

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Changes in Scheduling: If an event cannot be conducted in accordance with the published schedule or if a special situation arises, the Tournament Committee may make whatever changes it deems appropriate. In these Conditions of Play, Tournament Committee and Tournament Director are synonymous.

Guaranteed Games: All players are guaranteed three games in each event. One of them could be a bye. A bye is considered a game played and won.

Awards: Other than the Championship Flight, prize money for completed events will be handed out immediately following the last match in each flight at that venue. All Championship Flight prize money and medals will be awarded at the banquet on November 9th.

Date Stamps on Bowls: Bowls USA approves the use of all sets of bowls that are obviously matched and have a clearly visible ALBA, IBB, WBB or WB stamp. Date and serial number must be legible.

Dress Code: Team members' shirts and below-the-waist attire must be matching. They may be white or colored. Men's shirts must have both collars and sleeves. Women's shirts must have collars.

Footwear: Shoes must be flat-soled and heel-less. This rule will be enforced.

Smoking: Smoking is prohibited on any greens. Designated smoking areas, if any, will be identified during morning announcements. This applies to smoking of any materials and to vapor.

Cell Phones and/or Sound-Emitting Devices: Any such devices must be muted or turned down. Violations shall be considered a violation of rink possession. Law 41.7 is not superseded.

Umpires: Prior to start of play, umpires, as available, will be introduced at each venue. If an issue cannot be resolved at the venue, it should be referred to Melanie Vizenor, Bowls USA National Umpire in Chief, or to Ron Rollick, the Tournament Director.

No Rolling Before Trial Ends: Practice immediately prior to each day's play is prohibited. You are invited to use the published practice times.

Substitutes: Substitutes must be approved by the Tournament Director. They may not have played in the same event, nor may they skip. Teams are responsible to find their own substitute and are responsible for sharing entry fee expenses and distribution of their prize money, if any, amongst their team if a substitute is used. Any substitute must pay the tournament registration fee before they may begin playing.

Late Arrivals: A penalty of one point and one end played will be assessed for each ten-minutes after the official start time a player is late in being ready to deliver their bowl. A late arrival time of 30 minutes or more will result in forfeiture of that game. Tournament Officials at the venue may waive this rule in extenuating circumstances.

Must Play: All matches must be played and finished unless winning is mathematically impossible.

Ties: In the event of a tie, an extra end must be played to determine the winner.

Length of Matches:

Singles: 18 points; Gold Medal match 21 points

Pairs: 16 ends; Gold Medal match 18 ends

Fours: 14 ends; Gold Medal match 16 ends

Trial Ends: Four bowls in each direction before the first game each day or when changing to a new green for Singles and Pairs. Two bowls in each direction for Fours before the first game each day or when changing to a new green.

Movement of Players: Appendix A, A.4, Restricting the movement of players during play, as written in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Third Edition, is invoked for all matches. This means that in a Singles match walking to the head is only allowed once a player has delivered their 3rd bowl. In Pairs, the leads may only go to the head after they have delivered their third bowl and the skips only after they have delivered at least 2 bowls. In Fours only, the skips may walk to the head after delivery of only one bowl.

No Burnt (Dead) Ends: A jack in motion that passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play must be re-spotted at the 2-meter mark as outlined in Law 56.5.2.3, Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 3rd Edition. If that position is occupied by a bowl, the jack will be placed between the bowl and the mat line without touching the bowl.

Starting Times and Time Limits: Unless otherwise specified, each day's announcements will be at 8:15 a.m. and play will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. To ensure that all participants are treated equally, time limits for each day's rounds are imposed as noted below. This schedule provides 2 hours and 45 minutes for 14- and 16-end games (3 hours for the first game to allow for trial ends).

Round 1 starts at 8:30 a.m. No jack after 11:30 a.m.*

Round 2 starts no later than 12 noon. No jack after 2:45 p.m.*

Round 3 starts no later than 3:00 p.m. No jack after 5:45 p.m.*

* A bell will ring to start play and end play, however if both teams choose to, and a rink is available, they may begin early. Ends that are in play when the bell rings may finish that end. The Championship Pairs and Fours matches will be allotted three (3) hours.

There shall be no time limits for Singles; however, all matches must start as soon as the tournament director assigns a rink and the tournament director retains the right to impose rules to speed up a match if deemed necessary.

Alcohol: Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on or around the greens at any time.

Running on the Green: Local rules may prohibit running on the greens. This includes "chasing a delivered bowl". If announced for that day this rule will be invoked. The first offense will result in a warning, any subsequent event will result in the loss of the delivered bowl. If the running is not concurrent with the delivery of a bowl, the next bowl to be delivered by that player shall be forfeited.

REFUNDS: No refunds of tournament fees will be given after September 29, 2019. Competitors may make substitutions of players, but they will be responsible for their own substitutions and settling of accounts between themselves.