



ST LUCIA BOWLING CLUB INC WOMEN'S BOWLS SECTION

Domestic Conditions of Play

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 complete.

2. Notice Board Timetable

The Annual Calendar of events is to be displayed on the Women's Notice Board

Dates for each event will be advised on the Club Notice Board by the Games Director 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 Director.

Games Programme

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. (e.g. if called for 20th, then it must be played by 27th.) 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. (e.g. if called for 20th, then it must be played by 27th.) 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. (e.g. if called for 20th, then it must be played by 27th.) 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 director.

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 Director 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.

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 Director specifies otherwise (see Law 61(v))

7. Practice

Players may practice before matches on the same green and in the same direction as the game but not on the same rink as allocated for the game

8. Allocation of Rinks

The allocation of rinks for competition shall be the decision of the Games Director 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. Morning Tea.

On Tuesday mornings, morning tea is served before the game and play goes through until lunch with no interval.

10. Competitions

Championship Singles. All full members are eligible to enter the Championship Singles.

'B' Singles. Members who have not won Championship Singles or 'B' Singles at this or any other Club shall be eligible to enter.

Novice Singles. Open to those members who have played four years or under as of close of nominations and who have not previously won a Championship Singles or 'B' Singles or Novice Singles event

Calls for Singles games. Only two calls per year- one call per competition.

Championship Fours and Pairs. Open to all full members.

Calls are not permitted for team games. Play, substitute or forfeit rule applies.

Consistency. Open to all members. It is played as a Singles game with the exception of scoring.

Scoring :- Bowl closest to the Jack scores 4 points, next bowl 3 points, next 2 points and the next 1 point. (Total of 10 points). If the Jack is moved 1 metre or more 5 points are deducted and the Jack is re-spotted to its original position.

All-in-Triples. This competition is drawn not selected. Only those players present on the day are eligible to play. The draw is carried out on the morning of play. Separate conditions of play apply.

Major/Minors Pairs. For each year the Women's Bowls Committee has the discretion to define a "novice". Substitution rules can be more flexible for this competition.

Brooches. Individual challenges are made for brooch competitions.

Ruth Rowe Brooch – Open to all Novices.

Mary Mastin Brooch.- Open to all players except Novices.

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", Consistency, Brooch 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 Director immediately on the completion of play.

14. Duration of Games

Singles 25 shots up

Pairs, Triples and Fours 21 ends

Major/Minors 18 ends

Brooches 21 ends

Consistency 100 points

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

16. Games Director

The Games Director has been appointed by Council (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 Director and the appeal shall be heard by a Committee comprising the Women's 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.

Intra-club Competitions and Social Bowling

Players must wear flat-soled bowling shoes that will not damage the greens.

While many members prefer to wear Club Uniform, this is not required and other club uniforms and neat casual gear are also acceptable.

Interclub Competitions

Members should wear approved shoes and the Club uniform when competing in any interclub competition