
 - d) Ladies' Plate Singles
Open only to female Members who have been eliminated in the first round of the Ladies' Club Championship in the same year. The winner is the first player to reach 21 shots.
 - e) Handicap Open Singles
Open to all Members. The winner is the first player to reach 21 shots, including handicap. Handicaps will be allocated by the Tournament Director; e.g. Player A has a handicap of minus 3, Player B has a handicap of plus 5, resulting in Player A beginning at minus 8, and Player B at nought.
 - f) Novice Singles
Open only to Members who are playing in their 1st or 2nd Pennant season at any club. Previous winners are not eligible to enter. The winner is the first player to reach 21 shots.
 - g) 70+ Singles
Open only to Members 70 years of age or over as at 1st April in the year of registration. The winner is the first player to reach 21 shots.

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h) Dot Finn 100 up (Ladies)

Open to all female Members. The winner is the first player to reach 100 points. 10 points will be allocated at the completion of each end as follows:

- 4 points for closest to the Jack
- 3 points for 2nd closest to the Jack
- 2 points for 3rd closest to the Jack and
- 1 point for 4th closest to the Jack.

1.4 Abandoned Play for Singles to be decided by Tournament Director

- a) Preliminary round matches will be deemed complete if one of the players has scored at least half the score required to win. If neither player has scored the necessary shots, then that game will be rescheduled for a later date (prior to the next round) and continued from its previous score.
- b) In Semi Finals or Finals, the match will be rescheduled for a later date (prior to the next round) and continued from its previous score.

2) Pairs

The winner is the highest score after 15 ends; the Final will be highest score after 18 ends. If scores are tied in any match, there will be a one end play-off. This relates to the following events:

- a) *Men's*
- b) *Ladies*
- c) *Mixed*

3) Triples and Fours

Open to all members as per A. *Entry Conditionals for All Events*, with no restrictions on the combination of male and female players. The winner is the highest score after 15 ends for preliminary games and the Semi-Final. The Final winner will be the highest score after 18 ends. If scores are tied in any match, there will be a one end play-off.

4) Abandoned Play for Pairs, Triple and Fours to be decided by the Tournament Director

- (a) If less than 10 ends have been completed, the game will be rescheduled (prior to the next round) and continued from its previous score.
- (b) If at least 10 ends have been completed, the team leading on shots will be the winner.
- (c) If scores are tied and at least 10 ends have been completed, the game shall be replayed as in Rule 4 (a) above.
- (d) In Semi Finals or Finals, the match will be rescheduled for a later date (prior to the next round) and continued from its previous score.



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Any circumstances not covered by these Rules must be referred to a quorum of no less than 3 Tournament Committee Members.

This By-Law was passed by the Board of Management in accordance with the Constitution of the Club at the meeting on 3rd September 2019.

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