

GATEWAY DISTRICT LADIES BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC.

2022-2024 CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR DISTRICT EVENTS

1. PLAYING CONDITIONS:

- (a) All games shall be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Crystal Mark 3rd Edition with Domestic Regulations for Australia, Bowls Australia Policies and these Conditions as varied from time to time.
- (b) All events shall be **KNOCKOUT** and subject to an open draw with the following format:
 - (1) **Open Singles:** 4 bowls, 25 shots up, in excess of 25 shots shall not count, with a time limit of 3 1/2 hours.
 - (2) **Pairs:** 4 bowls, 21 ends with a time limit of 3 1/2 hours. All players must be from the same Declared Club.
 - (3) **Novice Singles,** 4 bowls, 21 shots up, in excess of 21 shots shall not count, with a time limit of 3 1/2 hours.
 - (4) **Fours:** 2 bowls, 21 ends with a time limit of 3 1/2 hours. All players must be from the same Declared Club.
 - (5) **Senior Fours,** 2 bowls, 21 ends with a time limit of 3 1/2 hours. Composite sides allowed.
 - (6) **2-Bowl Triples,** 2 bowls, 25 ends with a time limit of 3 1/2 hours. All players must be from the same Declared Club.
 - (7) **Open/Novice Pairs, 4** bowls, 21 ends with a time limit of 3 1/2 hours. Composite sides allowed.
- (c) An extra end, or ends, shall be played in the event of a tie to determine a winner.
- (d) Once the time limit has been reached, if the end is made dead after the bell the jack will be re-spotted on the tee.
- (e) In the event of a stoppage due to inclement weather three quarters (3/4) of required number of ends or shots to constitute a game if play is stopped (by lightening or storm) permanently by the umpire. The GDLBA Match Committee shall arrange for the continuation of play if required, having regard to other pre-arranged events. Score cards must be ruled off and signed by the Club Official with the match/s to be resumed with the score as it was when the match/s ceased.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- (a) Events are open to all members who are fully paid financial members of Clubs affiliated with the Gateway District Ladies Bowls Association Inc.
- (b) Champion of Club Champions games at Club level are to be completed by advised dates.
- (c) **NOVICE** - Member of a Club for 4 years or under at the close of nominations.
- (d) **SENIOR** - 65 years of age or over at the close of nominations.
- (e) Players under suspension or expulsion are ineligible to play.
- (f) All players entering all events must have been registered members of their Declared Club for a period of not less than 30 days before closing date of each event.

3. NOMINATIONS:

- (a) Entries for all events must be received by the District Secretary no later than the advised closing date.
- (b) Incomplete teams will not be accepted.
- (c) Once the draw has been completed, no refunds will be allowed.

4. WITHDRAWALS AND FORFEITS:

- (a) A team or player intending to, or having to, withdraw prior to the start of the competition must notify the GDLBA Match Committee.
- (b) On the day of play any team or player not in attendance, or not ready to play 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time, shall be forfeited at the discretion of the GDLBA Match Committee.

5. **SUBSTITUTES/REPLACEMENT PLAYERS:**

Eligible Substitutes and Replacement Players are permitted throughout the Competition for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body.

Note: The GDLBA Match Committee and Umpire must be advised in every circumstance.

7. **TRIAL ENDS:**

(a) Trial ends shall be under the control of the venue Club's Games Official. One (1) trial end each way shall be allowed prior to the scheduled starting time of each day's play or on the resumption of a match on another day or at another venue using as many bowls as will be used in the game.

(b) In the event of a player or team receiving a bye and not playing in the first match of the day, then they are entitled to the two (2) trial ends provided the player or team has not practiced during the time prior to their first game of the day.

8. **HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

(a) All Host Clubs must provide a non-playing National Umpire for the event. Should a Club be unable to provide an Umpire, they must seek assistance from another Club or the GDLBA Umpire Committee.

(b) It is the responsibility of the Host Club to **EMAIL** or **PHONE** results of all games to the GDLBA Match Committee after the game.

(c) Lunches to be made available for purchase during all day games. Any player with special dietary needs must advise the host club prior to the day of play.

9. **ATTIRE:**

(a) Only Club (or white shirts) registered and approved will be worn appropriate to the event. All members of a team to be similarly attired with the exception of composite teams (where permitted) when players should wear their own Club uniform.

10. **DISQUALIFICATION:**

If a player or team is disqualified for any reason, the player or team **LAST DEFEATED** by the disqualified player or team shall take the place of the player or team disqualified.

11. **CONTROL:**

(a) The GDLBA Match Committee shall have control of these events with the authority to alter the program or Conditions of Play if deemed necessary for expediency.

(b) The Coordinator of the GDLBA Match Committee, or her representative, may act for the Committee in any emergency. She is delegated the authority to act in a manner, not inconsistent with these Conditions, or the Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Crystal Mark 3rd Edition with Domestic Regulations for Australia and Bowls Australia Policies.

(c) Any decision made by the GDLBA Match Committee or Board of Management shall be final.

12. **COACHING DURING A MATCH:**

Players who intend to receive coaching during a match must inform the Umpire of the Coach's name prior to the match commencing and the Coach cannot be changed for each match and there may only be one Coach per player or team.

Please Note: Any person wishing to coach in this event must hold Bowls Australia Coaching Accreditation and must show it when registering.

13. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

These conditions are effective for all District matches from 2022 and will be reviewed for 2025.