



FOURS 2020

Conditions of Play



BOWLS NEW ZEALAND - CONDITIONS OF PLAY SUMMERSET NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOURS - MEN AND WOMEN

1. STATUS

- 1.1 These Conditions of Play are supplementary to Bowls New Zealand [Regulation 10 – National Events](#).
- 1.2 These Conditions of Play are also made in accordance with Law 55.3 of the Laws of the Sport, which permits Bowls New Zealand as a Controlling Body to establish conditions of play to cover certain aspects of the sport. These Conditions of Play set out the conditions of play for the National Open Championships - Men and Women and apply to all players, Clubs and Centres participating in the Event. These Conditions of Play do not apply to International Competition which must be played strictly in accordance with the Laws of the Sport.
- 1.3 These Conditions of Play have been developed and issued by the Bowls New Zealand Chief Executive in accordance with Regulation 10 – National Events.

2. NAME OF EVENT, DATES AND VENUES

- 2.1 The name of the Event is:
Summerset National Open Championships Fours - Men and Women
- 2.2 **DATES:** 27th February, 2020 – 2nd March 2020 inclusive.
- 2.3 **VENUE:** Headquarters Bowls Mount Maunganui with section play being played at clubs throughout Bay of Plenty

3. CONTROLLING BODY

- 3.1 Bowls New Zealand.
- 3.2 Tournament Director – Bowls New Zealand Tournament Director.

4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 The words and phrases used in these Conditions of Play shall have the same meaning as defined in Regulation 10 – National Events and the Constitution of Bowls New Zealand, unless otherwise specified in these Conditions of Play. For avoidance of doubt, the conventions used in the Laws of the Sport shall **not** apply to these Conditions of Play unless expressly stated.

Bowls New Zealand Tournament Director means the person appointed by Bowls New Zealand for the Championships on such terms and conditions as Bowls New Zealand determines.

Event means the Bowls New Zealand Summerset National Open Championships.

Laws of the Sport means the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition) and includes the domestic regulations of Bowls New Zealand.

Open Tournament means a competition, **tournament** or event for the game of Bowls which is open for entry to any member of any Club or Centre.

Season is the period of competition for the game of Bowls which for the purposes of these Conditions of Play shall commence on 1st July and end on 30th June the following year.

5. ENTRY

- 5.1 An entry fee will be charged for each person in all disciplines. Such entry fee will be set by Bowls New Zealand in the Entry Form for each Season.
- 5.2 The entry fee for 2020 is \$45 (GST inclusive) per player for each discipline
- 5.3 The online Event Entry Form must be filled in by all entrants..

6. TRIAL ENDS

- 6.1 Pursuant to Law 5.1 of the Laws of the Sport trial ends will be allowed before competition commences each day.
- 6.2 Should players be required to change greens during the day an extra set of trial ends will be allowed.

7. PLAYING FORMAT (Applicable for both Men and Women)

The format and rules for all games are as follows:

7.1 Fours:

- (a) Section Play - Six qualifying games with a three hours (3 hours) time limit will be played over two days with three games being played each day. Two bowls per player. Games will be of 18 ends. Sections will be of fourteen teams
- (b) The time signals for each game shall be as follows:

The commencement of play and the expiry of time shall be signalled by the Umpire by a bell or some other means clearly audible to the players concerned. Where the time limit is not common to all games on any green, the Umpire shall notify the opponents or skips in individual games when the time limit has expired.

If in a time limit game the jack has been delivered before the time signal the end continues and if it is subsequently made dead it should be replayed until it is completed.

- (c) Ends made dead shall be replayed in accordance with Law 20 of the Laws of the Sport.
- (d) If the game is tied at the end of the time limit an extra end(s) will be played to determine a winner.
- (e) Teams winning four or more qualifying games will qualify for post-section.
- (f) Post-section Play - Sudden death knock-out. All byes will be disposed of in Round One.

7.2 Alterations to the Format & Length of Games:

- (a) 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.
- (b) Where a programme is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Controlling Body may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result.

7.5 Restricting the Movement of Players

Prior to the start of each end, the following players will take their positions at the mat-end of the green:

Fours: The leads and the seconds

In time limit games as per this Regulation, the movement of players during play shall be restricted as specified in Appendix A. A.4 - Laws of the Sport as follows:

- (a) After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances.
 - i. **Fours Game:**
 - the Leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl
 - the Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl
 - the Thirds: after delivery of their second bowl
 - the Skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
- (b) In exceptional and limited circumstances, a Skip can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier than described in Appendix A.4.1.
- (c) If a player does not meet the requirements of Appendix A.4.1, Law 13 of the Laws of the Sport shall apply.

7.6 Absentee Players:

If, 15 minutes after the scheduled start time for a game, one or more players are absent from a team, the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponents

7.7 Defaults:

If a player or team defaults their score will be recorded as a loss. The non-offending team will be awarded a win.

8. SUBSTITUTES

- 8.1 Substitutes and changes to original team members will be allowed in terms of Bowls New Zealand Domestic Regulation Clause 7.

9. FOOTWEAR & CLOTHING

- 9.1 Shoes or sandals may be worn by players when playing on a bowling green. All footwear must be flat soled and heel-less. Soles may be of a non-slip material with a slightly abrasive surface.
- 9.2 Any Player with a physical disability may use an appropriate support, wheelchair or bowling aid, provided that the same is so made that its use causes no damage to the green.
- 9.3 For any Tournament other than a Club Tournament, players in Singles and members of Teams or Sides must wear garments of the same colour/design as determined by the Tournament Controlling Body. This means all members of a Team or Side wearing the same colour trousers/shorts/skirts as well as shirts/tops. Any garment may have logos displayed, but the Controlling Body may impose conditions relating to sponsors logos to ensure there is no conflict with a Tournament Sponsor.

- 9.4 Failure to comply with clause 9.3 will result in the offending Team or Side being defaulted for each round until they comply with clause 9.3.

10. SMOKING, ALCOHOL AND BETTING

- 10.1 Subject to any further restrictions in specific Conditions of Play, the following smoking, alcohol and sports betting policies apply:
- (a) There shall be no smoking anywhere in a Club house or on the greens or surrounds at a National Event. Smoking may only occur in designated smoking areas.
 - (b) The drinking of alcohol at a National Event is restricted to areas in accordance with the Club's licence.
 - (c) This event is one on which sports betting is permissible. All players participating in the event, Umpires/Technical Officials and other officials officiating at the event are prohibited from placing bets and benefiting financially from bets placed by others.

11. OFFICIALS

- 11.1 The appointed Chief Technical Official/Umpire will be responsible for ensuring that Technical Official/Umpires are allocated at all venues in use for the Event. For post section play Technical Official/Umpires must be Level 2 or above. The Chief Technical Official/Umpire will also be responsible for communicating with Clubs on the requirement for Markers in Singles. The Bowls New Zealand Tournament Director will be responsible for allocation of Markers for the finals of the Men's and Women's Singles.

12 JURY OF APPEAL

- 12.1 A Jury of Appeal shall be appointed by the Bowls NZ CEO for the purpose of deciding upon any points not provided in the conditions of play and/or for dealing with any referrals or appeals from decisions made by Technical Officials (Law 43.2.6 of the Laws of the Sport and Rule 14.4 of Regulation 10).

13. PRIZE MONEY

- 13.1 Prize money for the National Finals will be determined annually, based on the entry numbers, and will be set at a figure taking into account the overall budget costs for the event.
- 13.2 All players reaching the semi-finals or further will receive a Bowls New Zealand certificate and winners in all disciplines will receive a Bowls New Zealand medal.