## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES AND TEAM EVENTS

Conditions of Entry for Club Championships 2019-2020

1. All Championship events will be played in accordance with the Laws of Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Edition 3), the Domestic Regulations and the Rules for Competition in Victoria. In particular, all players need to be aware of the Rules that will be strictly enforced, regarding "late arrivals", "late start", "substitutes/replacement players" and "Constituted players/teams".
2. The Championship Committee (the Controlling Body) reserves the right to amend the Conditions of Play as necessary.
3. Club Championships are organized around the Bowls Vic and Eastern Ranges Events so we have a tight schedule. Please check your availability before you enter.
4. The Bowls Vic Heat Rule applies to all games. If the temperature reaches 36 degrees, play must stop. The game can be resumed when the temperature drops below that level, or at a time to be organized with the Championship Committee.
5. Please note that only Regional and State Events take priority when entering Club Championships. Club Championships take priority over local or other club tournaments.
6. All players and Markers are required to be in approved Berwick Bowling Club attire (see Dress Code in Handbook) for all Club Championship games except for the FINAL where only approved Berwick Bowling Club pennant uniform is permissible.
7. Entries are accepted on completion of entry forms and acceptance of the published Conditions of Play..
8. Entries will not be accepted after the nominated closing date - as per the published Schedule.
9. The Entry Forms will be available approx. 1 month before Entries Close. The draw will be published approx. 10 days before the first round of an event
10. Please ensure that your form with your name is placed in the box located at the SE corner of the club house. The boxes are clearly labelled Club Championship event entries.

## 11. SCHEDULE OF MATCHES - Completion Date

ALL MATCHES MUST BE PLAYED on the date or as detailed on the entry form for that specific event, but may be amended at the discretion of the Championship Committee if necessary to accommodate situations that may arise from time to time and/or other requirements of the Club and to accommodate the priority that must be given to Bowls Victoria and ERBR for their events (as per Clause 5 previously detailed in these COP).

All matches scheduled to start in the evenings will commence at 5.00 pm , however to accommodate members who because of work commitments are unable to achieve that starting time, those matches may commence no later than 6.00pm, but in all cases subject to agreement of all players with final decision by the Convenor
12. No player shall arrange to play their match prior to or beyond the date specified without the consent of the Championship Committee. Such consent shall be only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
13. If you are a pennant player, please prioritize pennant practice. No matches are scheduled to conflict with scheduled Pennant practice times. Clearly Pennant practice is vital during the season and so we ask for your co-operation in these circumstances.
14. SINGLES - Marker - First match - The Markers for the first game in singles are to be arranged by the players first named in the match. Subsequent rounds - will be "marked" by the player who lost to the player of the match first named in the subsequent round and it is the responsibility of the competing player first named to ensure that the Marker has been arranged. EXCEPTION, where the first named player has received a BYE in the previous round, then the Marker for the match between that player and the winner of the previous round shall be the losing player of the previous Round.

In the unlikely event that a Marker has not be obtained for a match, the player who has been assigned the responsibility of obtaining a marker as per these Conditions (14) that player shall be disqualified and the match awarded to the other player.

It is a Condition of entry that losing players will ALWAYS make themselves available to act as Marker in subsequent games in order that participating players can ensure that a marker is available for their game. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the Championship Committee and the Club.

For the Finals of Club Championships Singles, the MARKER will be arranged by the Convenors of the event.
15. When playing a Championship match, we will endeavor to keep a rink each side of your rink clear to minimize noise and interference. This will obviously depend on the greens and rinks available on the day.
16. Players are permitted to play only on the rink that has been allocated by the Greens director and in the direction that has been advised.
17. Cards for all games will be available from the Convenors. Once a game is completed, both players (Skips for team games) and the marker (where applicable) must sign the card and return the Card to the Convenor so the events sheet can be updated and cards issued for the next round.
18. No player is to enter results on the Event Sheet.

## 19. Handicap Events - Playing order

All players must play in the order that is determined by the Players handicap. Therefore in Handicap Pairs the Skip must be the player with the HIGHEST handicap
20. Substitutes: Refer to Bowls Australia "Domestic Regulations - 2. Game Anomalies" for rules in respect to Substitution of players in entered teams.
21. In Singles games, players may only visit the head after delivering their 3rd bowl .
22. In Pairs matches, the skip is the only player permitted to visit the head and then only once per end per team.
23. In Fours matches, the head may only be visited once per end per team, and only by EITHER the 3rd or the Skip.
24. For all matches time limits may apply.
25. There is to be no Coaching in club championship matches.
26. Play is not permitted before the game on the green on which the Club Championship match has been scheduled. For Semi Finals and Final, play on any green before the game is prohibited
27. Penalties for non appearance or failing to act as a "marker": Players failing to appear for a scheduled match, and/or in the case of the Singles championship, being unwilling to undertake the position of a "marker" where they have lost their previous match, and are without an acceptable reason, will be subject to a penalty, which as a minimum will be exclusion from any other Club Championship event that season. The Championship Committee will determine the appropriate penalty.
28. Minimum entries for event to proceed: For events played as singles, the event will require a minimum of 6 players, for events played in teams (pairs, triples, Fours), the event will require a minimum of 4 teams

Thank you for entering our Club Championships, enjoy the game and the best of luck to all entrants.
Championship Committee Members;
Ray Findlay (Chairman) and Convener(s) for the specific event

Men's and Women's Club Pairs: Pat \& Avril Steere
Men's and Women's Singles - Kerry Prescott and Keith Fox
Open Minor Singles - Jean Fothergill and Ray Findlay
Men's and Women's Handicap Singles - Jeff Parker and Jim Weir
Men's and Women's Proportional 100 UP - Bruce Shearer and David Bond
Open Fours - Kerry Prescott and Ray Findlay
Open Mixed Pairs - Ray Findlay and Rob McGrath
Open Novice Singles - Jeff Janetzki

Early rounds will be generally be played on SUNDAY, with subsequent rounds (inclining Semi-Finals and Finals) played on Mondays or THURSDAY, commencing at 5.00pm
Starting time for matches - as per details on Entry form, but also see COP 11 which provides some flexibility and allows for a later start to accommodate members who work and may not be able to commence games at 5.00pm.

Where possible, in all SINGLES events, players will not be asked to play more than ONE game per day
The schedule for all events will be included in the Handbook however it is conditional and subject to amendment due to other circumstances as yet unknown. The Championship committee reserves the right to amend the schedule as required AS PER CLAUSE 2 in COP.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Club Singles Championship- Men's \& Women's Titles.

All games are the first to 25 shots. Handicaps do not apply. The competition will be run in accordance with the rules set out in the current BV Rules for Competition Handbook in order to qualify for Masters accreditation. Where possible only one round will be played on any one day.

Open Novice Singles Championships.
Members first affiliated with Bowls Australia or any State authority on or after 1st July 2018 . All games are the first to 21 shots. Handicaps do not apply. Early rounds may be Sectional Play (round robin - ends based) depending on the number of entries) then proceed to "knockout" (for Semi final and Final) as required (first to 21 shots). If not played in Sectional format, where possible, only one round will be played on any one day.

## Pairs Championship - Men's and Women's Titles.

A 3 Bowl Pairs event. It is anticipated that this event will be played as a knockout competition of 18 live ends including the Semi Final and Final.

But if necessary and as determined by the number of entries received, the event may be played as Sectional/Round Robin event for early rounds. If played as a Sectional event, each section will comprise of a minimum of 3 players, maximum 4 players in each section, playing each game of 15 ends. Winners of each section will then proceed to a Semi Final and Final (as required). Additional games plus Final will be played as a knock out competition of 18 live ends.

## Open Club Fours Championship- Open Title.

Conducted as a nominated team from within the Club. It is anticipated that this event will be played as a knockout competition of 18 live ends including the Semi Final and Final.

But if necessary and as determined by the number of entries received, the event may be played as Sectional/Round Robin. If played as a Sectional event, each section will comprise of a minimum of 3 players, maximum 4 players in each section, playing each game of 15 ends. Winners of each section will then proceed to a Semi Final and Final (as required). Additional games plus Final will be played as a knock out competition of 18 live ends.

## Open Mixed Pairs Championship - Mixed Title

A 3 Bowl Pairs event. It is anticipated that this event will be played as a knockout competition of 18 live ends including the Semi Final and Final.

But if necessary and as determined by the number of entries received, the event may be played as Sectional/Round Robin event for early rounds. If played as a Sectional event, each section will comprise of a minimum of 3 players, maximum 4 players in each section, playing each game of 15 ends. Winners of each section will then proceed to a Semi Final and Final (as required). Additional games plus Final will be played as a knock out competition of 18 live ends.

Open Minor Singles Championship- Previous winners of this event are ineligible. Handicaps apply. This event is open to all members whose handicaps are six (6) and below and who have not won the following events at this or any other club; Club Championship, Club Pairs, Minor Singles or any Region or State event. Games are first to 25 shots. Where possible only one round will be played on any one day. Handicaps will be finalized on the DAY BEFORE ENTRY FORMS ARE RELEASED

## Handicap Singles - Men's and Women's Title

A 4-Bowl singles event to be played as a knock out competition, first to 21 shots up with handicap being played off first. The Selection Committees is responsible for the allocation of handicaps for all members. Handicaps will be finalized on the DAY BEFORE ENTRY FORMS ARE RELEASED

## Proportional (100 up) Singles - Men's \& Women's Titles.

Games are played to 100 points. The shot bowl is worth 4 points, second shot 3 points, third 2 points and fourth 1 point, the handicap being played off first. The handicap is $21 / 2$ times the normal handicap taken up to the next whole number. Handicaps will

## be finalized on the DAY BEFORE ENTRY FORMS ARE RELEASED.

PROTECTION If any matches in a Club, Bowls Division or Region Championships, any scheduled Victorian Development Squad activity or a BV event (being a Championship or Interstate Match or trial game, including Regional or under 18 Sides trial games one per season), a Bowls Australia Championship, or International selection, herein expressed in ascending order of grading, are scheduled to be played on the same date, no player or official 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 will decide which event to contest.

COMPETITION FEES There is no entry fee for Club Championship events. Please place your Entry Forms in the Club Events Box.

