

WERRIBEE BOWLS CLUB



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP & TOURNAMENT RULES 2021/2022 FOR LADIES AND MEN

The Werribee Bowls Club – Bowls Tournament Committee (WBCBTC) may make such regulations as deemed necessary to govern Club tournaments and other domestic competitions in line with the Rules from Bowls Victoria (BV) Competition and Conditions of Play.

1. TOURNAMENTS

1.1 Responsibility

The WBCBTC, (which shall comprise equally of two men and two women) is responsible for the satisfactory conduct of all Club Championships and domestic Tournaments in accordance with the rules stipulated by above noted entities.

1.2 Eligibility

- a. The same rules shall apply equally for both men and women
- b. Any financial bowler affiliated with BV for the season and eligible to play pennant for the Club shall be entitled to enter and take part in any or all Club Championships or other Club events, subject always to the rules which may be in force at the time and provided the member conforms to the rules for Championship Play laid down by the WBCBTC.
- c. Social members are ineligible to compete in such events.
- d. Entries for Club Championship events shall close at a designated time on a designated date. Such time and date to be advertised on the bowls notice board, Club website, TeamApp and in the WBC Handbook – subject to availability at time of going to print.
- e. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the WBCBTC however no additional entries shall be accepted after commencement of the first round of any event.
- f. Entries accepted to avoid a bye should be allocated to the bye position in the Draw Schedule. If necessary, the WBCBTC may arrange for the Draw Schedule to start afresh.
- g. Where eligibility for a Club event is based on pennant ranking, the WBCBTC shall establish a player's ranking of handicap and eligibility for such event e.g. (Hosking Handicap).
- h. A small entry fee shall be charged for each event which shall be determined each year by the WBCBTC.
- i. Tournament fees must be paid prior to commencement of any game played.

1.3 Tournament/Club Championship Schedule

- a. The scheduling of any tournament shall depend on an adequate number of players entering the draw.
- b. Where numbers are less than originally scheduled, the WBCBTC may reduce the number of rounds for the tournament despite the number of rounds displayed on the entry form sheet. In such event the WBCBTC will prominently display the amendment to the Draw Schedule on the Notice Board and TeamApp.
- c. The WBCBTC may cancel a tournament where the number of entries is inadequate.

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1.4 Dates for Tournaments/Club Championships

- a. The WBCBTC shall allocate dates for each round of a tournament and such dates shall be shown in the Club entry sheet as a guide. However, where in any tournament it subsequently becomes necessary to amend the date of any round or reduce the number of rounds such change shall be prominently displayed on the Draw Sheet Schedule.
- b. Where a tournament has set dates for each round, those dates shall be adhered to unless changed by the WBCBTC owing to a reduction in player numbers or an unforeseen situation such as inclement weather.
- c. In such event, details of such change and amended playing dates shall be displayed on the Draw Sheet Schedule.
- d. No player/team shall arrange to play their match on an alternative date or at an alternative time of day without the consent of the WBCBTC.
- e. Such consent shall only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
- f. Where rounds in any tournament are not set down for fixed dates, but rather are “to be completed” by certain dates (i.e. TBC matches), it shall be the responsibility of the first named player/team in each match to contact their opponent to arrange a suitable playing date within the time limit for the respective round.
- g. Where a match has not been played by the scheduled date and the WBCBTC considers one player/team is at fault, that player/team will be deemed to have forfeited the match to their opponent.
- h. Should unforeseen circumstances have caused a delay beyond the scheduled date for a particular round and neither player/team is at fault, the WBCBTC may grant an extension provided such extension does not prejudice the playing of the ensuing round. However, the WBCBTC has the right to refuse to grant an extension where the WBCBTC believes the match could have been played before the final date for the round.

1.5 Protection

- a. If any Club events are scheduled to be played on the same date as any of the following events run by the Metro West Region, Bowls Victoria or Bowls Australia, no player engaged in such events will be penalised in a lower graded championship by reason of absence through participation in a higher graded event. If the event cannot be rescheduled, then the player has the right to decide which event to contest. Any events, other than the above, do not qualify for protection e.g. RSL, Police games or any other Club Tournaments.
- b. Players seeking protection must apply to the WBCBTC within five days prior to the Club event. If protection is granted, and so as not to disrupt club schedules any further, players are to complete their club round within five days of completion of their higher level of commitment.

1.6 Duration & Method of Play

- a. The same rules apply equally to both Ladies and Men.
- b. In Club Tournaments the duration and conditions of play shall be in accordance with BV rules.
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2. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1 Determining Where Games Are Played

The WBCBTC shall designate the surface to be played on and nominate same on the entry sheet on the notice board. No exceptions shall be made to this rule or disqualification will occur.

2.2 Singles Championship

- a. The Semi-finals and Final are to be played on the surface deemed appropriate by the WBCBTC. In other games, a toss of a coin by players shall determine whether the game is played on either a grass or synthetic green.
- b. All games are to be played in club colours.
- c. Knockout from first round, 25 shots up, and four bowls used by each player, played alternatively.
- d. Minimum of 16 entries for event to proceed.

2.3 Pairs Championship

- a. Knockout from first round, 18 ends, and four bowls for each player, played Lead 2 bowls, Skip 2 bowls then repeat (2x2x2x2 format).
- b. Minimum of 8 team entries for event to proceed.

2.4 Mixed Pairs

- a. Played over 18 ends, four bowls each player, played alternatively in the order 2 x 4 x 2 bowls.
- b. Mixed Pairs requires teams to be one man and one woman.
- c. Minimum of 8 team entries for event to proceed.

2.5 Handicap Event - Ladies

- a. To a score of 100. Scoring will be 4 points for shot, 3 for 2nd shot, 2 for 3rd shot and 1 point for 4th shot.
- b. Player's handicaps are to be determined by the WBCBTC in the form of a negative number (or zero). Differential rule will apply i.e. If one player is on minus 40 and the other is on minus 20, the minus 20 score goes to zero and the other becomes minus 20.
- c. Minimum of 16 entries for event to proceed.

2.6 Minor Singles

- a. 21 shots up, four bowls each player, played alternatively. Any player who has played the majority of their games in Division 3 or lower and has not previously won a club or higher-level Singles championship event is eligible to enter.
- b. The WBCBTC shall determine the eligibility of any entrant who does not have a pennant ranking for Saturday Pennant.
- c. Minimum of 16 entries for event to proceed.

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2.7 Hosking Handicap

- a. 21 shots up. Player's handicaps are to be determined by the WBCBTC.
- b. The WBCBTC shall determine the eligibility of any entrant who does not have a pennant ranking for Saturday Pennant or Midweek Pennant.
- c. Minimum of 16 entries for event to proceed.

2.8 Open Triples Championships

- a. Played over 18 ends. Two bowls each player, played alternatively in the order - Lead, Second and Skip.
- b. Minimum of 8 team entries for event to proceed.

2.9 Nominated Fours

- a. Played over 15 ends. Two bowls each player, played alternatively in the order - Lead, Second, Third and Skip.
- b. Minimum of 8 team entries for event to proceed.

2.10 Possible new Event – Mixed for Affiliated and Social Members

Over 60 Singles, Pairs, Triples: 21 shots up, four bowls each player, played alternatively.

2.11 Dead Ends

- a. In all club championships dead ends will apply and the end will be replayed.
- b. All other Tournament Conditions of Play will apply as stipulated by the Tournament Director.

2.12 Trial Ends & Practice

- a. Prior to the commencement of play, or on the resumption of a match on another day, not more than two trial ends in each direction shall be played. Trial ends shall be permitted only before the first match of the day and must be completed prior to the appointed time for commencement of play.
- b. As per Laws of the Game Section 1.2 Point 5.1.3 Trial Ends must be played on the same rink that the game will be played on.
- c. An intended player/team due to meet a player/team that has previously played on the same day may practice provided:-
 - i. There is sufficient time available without delaying the competition and a rink is available.
 - ii. The WBCBTC shall allocate the rink.
 - iii. Practice is not permitted on a rink upon which the player/team has been drawn to play in a subsequent round.

2.13 Ties

In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the set number of ends or shots up, an extra end or ends shall be played to obtain a result.

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2.14 Substitutes

- a. A substitute (as opposed to a replacement) means a member who acts as a proxy for an intended member or a constituted player in a team, who is unavailable or physically incapable and thereby prevented from playing in a match or part thereof.
- b. No member may act as a substitute unless the WBCBTC has granted permission after being satisfied regarding the eligibility of the proposed substitute and the circumstances governing the request.
- c. A constituted player in a team, whether defeated or not, shall be ineligible to act as a substitute in any other team in the same event.
- d. A substitute shall be chosen from available eligible members whose playing ability shall not be taken into account.
- e. A member, who has acted as a substitute, if he/she remains eligible, may continue to act as such in that or any other team in the same tournament, or he/she may be changed at the completion of any end during the match or between succeeding matches in the same tournament.
- f. If a team, having a substitute for a portion or all of the time, eventually wins a tournament the appropriate award thereof shall be given to the constituted player of the team and not to the substitute.
- g. A substitute may play in any position except Skip. In the case of a triple or four, the other players may re-arrange their positions as desired.
- h. In a team only one substitute is permitted.
- i. If one member of a team is absent and no substitute is available the team shall forfeit the match.

2.15 Replacements

- a. A replacement (as opposed to a substitute) applies when there is no possibility of the player's return to fill his/her place in the team in that competition.
- b. If, during the course of a game or competition, a constituted player in a team is physically incapable of continuing in the competition, or becomes ineligible by resignation, suspension, expulsion, forfeiture of playing status or disqualification, the position shall be declared vacant and the WBCBTC shall allow an eligible member to fill the vacated position as a constituted player of the team.
- c. Only one player may be replaced in a team under this provision.
- d. No member may act as a replacement unless the WBCBTC has granted permission after being satisfied regarding the eligibility of the proposed replacement and the circumstances governing the request.

2.16 Umpires

The players shall endeavour to always have an umpire present for Club Championship matches set down for specific dates.

2.17 Marking

- a. The Duties of a Marker shall be in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- b. For subsequent rounds the losers in the previous round shall be balloted for marking. The WBCBTC shall advise those players who have been balloted as Markers. Should a balloted Marker be unavailable it is that player's responsibility to secure a substitute Marker.

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2.18 Club Uniform

- a. All players in Club Championship events must be attired in the current Club uniform unless advised to the contrary or risk a forfeit.
- b. Markers are also preferred to be attired in current Club Uniform, although where a Marker is appointed at short notice, he/she is not required to be attired in club uniform.

2.19 Inclement Weather – Fixed Date Tournaments/Club Championships

- a. Where a round of a tournament has been set down for a specific date and inclement weather either prevents commencement of play or completion of matches, the WBCBTC shall set an alternate date for the playing or completion of play. Details of the deferment shall be shown on the notice board.
- b. Where matches cannot be completed because of inclement weather, and are thus deferred to another date, the players shall agree the scores to date, rule off the scorecard/s at that point, and pass the cards to the WBCBTC who shall hold such cards and return them to the players on the day play resumes.
- c. Play shall resume at the score previously recorded on the scorecard. Trial ends may be played before the match resumes.
- d. Details of any deferment and the date of resumption shall be shown on the notice board.

2.20 Tournaments & Club Championships

- a. Should inclement weather either prevent commencement of play or completion of a TBC match an alternate date shall be set by the players provided such date shall be before the date of the next round. Players shall agree scores to date, rule off scorecard/s and hold the card/s until play resumes. Trial ends may be played on resumption.
- b. However, where a round of a TBC tournament is scheduled to be completed by a certain date it is expected that the time granted to complete the round should be sufficient. If inclement weather on the final date for a round of a TBC tournament precludes play, the players risk a forfeit of their match unless the WBCBTC believes efforts have been made to play the match prior to the deadline.
- c. In such an event the WBCBTC may grant additional time for playing the match, provided such extension shall not prejudice the playing of a subsequent round of that tournament.

2.21 Reservation of Rinks

- a. The WBCBTC shall advise the Green keeper the number of rinks required for a round of a “Set Round” tournament and the Green keeper shall be responsible for the allocation of appropriate rinks.
- b. For TBC tournaments the players involved shall note on the outside white board the date and time of their match.

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2.22 Score Cards

- a. Where appointed, the Marker shall keep the scorecard in a singles match, otherwise one or both players shall keep a card. For team events a player in each team shall be responsible for keeping score and confirming the score with his/her counterpart in the opposing team.
- b. All scores must be agreed and signed by opponents before the result is posted on the entry tournament sheet.
- c. All results shall be recorded on the tournament sheet displayed on the notice board. If not available due to closure of the club, the WBCBTC is to be advised.

2.23 Appeals

- a. The WBCBTC shall arbitrate on any disputes arising in a match under that tournament.
- b. A player/team, dissatisfied with a tournament rule or ruling may appeal in writing to the WBCBTC whose decision shall be final.