

CONDITIONS OF PLAY
2019 NT Champion of Champions

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Controlling body: Bowls NT.

Event: **2019 NT Champion of Champions**

Dates: Saturday, June 29th – Sunday, June 30th , 2019.

Venue: Nightcliff Bowls Club

1. ENTRY CONDITIONS

1.1. Affiliation

All players must be an affiliated bowler with a Club that is affiliated to Bowls NT

1.2. Eligibility

As a condition of entry to compete in this event, all competitors must:

- 1.2.1 Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by their STA or their national authority.
- 1.2.2 Comply with all applicable Laws of the Sport, Domestic Regulations and policies of Bowls Australia, including the Anti-Doping Code.
- 1.2.3 Be a title holder of their respective Club's singles title as of June 26th, 2019.

2. EVENT STRUCTURE

2.1. Qualifying

- 2.1.1 All qualifiers for this event must be supplied to BNT by **Monday, June 24, 2019.**

2.2. Format

2.2.1 The only discipline played at the event will be Singles, to be played in the traditional format as follows:

2.2.1.1 Four bowls, 21 shots up. Shots in excess of 21 will not count;

2.2.1.2 There will be **no time limit** on any matches.

2.2.2 The competition will be played as a full sectional round robin, with each Club's representative playing each other once.

2.3. Alterations to the format and length of games

2.3.1 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.

2.3.2 Where a program is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Jury of Appeal may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result or postpone the event where an outcome cannot be achieved.

2.3.3 Artificial light - The game shall proceed under artificial lights, if necessary, to achieve a result. The controlling body will nominate the amount of ends required by each rink depending on the conditions. Games are to be completed by 9:30pm.

2.4. Trial Ends

One trial end in each direction will be allowed for all games in accordance with Law 5.1. In trial ends players can use any combination of bowls taken from different sets so long as all bowls carry a registered World Bowls stamp of either the current year or a future year.

2.5. Start of the game

A signal will be given at the start of each session. Any player/team arriving after the starting time shall lose the right to play trial ends. Any player/team arriving at the green more than 15 minutes after the official starting time (as determined by the marker and/or umpire) shall forfeit the game and the points for that game.

2.6. Arrangement for practice

Players will be able to practice on the day before the event pending availability. This is to be communicated with the host venue.

Any additional practices will be in accordance to Law 4 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

3. REPLACEMENT AND SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

3.1. Replacement or substitute players are not permitted at this event. Should the Club champion decline their position or withdraw from the event prior to its commencement, a bye will occur in lieu of that player.

- 3.2.** If a player cannot begin a match or cannot complete a match once the competition has begun, they will forfeit the match or matches and the result will be determined as per section 6.2.

4. RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY

4.1. Moving to the head

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances.

- The opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.

In exceptional and limited circumstances, the player can ask the marker to walk up to the head earlier than described above. If a player does not meet these terms, law 13 will apply.

5. DELAYING PLAY

If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of a player's bowl they will precede as follows:

- 5.1.** On the first occasion, the umpire will warn the player.
- 5.2.** If the same player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as complete and the opponents of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent.
- 5.3.** If the same player offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent.

6. SCORING

6.1. Game Points

6.1.1 Game points will be distributed as follows:

- 6.1.1.1 Three points for a win;
6.1.1.2 One point for a tie or no result;
6.1.1.3 No points for a loss.

6.1.2 In the event of a bye, the player receiving the bye will receive no match points and a net shot margin of zero.

6.2. Forfeits

6.2.1 In the event of a forfeit, the following distribution of game points and shots will apply:

- 6.2.1.1 Three points, and the average positive net shot margin (shots for – shots against, rounded to the nearest whole number) from all other matches within that section within that particular round, for a win by forfeit.

- 6.2.1.2 Zero points, and an average negative net shot margin from all other matches within that section within that particular round for a loss by forfeit.
- 6.2.1.3 For clarity, a person who receives a win by forfeit will receive 21 shots for and (21 minus the average positive net shot margin) against to create this net shot margin. The forfeiting player will receive the inverse score.

7. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

7.1. Determination of Champion

The player who is ranked at the top of the ladder (as per section 7.2) following the completion of all rounds will be declared the champion.

7.2. Determination of Ladder Rankings

Ladder rankings will be determined by the following order:

- 7.2.1 Players with the most **game points** will be ranked higher;
- 7.2.2 If game points are equal, the player with the **highest net total shots** (total shots for minus total shots against) will be ranked higher;
- 7.2.3 If game points and net total shots are equal, the total shots for will be divided by the total shots against to determine a shots percentage. The player with the higher **shots percentage** will be ranked higher;
- 7.2.4 If game points, net total shots and shots percentage are all equal, the winner of the game between the two players will be ranked higher.

8. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The champion of both the Men's and Women's events will receive medals; the presentation ceremony will be held following the conclusion of the final match of the event (for both men and women).

9. ATTIRE

As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, including Domestic Regulation 5.

9.1. Footwear

Footwear must adhere to Appendix A.2. Attire must adhere to Appendix A.3 and the BA logo policy. This policy is available on the Bowls Australia web site www.bowlsaustralia.com.au.

9.2. Uniform

- 9.2.1 Players must wear the uniform of the club from which they qualified as the champion of champions. All uniforms must comply with the BA Logo Policy.

- 9.2.2 Failure to adhere to the BA Logo Policy will result in the offending player being given a verbal warning by the convening match umpire which will be lodged and recorded with the tournament director. The offending player will then be provided up until the forfeit time of their subsequent game to comply with the BA Logo Policy. Failure to comply by this deadline will result in the offending player being disqualified and the game forfeited to their opponent.

10. EQUIPMENT

10.1. Stamp on Bowls

All bowls used during the event must carry a registered World Bowls stamp of either the current year or of a future year. Random checking of bowls may occur prior to the commencement of games. Bowls Australia's bowls testing policy is available on the Bowls Australia website. Players requiring bowls testing shall be liable for the cost of the test.

10.2. Marking Touchers

In all Bowls NT events, as per the Laws of the Sport, only chalk can be used to mark touchers. Spray chalk is the preferred method of marking at Bowls Australia's events.

10.3. Bowls Discs

Players may use bowls discs representing the club from which they qualified for this event. Bowls discs must not obscure the World Bowls stamp. Officials have the right to instruct players to replace bowls discs due to discolouration, damage, colour clashes or inappropriate placement.

11. PROHIBITIONS

11.1. Anti-Doping

Bowls Australia's [Anti-Doping Policy](#) shall apply throughout the event.

11.2. Alcohol

The consumption of alcohol by players is prohibited during play.

11.3. Smoking

Bowls Australia's Smoke Free Policy will be enforced during all days of the event.

11.4. Match-Fixing

Bowls Australia's [Match Fixing Policy](#) shall apply throughout the event. All of those directly involved with the event, including but not limited to players, officials and event staff, must comply with this policy, which can be found on the Bowls Australia website.

12. JURY OF APPEAL

A jury of appeal shall be appointed for the purpose of deciding upon any matters not provided in the Conditions of Play, for dealing with any appeals from decisions made by umpires and/or event staff or volunteers, and generally for the purpose of exercising overall authority on behalf of Bowls NT.

Any appeal against a decision made by an official relating to a Law, Domestic Regulation or Condition of Play may be referred to the Tournament Director in the first instance before being referred to the Jury of Appeal.

In the event of an appeal during the playing of the event, such appeals shall be made in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, and shall be directed to a Jury of Appeal which shall consist of:

- BNT President or nominee;
- BNT EO or nominee;
- Tournament Director or nominee;
- Event Manager or nominee.

It is noted that, if any of the above members is directly involved in the matter, they shall not sit as a member of the Jury of Appeal and an appropriately skilled nominee be appointed instead.

13. PRIZE MONEY

13.1. Total Prize Money

There is no prize money allocated to this event.

13.2. Qualification for the Bowls Australia Champion of Champions

The champions of both the men's and women's events will earn the right to represent the Northern Territory at the Australian Champion of Champions Singles event in 2019.

14. REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

14.1. Photography

Bowls NT reserves the right to use any photographs taken during this event for further promotional requirements.

14.2. Laws of the Sport of Bowls

All other Laws, Regulations & Policies other than stated above shall conform to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations for Australia, Crystal Mark 3rd edition, as published in January 2015.

14.3. Mobile Devices

The use of mobile phones and other electronic/communication devices on the green and surrounds during play is not permitted. Refer to <http://www.bowls.com.au/About-BA/Documents/Constitution-Policies>.

15. CONTACT INFORMATION

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