



BUDERIM BOWLS CLUB CONDITIONS OF PLAY

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS & CLUB COMPETITIONS

DATED 17TH JANUARY 2026

All matches are to be played in accordance with the current "Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls" Crystal Mark 4th Edition (April 2023) and Club By-Laws. Bowls Qld Extreme Weather Policy is also to apply.

Controlling Body

The Controlling Body for all Club Championship/Competition play is Buderim Bowls Club. The Club Captains and Games Directors shall supervise and conduct all Club Competitions/Championships in accordance with current Bowls Australia Domestic Regulations and Policies. The Games Director shall appoint an Umpire for the day and liaise with the Greens Director regarding rinks available.

Disputes

Authority to adjudicate on disputes is delegated to a Games Committee comprising the Club Captain, Club Games Director and one member of the Club Management Committee.

Conduct of the Game

The Games Director will supervise and conduct all Club Championships and competitions, including the appointment of substitutes in Club Graded and Drawn Competitions. All Championships and Club Competitions will be listed on the Buderim Bowls Club Website and Notice Boards.

Eligibility

Club Championships/Competitions are open to all eligible and financial members of Buderim Bowls Club at the time nominations close. Any member playing as a substitute/replacement must also be eligible and financial at the close of nominations.

Players who are members of two or more clubs may play in the Championships but must declare to SCDBA which club they are playing Champion of Club Championships for, before the competition starts. Forms are available from the Club Secretary. A dual member can only play in Buderim Club Championships if they are declared for Buderim Bowls Club. Where a dual member declares for Buderim Bowls Club, they also declare SCDBA Champion of Club Champion events and Sunshine Coast District for Inter-District representative prospects. Players under suspension, expulsion or disqualification for any reason are ineligible to play.

Dress

Dress for all players and markers for Buderim Bowls Club Championship/Competition events is the Buderim Bowls Club uniform. Dress for Umpires is Umpire Shirt, approved bowls attire or Buderim Bowls Club uniform.

Nominations

It is a condition of entry into all events that players are familiar with and accept the Conditions of Play. Nominations for events must be lodged on the appropriate tab in the Bookings page on the Buderim Bowls Club website prior to the closing date. There is an expectation of the Club that all current Buderim Bowls Club Champions will compete in the SCDBA Champion of Champions.

The Draw

All Championship draws will be conducted by the Women's and Men's Games Directors via the Bowslink Portal on the day of the nomination closing. All Club Championship matches will be scheduled at the discretion of the Controlling Body.

The Competition

The disciplines for Club Championships are Singles (25up), Fours (21 ends), Pairs (21 ends), Triples (2 bowl, 25 ends) and Mixed Pairs (21 ends). For the Men's competitions and Mixed Pairs there will be no time limit for games. For the Women's competition there will be a time limit of 3 hrs 45 mins. Dead ends are to be replayed except if an end is made dead after the bell where Law 56.5.3 applies, i.e. re-spot the jack.

All events will be knockout format.

All Buderim Bowls Club male members are eligible to enter the Men's "A" Major Singles Club Championship. Only those members who have NOT previously won an "A" Singles Club Championship at any club are eligible to nominate for the Buderim Bowls Club "B" Minor Singles Club Championship event.

Singles players must make themselves available to mark at least once during the event. The Games Director is to arrange Markers for the first round of play. The loser in each subsequent round should mark the next round unless a substitute marker can be found by the loser.

The Play

Matches will be displayed on the noticeboard seven (7) days in advance of the scheduled date, published in the weekly newsletter, on the notice board and on the website. Players are responsible for checking if they are drawn to play. Normal green fees are payable for all games except Finals.

- Play on or before the scheduled date or forfeit the game.
- If, 30 minutes after the scheduled start time for a game, or sooner if the Controlling Body decides, one or more of the players are absent from a team, the defaulting team
- will forfeit the game to their opponents.
- Any team member unable to play on the day due to sickness or ill health may be substituted
- The substitute must play in any position other than Skip, and the other members of the team can rearrange their positions as necessary.
- The Controlling Body will decide the substitute's eligibility.

The only exemption to the above will be if a player is playing National, State or District representative games.

Allocation of rinks is the decision of the Games Director, in consultation with the Greens Director.

Trial ends are permitted 20 minutes before the scheduled starting time (refer law 5.1). Players may practise before matches on the same green but not on the rink they have been allocated for play.

If both opponents/teams fail to appear within 30 minutes, both shall be forfeited.

If necessary, games will be called AM and/or PM. It is preferable that all games are played on the designated play days. Games may be played before the scheduled date provided both teams agree, and the Greens Director can make the green space available.

The onus is on the team seeking the change of date to get agreement from their opponents. The Skips are responsible for advising their team of playing arrangements, not the Games Director.

If played before, players must make their own arrangements for an umpire/marker/rink etc and seek permission from the Games and Greens Directors. The Games Director is to be notified of all arrangements.

Bad weather or circumstances beyond the Club's control may necessitate timetable changes.

All communication devices (mobile phone, pagers, radios etc) located within six (6) metres of the green whilst a match is in progress are to be switched off. If an emergency call is expected, please consult the Controlling Body for special arrangements and advise the Umpire. No smoking, vaping, eating or drinking is permitted on the green.

If the game/s cannot be completed due to inclement weather or other circumstances, they will be completed at a time set by the Games Director.

When the temperature reaches 35 degrees, play/competition will be interrupted at 20-minute intervals for a period of 10 minutes, during which time, drinks will be made available. The Bowls QLD Extreme Weather Policy is to apply.

The overhead shades will be extended if the UV is above four (as per the Bureau of Meteorology web site). Once play has commenced, the shades will remain extended until the end of competition play, except in the case of high winds or other serious adverse weather conditions or at the discretion of the Controlling Body.

Score cards are organised by the Games Director. At the end of the game they are to be signed by both Skips and also the Marker in Singles, with the time the game was completed and given to the Games Director.

ALL FINALS ARE TO BE PLAYED ON THE DESIGNATED PLAY DAY FOR THAT COMPETITION.

Complaints

Any complaints regarding procedure are to be made in writing within 7 days and addressed to the Secretary. Complaints will be considered at a Committee Meeting. Verbal complaints will not be accepted.

Attachments:

Rules for Consistency – Women
Conditions of Play for Medleys, Fiesta and Major/Minor Pairs
Conditions of Play for November Fours
Conditions of Play for Patrons' Fours
Conditions of Play for Prestige Fours
BQ Extreme Weather Policy
BQ Sun Protection Policy

RULES FOR CONSISTENCY COMPETITION (WOMEN)

Consistency is a Singles Competition for women. Any financial member is eligible to play each year even if they have won the competition previously. The object of the game is to draw as close as possible to the jack without moving it and score points as follows:

- First shot – 4 points
- Second shot – 3 points
- Third shot – 2 points
- Fourth shot – 1 point.

The first player to reach 130 points is the winner. Each end must total 10 points. Should there be a tie, an extra end/ends is/are played. Should both players pass 130 points at the conclusion of the game, the player with the highest points is the winner.

A Marker is required for every game of Consistency. Their duties include placing the jack on the disc after it has been rolled, measuring the distance from the disc if the jack has been moved with the “measuring stick”, advising the players of any points losses and recording the scores.

After it is rolled, the jack is placed on a disc by the Marker. The Marker is responsible for ensuring the jack is correctly positioned in the centre of the disc before any bowls are bowled or any measuring is done. It is recommended that a system of placing the bowls in order of shots be agreed before play starts by the players to prevent any misunderstanding.

Because Consistency is a draw game, penalties apply if the jack is moved by more the length of the “measuring stick” – i.e. 1 metre. If the jack is moved further than the measuring stick, the player will lose 5 points. Should the jack be moved, the Marker will measure from the outer edge of the disc to the nearest point of the jack. The loss of 5 points will be recorded on the score card immediately and the player informed. The jack is then replaced on the disc, or as near as possible, by the Marker. If the jack is sent out of bounds or into the ditch, or if the player kills the end, the penalty is 10 points. Should this occur the jack is replaced on the disc and the loss recorded on the score card.

If bowls are preventing the jack from being replaced on the disc, the jack is to be placed as close as possible to the disc. Any shot bowl sitting on or close to the disc at the completion of the end, preventing the jack from being placed on the disc is to be removed and the jack replaced on the disc before any further measuring is done. If two bowls are touching or overlapping the disc, they must be equal shots by virtue of the fact that, if the jack was in its correct position, they would both be touching the jack.

Consistency is played in knock-out format and in accordance with the current “Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls” Crystal Mark 4th Edition (April 2023) and Buderim Bowls Club By-Laws.

Dress for Consistency is the Buderim Bowls Club uniform.

WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS/EVENTS

CONDITIONS OF PLAY – MEDLEYS

All games are played with the number of ends designated on the programme or the bell.

Players must play in their nominated position, (A, B, C, D or E) for all games or lose four points for each game they do not play in their position. A maximum of 14 teams can compete in this event.

Games are played in accordance with the “Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls” and Buderim Bowls Club Conditions of Play. The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the programme or Conditions of Play if necessary.

No trial ends are played.

Dress for the event is approved bowls attire.

The scoring for a Medley is as follows:

- 6 points for a game win, 1 point for each end won and 3 points for a drawn game.
- Dead ends count as a loss of the end and the opponent receives 1 point.
- In the event of an overall draw on points, prize money will be shared.

Prize money is based on 14 teams and will be adjusted if the number of teams is less.

The decision of the Controlling Body is final in all matters pertaining to the event.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY – FIESTA

Teams of Fours to a maximum of 28 teams compete in the annual Fiesta.

All games are played in accordance with the “Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls” and Buderim Bowls Club Conditions of Play. The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the Programme or Conditions of Play if necessary.

Dress for the event is approved bowls attire.

No trial ends are played.

Dead ends are to be replayed, except if the end is made dead after the bell.

Winners are decided on the most game wins plus the highest margin over the games played.

In the event of a draw, the winner will be the team with the highest score overall. Winners will be decided on a countback if required. Round win prizes may be shared in the event of a tie.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY – MAJOR/MINOR PAIRS

Major/Minor Pairs is a game of three bowl pairs over 12 ends in knock-out format for women. This is a Graded and Drawn Event with the Games Director responsible for the draw.

Any financial member of Buderim Bowls Club is eligible to play even if they have won previously.

A Major is defined as a player who has won a Club Championship event previously. A Minor is defined as a player who has not won a Club Championship. A player can play in either position of Skip or Lead.

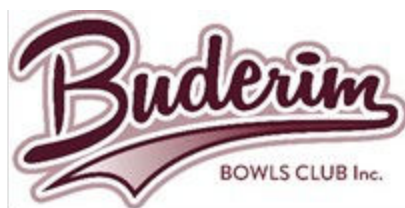
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PATRON'S 4'S CONDITIONS OF PLAY

All games shall be played in accordance with the "Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls" Crystal Mark 4th Edition (April 2023) including Australian Domestic Regulations and Policies and amendments as per these Conditions of Play. Bowls Qld Extreme Weather Policy is also to apply.

- The Match Committee reserves the right to vary these conditions if necessary.
- Any disputes will include one umpire.
- Play will commence at 9am and Lunch will be provided.
- **Game 1** – 9:00am -11:15am - Lunch - **Game 2** 12:00pm – 2:15pm **Game 3** 2:30pm – 4:45pm
- Each game will be a maximum of 16 ends or 2 hours 15 minutes.
- There will be NO trial ends.
- Dead ends are to be replayed. An end killed after the finishing bell is NOT replayed.
- Winners will be determined on the basis of Wins plus Margins. Each win will score 2 points and a draw 1 point.
- In the event of a tied score that is equal points and the same margins a count back of total ends won over the tournament will determine the outcome.
- Prize Money is based on 28 Teams entered.
- WET WEATHER: In the event of interruptions to ends by rain and skips mutually agreeing to leave the green, uncompleted ends will be finished upon returning to the green. If the bell is rung due to unplayable greens or danger to players, all games are to be restarted on the ringing of the 2nd bell and all ends must be restarted. Nine (9) ends completed by 50% of the teams will constitute a game, the 2-hour 15-minute time limit will continue until duration if necessary.
- Shades may be retracted as determined by the controlling body in the event of bad weather or poor light.
- Alterations to the length of games may be changed due to unforeseen stoppages caused by e.g. inclement weather.
- Smokers are to use the designated official smoking areas.



PRESTIGE 4'S CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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- **Day 2 – Game 4** - 9:00am -11:15am - Lunch - **Game 5** 12:00pm - 2:15pm
- Each game will be a maximum of 16 ends or 2 hours 15 minutes.
- There will be NO trial ends.
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NOVEMBER 4'S CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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Bowls Queensland Extreme Weather Policy

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It was formed in 2004 following the full unification of the Royal Queensland Bowls Association and the Queensland Ladies Bowls Association.

Bowls Queensland is managed by a board elected by the membership.

It is the board's responsibility to set policies for the management of the sport in Queensland.

This Policy was reviewed and reformatted in January 2025

It was endorsed by the Board on 14th January 2025.

1. Member Safety

Bowls Queensland has a responsibility to ensure that best practices are adhered to in the interests of its members health and wellbeing. BQ is concerned that its members participation in the game of bowls is conducted in the safest environment possible and with minimum risk of harm.

Weather conditions can vary greatly throughout Australia and BQ does not intend to second-guess the judgement of the umpire or controlling body at any game. The decision whether to suspend or discontinue play is at the discretion of the umpire/controlling body. BQ has provided the following guidelines in assisting the umpire/controlling body in making that decision.

2. Temperatures

Temperatures referred to in this policy are guidelines only and are not binding.

3. Guidelines

- 3.1 Each club and or controlling body should ensure where elderly and under 18's persons are participating; due care is taken in extreme weather conditions.
- 3.2 Each club should have in place evacuation and emergency policies and procedures. 3.3 Each club/controlling body should provide a contact phone number that players and officials can ring if they are in doubt as to the state of play on any given day.
- 3.4 BQ advises where possible, clubs/controlling body should usually continue play or competition where they are able to do so however, player and official's safety will remain the paramount consideration.
- 3.5 The umpire/controlling body should suspend play/competition for up to 2 hours if the adverse weather conditions may improve. Where conditions have not improved in that time, the umpire/controlling body should cancel the play/competition for that day and reschedule.
- 3.6 The umpire/controlling body may approve rescheduling play/competition to another day or weekend if the umpire/controlling body determines that conditions are unsafe for players, officials or spectators. Typical reasons for this include consistent heavy rain, slippery conditions, extreme heat or cold, snow, bad light and lightning.
- 3.7 If play/competition is to be cancelled and rescheduled, the umpire/controlling body will use their best endeavours to notify participants. The umpire/controlling body will determine the most appropriate method of communication and might consider community radio, newsletter, phone calls or emails.
- 3.8 Each club/controlling body should have its own policy as to refunding any fees to those participants who are unable to play/complete at the rescheduled time when the play/competition is cancelled due to adverse weather.

4. Hot Weather

- 4.1 Players, officials and spectators should at all times be encouraged to wear hats or other head protection. It is recommended that a hat be part of club uniform.
- 4.2 Drinks should be available at every venue where play/competition takes place. Tap water should be available free of charge and in unlimited quantities. Other drinks may be served or sold as determined by each club.
- 4.3 When the temperature reaches 35°C, play/competition can be interrupted at regular intervals for a short period of time (at the conclusion of the current end), during which time drinks should be made available.
- 4.4 The temperature reading should be taken from a ventilated location, not in direct sunlight, which will allow a general reading.
- 4.5 Where available, shelter should be offered for players and officials not involved in current play.
- 4.6 Where the temperature reaches 40°C, it is recommended that play/competition be discontinued.

- 4.7 It will be at the discretion of the umpire/controlling body to determine whether to discontinue play. In making the decision, the umpire/controlling body will take account of all relevant factors including the age and health of players and officials, the weather conditions and climate for that part of the country, the level of humidity, the evacuation and emergency plans of the club and venue and the amount of shade or shelter available at the venue.
- 4.8 The umpire/controlling body must take serious considerations upon a complaint and request from a player or players playing in the play/competition about the playing conditions as set out above at the time that the request is made.

5. Wet or Cold Weather

- 5.1 In parts of Queensland susceptible to cold and wet weather, it is recommended that clubs/controlling body have warm clothes and a waterproof jacket as part of their uniform.
- 5.2 When severe weather is forecast, the umpire/controlling body should initiate procedures and monitor weather reports. They may contact local and State agencies for input on weather and road conditions. They should review such things as the present weather conditions and the traffic conditions within the immediate area as well as outlying roads upon which players and officials are arriving. Based on this information, the umpire/controlling body will decide whether to cancel play/competition.
- 5.3 Where available, shelter should be offered for players and officials not involved in current play.
- 5.4 If the ground is slippery from frost, snow, rain or mud or if the temperature drops below 8 °C it is at the discretion of the umpire/controlling body whether to discontinue play. In making the decision account should be taken of all relevant factors including the age and health of players and officials, the weather conditions and climate for that part of the country, the wind-chill factor, the evacuation and emergency plans for the club and venue and the amount of shelter available at the venue.
- 5.5 If it is raining heavily, play/competition should be discontinued for a period of 2 hours. If it continues to rain heavily during that time, it is recommended that play/competition be discontinued. The time may vary from venue to venue depending upon the playing surface, the shelter available etc. It is at the discretion of the umpire/controlling body to determine whether to discontinue play.
- 5.6 The umpire/controlling body must consider all facts as set out above upon a request from a player or players about the weather conditions being experienced at that time.

6. Lightning

- 6.1 At all times when experiencing a lightning storm at the venue all play/competition must cease immediately until the lightning storm passes. There is to be no variation to this type of extreme weather.
- 6.2 If the lightning storm has not passed within 2 hours and the lightning storm continues then it is recommended that play/competition be discontinued.
- 6.3 The umpire/controlling body must then arrange a new time for the play/competition to continue and advise all officials and players of their decision.

7. Sun Protection

- 7.1 BQ has a commitment towards sun protection from the harmful effects of the sun. BQ encourages all districts, clubs, participants, officials and spectators of bowls to comply with the Bowls Queensland Sun Protection Policy.



Bowls Queensland Sun Protection Policy

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Aims:

This policy aims to ensure all participants, officials and spectators in all Bowls Queensland (BQ) events are protected from the harmful effects of the sun throughout the year, and we provide a sporting environment that supports sun safety awareness and practice.

It is also a requirement that all BQ affiliated Districts and Clubs in the State of Queensland comply with this policy.

BQ Commitment: Bowls Queensland, Districts and Clubs have a duty of care to provide a safe environment for everyone involved in our activities. Providing a safe environment includes protecting people from the harmful effects of UV radiation.

Participants, officials and spectators will be encouraged to access the Sun Smart UV Alert at www.cancercouncil.com.au/sunsmart to view UV levels. Wherever possible, BQ, its districts and clubs will use a combination of sun protection measures for all outdoor activities which include the following:

1. Scheduling outdoor activities

- 1.1 Schedule outdoor events and/or training times (where practical) outside peak UV times.
- 1.2 Consider all sun protection measures when planning outdoor events and/or training.
- 1.3 Investigate the feasibility of having evening training sessions, games and events and the use of undercover facilities where they are available.

2. Shade

- 2.1 Hold training sessions and competitions at venues that provide adequate shade.
- 2.2 Encourage participants, officials and spectators to use the shade available and encourage people to bring their own shade alternatives.
- 2.3 Where there is insufficient natural or built shade structures, participants are encouraged to bring their own temporary shade (e.g. Tents or Umbrellas).
- 2.4 Marshalling, interchange and presentation ceremony areas are protected by shade where possible.

3. Hats

- 3.1 Ensure officials and participants are provided with or encouraged to wear sun-safe hats that protect the face, neck and ears. Recommend sun-safe hats including legionnaire, broad-brimmed and bucket hats. Baseball caps do not provide adequate sun protection and are not recommended.
- 3.2 Encourage members who do not bring hats, to stand in an area protected from the sun whilst not in the process of delivering a bowl and recommend BQ representative and players utilise the supplied sun protection.
- 3.3 Encourage clubs with retractable sun-shades to cover greens during peak UV times.

4. Clothing

- 4.1 Ensure officials and participants are provided with or encouraged to wear sun-safe clothing that covers as much skin as possible, including shirts/tops with longer sleeves and a collar, and long shorts or pants.
- 4.2 Incorporate clothing that is cool, loose fitting and made of densely woven fabric into the uniform. Any fabric with an ultraviolet protection factor (UPF) rating above 15 provides good protection against UV radiation, but UPF50+ is recommended (AS/NZS 4399:199).

5. Sunscreen

- 5.1 Sunscreen available is at least SPF30+, broad-spectrum and water resistant sunscreen is provided to participants, coaches, officials who are encouraged to use it appropriately.
- 5.2 Ensure sunscreen is applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors, and is reapplied every 2 hours when outdoors, or after perspiring.
- 5.3 First Aid kits include a supply of SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen.

6. Sunglasses

- 6.1 Encourage officials and participants to wear close fitting, wraparound sunglasses that cover as much of the eye area as possible and comply with Australian Standard AS/NZS 1067:2016.

7. Sun Safety Awareness

- 7.1 Regularly promote sun protection information to officials, participants and spectators through briefings or training sessions, newsletters, notice boards, online communications, enrolment and announcements at sporting events.
- 7.2 Inform individuals about the BQ Sun Protection Policy when they apply for membership.

8. Role Modelling

- 8.1 Encourage all officials, coaches and adult members of BQ, its districts and clubs, to act as positive role models for all other members (participants) in all aspects of sun-safe behaviour, including using a combination of sun-protection measures.

9. Review

- 9.1 BQ to regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of the Sun Protection Policy to ensure it remains relevant and current.