

Happy Valley Bowling Club

Club Championships Rules & Conditions 2021 – 2022

As proposed by Tournament Director Bob Schultz

A: Conditions of play for all events

- 1: All players must be registered with Bowls SA as full members of Happy Valley Bowling Club to compete in the Club Championships.
- 2: There is no entry fee to enter any event.
- 3: **Current Club Pennant uniform must be worn for all Semi-finals and Grand finals matches, and be played on the A green . In singles games the marker must also be in Club Pennant Uniform.**
- 4: **Minor round games do not require Club Uniform and can be played on any green (Event manager will adjudicate on all disputes). (An appeal can be made to the Tournament Director)**
- 5: Players /Teams must submit entry for events on the entry sheets at the club before closing dates.
- 6: Before entering any event, players must have read and understood the rules and conditions of play as set out in following.
- 7: Bowls SA weather policy applies.
- 8: **No Player is permitted to practice on club greens on the day of a scheduled club championship game. (Club Practice Tuesday am is exempt) & (Any official club organised practice session or game also exempt)**
- 9 The Tournament Director must also be consulted when arranging games to ensure greens are available. Check the greens availability list on the notice boards.

B: Rules of Play

- 1: All games to be played in accordance with the laws of sport of Bowls.
- 2: 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.
- 3: All games will be played by the date specified on the draw or at a time mutually agreed upon with the Tournament Director. If a player /team defaults and a suitable playing date prior to the schedule date and time cannot be found, then the player/team that first defaults will forfeit the game.
- 4: In the case of singles matches players will provide their own marker. In the absence of a qualified umpire the markers rulings will be final.
- 5: Any player/team arriving more than 15 minutes late for a scheduled match will forfeit, unless there are extenuating circumstances beyond a players control. The tournament director (event manager in his absence) will have the final say in the matter.
- 6: In all events dead ends do not count and must be replayed.
- 7: **Players must inform the tournament director / event manager of the time and date of any matches and at the completion of that game the final score cards are to be placed in the box provided near the mats and jacks box.**

C: Event Manager

- 1: **The tournament director will appoint an event manager for all club championships events who will adjudicate on all disputes. Players/teams may appeal to the tournament director whose ruling will be final.**
- 2: The event manager will ensure score cards are available and that all players have access to greens and club rooms as required.

D: Rules and conditions for each event

1: General

A: Rules pertaining to substitutes and replacements are as per the laws of the sport of Bowls, Domestic regulations for Australia, DR

B: In all drawn events, the substitute or replacement player must be of similar standard of the absent player, and approved by the tournament director.

C: Finalist and semi-finalists of all events in one year are to be seeded in the draw for the following year's club championships.

2: Singles

Men's open – Open to all male members – First to **21 shots**

Men's B grade – open to all male members who have not played in the top 2 sides on Saturday pennants or the top side on Wednesday. First to **21 shots.**

Ladies open – Open to all female members – **First to 21 shots.**

Ladies Plate – Open to all first round losers of the ladies open – First to 21 shots.

Novice Singles – Open to all players Male and Females who have not played more than 2 pennant seasons – First to 21 shots.

Veterans Singles - Open to all players Male and Female over 70 years of age as at 1st April 2021 - First to 21 shots.

Dot Fin – Open to all female members – First to 100 up.

Open 2 Bowl Singles – open to all club bowlers - **first to 21 shots**

Abandoned Play for Singles - As decided by the tournament director

1: The match will be deemed complete if one of the players has scored at least two thirds of the score required to win in preliminary matches. In Semi Finals or Finals the match will be rescheduled for a later date (prior to the next round) and continue from its previous score.

2: If neither player has scored the necessary shots in a preliminary round then that game will be rescheduled for a later date (prior to the next round) and continue from its previous score.

3: Pairs

Men's, Ladies, Mixed

1: Preliminary rounds

Mens & ladies 4 bowl pairs 12 ends, Semi Finals and Grand Finals 15 ends highest score wins.

Mixed Pairs 3 bowls 15ends, Semi Finals and Grand Finals 18ends, Highest score wins.

2: If a draw a one end play off to decide.

4: Open Triples – 2 bowls each

1: Preliminary rounds 15 ends Semi Finals and Grand Finals 18 ends highest score wins

2: If a draw a one end play off to decide.

5: Open Fours - 2 bowls each

1: Preliminary rounds 12 ends Semi Finals and Grand Finals 15 ends highest score wins

2: If a draw a one end play off to decide.

Abandoned Play for Pairs, Triples, Fours. As decided by the tournament director

In all disciplines two thirds of required ends is required to be played in preliminary games.

Semi Finals and Grand Finals to be continued at a later date.

1: If less than 2/3s of ends have been completed, the game will be rescheduled (prior to the next round) and continued from the previous score.

2: If at least 2/3s of ends have been played the team leading will be the winner.

3: If scores are a draw and at least 2/3s of ends have been completed the game shall be replayed as per a one end Play off to decide.

12/8 – 15/10 – 18/12.

Any Circumstances not covered by the above rules shall be referred to a quorum of no less than 3 of the tournament committee and the club president.