

LE CLUB BOULINGRIN DE BEACONSFIELD BEACONSFIELD LAWN BOWLING CLUB

RULES OF CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY LADIES, MEN, AND MIXED EVENTS

1. MATCH COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY:

The Match Committee has first responsibility for the interpretation of the Rules. In instances where the Rules are not completely clear, the Match Committee Member in charge of the competition shall be consulted for a ruling. The sign-up sheet should be posted three weeks before the start of the event.

2. COMPETITIONS COVERED BY THE RULES:

- (a) Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Mixed Pairs, and Mixed Fours.
- (b) Mixed Fours shall consist of two men and two women throwing alternately. In the absence of sufficient male entries and as a last resort, three ladies may be teamed with one man.

3. RULES OF ENTRY:

All paid-up active members shall be eligible to participate in Club Championships.

4. SKIP'S RESPONSIBILITY:

Skips shall be responsible for notifying their team of the dates and times of games. Skips shall also inform their team of the Club dress code.

5. SUBSTITUTIONS:

- (a) Any substitutions shall be the responsibility of the Match Committee.
- (b) The member playing the position immediately below that of the absent member shall move up to fill the absent member's position. The substitute filling the vacancy must have an equal or lower rating than the absent member. **Exception:** In pairs competition, if the lead is a novice player, the match committee may substitute for the skip position, subject to the other paragraphs of this section.

EXAMPLE - Triples & Fours:

Skip absent - Third moves to Skip and a substitute may play any lower position.

Third absent - Second moves to Third and a substitute may play Second or Lead.

EXAMPLE – Pairs:

Skip absent - Skip is replaced by an equal or lower rated player, Lead moves to Skip position. If the Lead is a novice player, Skip may be replaced by an equal or lower rated player. Lead absent - Lead is replaced by an equal rated player.

(c) Substitutes must be players who have not played in the competition. Should there be difficulty in obtaining a substitute for a team of triples or fours, the Match Committee member in charge of the event may authorize a substitute who has played in the event but the substitute must play Lead.

(d) Players selected for the original team shall be declared champions or runners up if they have competed in 50% of their respective team's games. Should they not have done so, the players in the final game shall be declared champions or runners up.

6. RESCHEDULING:

- (a) All games shall be played on the dates and at the time scheduled.
- (b) No changes shall be permitted unless mutually agreed to by the two competing skips and approved by the Match Committee member in charge of the event.
- (c) A postponed game must be completed before the next scheduled date of the next round, otherwise the team requesting the delay shall be defaulted.
- (d) Games may be postponed by the Match Committee member in charge, if a member, or members is playing in a Federation or National event as follows:
 - Singles - The player involved
 - Pairs - One or both players involved
 - Triples - Two or all players involved
 - Fours - Two or more players involved

7. NUMBER OF ENDS PER GAME:

- (a) All TRIPLES and FOURS preliminary events shall be 12 ends (men's, women's, and mixed). SEMI-FINALS and FINALS shall be 14 ends.
- (b) All PAIRS events shall be 14 ends.
- (c) All SINGLES games shall be played to 21 points.
- (d) If a championship round cannot be completed within the allotted time because of inclement weather, the following changes shall be made:
 - 12 completed ends shall replace a regular 14 end game.
- (e) Tied games shall be broken by playing an extra end, or ends, until a decision has been reached. Skips shall toss a coin and the winner shall have the right to choose which team shall play first.

8. BURNT ENDS:

Unlimited.

9. TRIAL ENDS:

Two trial ends may be played prior to each game.

Two bowls per bowler may be played except in the case of Singles when four bowls per bowler may be played.

10. OTHER COMPETITIONS:

Rules for competitions other than Club Championships shall be posted on the notice board before the commencement of play.

11. SPORTSMANSHIP:

Common sense and sportsmanship shall prevail at all times.

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