

BOWLS CYPRUS

CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2025/26

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1.	All competitions to be played under World Bowls “Laws of the Sport of Bowls”, Crystal Mark 4 th edition, where no rule exists in this document.
2.	All competitors must be fully paid-up members of a Member Club of Bowls Cyprus. All teams shall be made up of members of the same club. Competitors belonging to more than one club must declare their primary club on entry.
3.	All competitions are open to all classes of membership, with the exception of non-residents of Cyprus, who cannot take part in the Ladies or Gents 4 bowl (SETS) & 21 shots singles competitions.
4.	All players entering National Competitions must be available for the finals. <i>If a competitor during the season has a calendar change, that means they cannot be available for the finals, they must immediately substitute themselves, failure to do so will eliminate their team from that competition.</i>
5.	The National Competitions shall comprise of:- Ladies and Gents 2 bowl and 4 bowl singles, 21 shots Ladies and Gents 4 bowl (SETS) singles, 2x7 ends, 1x3 ends (ends count not shots for 3rd set) Ladies and Gents 4 bowl pairs, 18 ends Ladies and Gents 3 bowl triples, 18 ends Ladies and Gents 2 bowl rinks, 18 ends Mixed 4 bowl pairs where the team shall comprise of 1 female and 1 male, 18 ends Mixed 3 bowl triples where the team shall be at least 1 female and 1 male, 18 ends Mixed 2 bowl rinks, where the team shall be 2 ladies and 2 men, 18 ends Bowls Cyprus National 2 bowl singles (21 ends, played on 1 or 2 days) <i>In the event of a draw an extra end must be played, skips or opponents in singles to toss for jack.</i>
6.	A 3½ hour time limit will be enforced for all games. The marker will be responsible for monitoring the time in a singles game and in pairs, triples and rinks games, the skips will be responsible for monitoring, with the home team calling time. If an end has started, ie the jack has been delivered out of the hand, the end will be completed, otherwise the game will finish once the scores have been agreed. The start and finish times should be recorded on the scorecards. If any player needs to leave the green due to illness or an emergency the time away from the green will be added on.
7.	If a player has represented a Bowls Cyprus club in the Nationals, such player can continue to represent that club if they are a member of another Bowls Cyprus affiliated club until they have played in all rounds up to and including the final. No player may represent more than one club in any National competition.

8.	All matches must be played on rinks recognized by Bowls Cyprus, ie. a rink of a Member Club or Affiliate Member.
9.	A draw must be made for the rink of play for all National competitions. No practice will be allowed on the rink of play on the day of the competition.
10.	No player may play for more than one team in the same competition. The named entrant conceding a walkover before their first game in any competition cannot act as a replacement player, as this is considered a game played and lost. The named entrant of a team cannot be a member or a replacement player of any other team in that competition.
11.	The team that plays in the first game of any competition shall be the named team for that competition. If any member of the named team is unable to play in a subsequent round he/she may be replaced by a replacement player always provided that:- The replacement player has not played for any other team in that competition. The replacement player is a bona fide member of the same Member Club as the remaining members of the named team. Only one member of the named team in any one competition can be so replaced, however mixed competitions see below. The replacement player shall become a permanent replacement for the remainder of the competition if he/she plays in more than one round of that competition (i.e. a replaced person cannot play again in that competition if he/she has been replaced more than once) All Mixed competitions may have a replacement player of each gender, but they cannot be introduced at the same time except at the finals if agreed by EO DMC, this will not apply if there are no original (first round) team members present. Any team contravening this rule will be disqualified and the opponent will continue in the competition. <u>FINALS ONLY</u> Ladies and Gents triples and rinks will be able to substitute 2 team members at the finals but must be agreed by the EO that medical (injury or illness) or family emergency precludes them from playing.
12.	Dress code shall be white shorts/trousers and club colours, but all team members should observe the same dress code. No logos or stripes, however, a manufactures trademark, no larger than 2 inches, will be acceptable. Where two teams from the same club play each other the AWAY team MUST wear white shorts/trousers and shirts. Shoes should be flat soled shoes or sandals. They cannot be backless or flip flops.
13.	The challenger (who is the first name drawn) MUST within 5 days from the start date of each round offer 3 dates one of which <u>MUST be a weekend</u> and cannot be within 3 days of the end of the round. One of these dates must be accepted within 48 hours. <u>These dates MUST cover at least a 14 day period.</u> If no contact is made within 5 days of the start of the round, the Opponent shall become the Challenger and make all match arrangements including the offering of dates and choice of venue. In the event of any dispute a player may contact a DMC representative. A decision will be made by DMC as to what is fair and reasonable. That decision is final.

14.	Time extensions will not be considered. If matches cannot be arranged by the closing date of the round and adequate dates have been offered by the challenger, then the DMC will make a decision based on the facts as to who should forfeit the match.
15.	Resumed games must be played on the same rink, where possible. Until that game has been resumed, no practice will be allowed on that rink by either player/teams. If any of the players were drawn on that rink, in other competitions then this would be acceptable. A draw must be done if two or more matches are scheduled to be resumed on the same day on the same rink.
16.	An end will not be declared dead if the jack is displaced outside the boundaries of the rink of play. The jack will be re-spotted on the "T".
17.	In accordance with Law 38 (CM) and the option of declaring the end dead is made, the end will be replayed.
18.	Scorecards must be signed by both parties and the winner should E-mail the results to nationalscyprus@yahoo.com before 8pm on the day of play. All scorecards must be forwarded to Aliathon Bowls Club a.s.a.p. after completion of the game. Replacement players MUST be indicated on the scorecard.
19.	Up to 30 minutes waiting time is allowed from the agreed start time. The defaulting team or player will then concede the game.
20.	The challenger in singles should arrange for a marker, this can come from any club. A qualified marker MUST be used for the quarter finals and beyond.
21.	Singles entrants must be available for all rounds of the competition.
22.	Entry fee is €2 per competitor per competition, to be paid on submission of the entry form.
23.	All participants in the competitions must ensure that play is continuous without any undue delay in the games.
24.	If any player or team is due to play a player or team in an afternoon game and have a morning game to play they MUST inform their opponent/s well in advance of the afternoon game to allow their opponents practice time of 30 mins on a rink other than the rink that has been drawn for the afternoon game.
25.	<u>Restriction of movement</u> After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:- Singles game (4 bowls) The opponents:- after delivery of their third and fourth bowls. Pairs game (each player playing four bowls) The leads:- after delivery of their third and fourth bowls. The skips:- after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls. Triples game (each player playing three bowls) The leads:- after delivery of their third bowl. The seconds:- after delivery of their second and third bowls.

	The skips:- after delivery of each of their bowls. Fours game (each player playing two bowls) The leads:- after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl. The seconds:- after delivery of their second bowl. The thirds:- after delivery of their second bowl. The skips:- after delivery of each of their bowls. In exceptional and limited circumstances a Singles player can ask the marker for permission to walk up to the head or a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier than described. A player who does not meet the terms of this law, law 13 will apply. All players must be aware of the rules relating to possession of the rink and positioning when not in possession.
26.	Leaving the rink of play is only allowed for a comfort break or if a player takes unwell. You must ask your opponent for permission to leave the rink of play. It is not permitted to leave the rink of play to smoke or vape. Smoking or vaping is not allowed on or around the rink of play
27.	The EO in conjunction with DMC reserves the right to take action against any player contravening these Regulations or the Bowls Cyprus Code of Conduct.