



## ST LUCIA BOWLING CLUB INC Men's Section Conditions of Play & Selection Policy

*Endorsed by the Mens Section Committee 30 March 2022*

**Competition Rules** (as approved by Council 22/1/03), (amended June 2009), (amended 27/10/10), (amended 27/11/2013), (amended 26/03/14), (amended (26/10/17), (amended 14/3/2018), (amended /3/2020), (amended 30/3/2022)

### **1. Rules.**

Games shall be played under the Laws of the Game of Bowls in Australia. Only Members who are financial as at the closing date for entries are eligible to compete.

### **2. Notice Board Timetable**

Dates for each event will be advised on the Club Notice Board by the Games Manager when entries are called.

Games to be played will be listed on the Notice board at least one week before the scheduled date of play, and will be on the basis of "Play – Substitute – or Forfeit". Any substitution will require the approval of the appointed umpire before the scheduled starting time of the game, and any reconstitution or replacement player, the approval of the Games Manager.

### Games Programme

All games will be called according to a calendar of play for that competition. If ONE player in the team is unavailable due to illness on the call, there are two options-

A) Before the team is constituted:

- The team brings in a substitute, or reconstitutes
- By mutual agreement of all players, the game is called before the following round date. (eg if called for 20<sup>th</sup>, then it must be played by 27<sup>th</sup>.) If for any reason the game cannot be completed before the date of the next round [adverse weather etc] the team requesting the deferral will be forfeited.

If a team has more than one player unavailable due to illness, then-

- The team forfeits, reconstitutes with new players or reconstitutes with new player/players and a substitute for one intending player who is unable to play due to illness.
- By mutual agreement of all players, the game is called before the following round date. If for any reason the game cannot be completed before the date of the next round [adverse weather etc] the team requesting the deferral will be forfeited.

B) After the team is constituted:

If ONE player in the team is unavailable due to illness on the call, there are two options-

. The team brings in a substitute, or replacement player.

- By mutual agreement of all players, the game is called before the following round date. (eg if called for 20<sup>th</sup>, then it must be played by 27<sup>th</sup>.) If for any reason the game cannot be completed before the date of the next round (adverse weather etc) the team requesting the deferral will be forfeited.

If a team has two players unavailable due to illness, then-

- The team forfeits, or brings in a replacement player and a substitute player for one constituted player who is unable to play due to illness.
- By mutual agreement of all players, the game is called before the following round date. (eg if called for 20<sup>th</sup>, then it must be played by 27<sup>th</sup>.) If for any reason the game cannot be completed before the date of the next round (adverse weather etc) the team requesting the deferral will be forfeited.

The **Grand Final** is the only match that can be postponed to a date suitable to both teams, and then only due to illness or due to exceptional circumstances as decided by the Games Manager.

### **3. Timetable Changes**

Bad weather or circumstances beyond the Club's control may necessitate timetable changes. Games may be played before the scheduled times or dates, provided both sides agree and the Greens Director is able to make the arrangements necessary for play.

The onus is on the team seeking a change to get agreement from their opponents. In all instances it is the sole responsibility of skips to advise their team members of playing arrangements.

### **4. Substitutes - Eligibility**

(a) To be eligible to play as a substitute in a team a player must have been a financial member of this Club at the date on which competition entries close (see Law 39A(i))

(b) Where a player is entered in a Championship team of two separate Clubs and is called to play in both events at the same time, s/he must decide which event s/he is to contest. Should the player decide to play in the other Club's event then s/he may be disqualified from the St Lucia Bowling Club event and his position declared vacant. The Games Manager may allow an eligible player to take his place in the vacated position as a replacement player of the team see Law 2.4 of domestic regulations.

(c) There will be only one substitute or replacement player allowed for players unavailable because of holiday commitments. If intending team members will not be available for more than one round they should withdraw before the first round. If the competition is delayed by adverse weather during the course of an event consideration will be given to allowing a substitute for

absent players in the further dates affected by the stoppage. The decision of the Games Manager will be final.

## **5. Trial Ends**

Before the start of any match or on the resumption of play on another day, one trial end each way may be played. This must be completed prior to the stipulated commencing time of the match concerned.

## **6. Starting Times/Forfeits**

When any team or player has failed to be in position to commence play 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game shall be awarded to the opponent unless the Games Manager specifies otherwise (see Law 61(v))

## **7. Practice**

Players may practice before matches on any available rink, including the rink allocated to a match.

## **8. Allocation of Rinks**

The allocation of rinks for competition shall be the decision of the Games Manager in consultation with the selectors or, in his absence, a member of the Games Committee. Such decision will be final. This decision is to be made after consultation with the Greens Director as to the best rinks available.

## **9. Afternoon Tea.**

On Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, in pairs, triples and fours matches, the Club's normal afternoon tea break will be taken unless both sides agree to play straight through, or the Games Manager directs that play continue because of special circumstances (e.g. weather). In **singles**, there will be no afternoon tea break unless both players agree to take one.

## **10 Men's Bowling Section**

***Seeding and Grading of Players in Club Championship Events*** (amended 27/11/2013),  
(further amended 26/03/2014), (amended 10/9/17)

In the Men's Singles, Pairs, Men's Triples and Men's Fours events, the previous winner and runner-up plus two other entrants making a total of four are to be seeded. The Games Manager in conjunction with the Chairman of Selectors, has the discretion to seed the entrants. Other Section Championships are conducted on an open draw basis. Byes will be evenly distributed on both halves of the draw.

Members are encouraged to enter all championship singles events. All members are eligible to enter the "A" singles competition. All members are eligible to enter the "B" singles competition except members who have previously won a "B" singles competition, or an "A" singles competition.

All members are eligible to enter the "C" singles competition except members who have previously won a "C" singles competition, or an "A" or "B" singles competition.

Members who have commenced bowls within the previous three years are eligible to enter the Novice singles competition unless they have won an A,B,C or Novice singles competition.

#### **11. Markers**

All entrants in Singles events shall make themselves available as Markers during Singles championships. It is the responsibility of the nominated marker to arrange a substitute if s/he is unavailable at any time

Championship singles entrants may be called to mark "B", "C", or Novice games and vice versa.

#### **12. Green Fees**

Green fees are payable for all games at the rate applicable to the day and time of play.

#### **13. Score Cards**

Score cards, duly signed by both skips, and recording the time of completion of the competition (and also the Marker in Singles games) shall be handed to the Games Manager immediately on the completion of play.

#### **14. Exemptions - Saturday morning**

Exemptions from morning play will only be granted to those normally employed on Saturday mornings, and those so affected should advise the Games Manager at the time of submitting their entry.

#### **15. Duration of Games**

Singles 25 up

Pairs 21 ends

Triples 21 ends

Fours 21 ends

Games will not be reduced in duration. If incomplete because of inclement weather or any other reason, games will be completed at a time set by the Games Manager.

#### **16. Games Manager**

The Games Manager has been appointed by the Management Committee (the Controlling Body) to exercise its powers on its behalf in relation to play in all Club Competition games. A member may appeal against a decision of the Games Manager and the appeal shall be heard by a Committee comprising the Mens Club Captain as Chairman, and any two Selectors.

#### **17. Attire**

It is expected that competitors in championship events will wear club uniform to add prestige to those events.

30/3/2022

**Selections** based on Pennant Selection Policy approved by Council 24 August 2002

1. Selectors, at all times and without exception, place the interests of the Club ahead of individual players.
2. Team work will be encouraged by the selecting, as far as possible of teams which have a balance of ability, compatibility and experience.
3. Promising players will be given the opportunity of advancement to higher playing levels based on performance, taking into account criteria as expressed in 2, and by trialling, either in structured training sessions, or in competitive games. If evidence of appropriate performance for a higher level is demonstrated, they will be considered for promotion accordingly.
4. If any player feels he has a legitimate grievance concerning the selection process/he may raise it by approaching the Selectors personally to present his case, which will be heard and considered. However, secondhand or frivolous, on the side, or “bar room” generated complaints are not encouraged, and will not be seriously considered.
5. Players are requested to respect the difficult and onerous task placed upon selectors, to which they devote their best efforts. Regrettably, and almost invariably, some players experience disappointment at resulting outcomes