



Gateway Spring Night Bowls Competition

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1.0 Control.

1.1. Gateway Spring Night Bowls Competition matches are managed by the GDBA (Gateway District Bowls Association) Match Committee, COM (Chairman of Match), who adjudicate on any disputes or interpretations which may occur relating to the Laws of the sport of bowls, Crystal Mark 4th Edition, Domestic regulations, GDBA By-laws and the conditions of play. The host Club will act as the controlling body on the day of the match.

1.2. A contravention of the laws and conditions mentioned above by a Club or player may result in disqualification of either or both, loss of points or the match as determined by GDBA Match Committee.

2.0 Aim of Competition:

To actively promote and encourage Bowls participation within Gateway District during the Spring period of the year.

3.0 Eligibility: The competition is open to all members of Gateway District Clubs. Clubs without lights may arrange to play at another club. Composite teams are allowed (team members maybe from different Clubs).

4.0 Competition Format:

The competition will be run on Thursday nights. Play will commence at 6.00pm, with a 3hour time limit with play finishing at 9.00pm. Round play will commence on Thursday 28 September 2023, pending nominations, and finish on Thursday 26 October 2023. Clubs may arrange games on a different day with approval of Match Committee.

4.1 Format/Team Structure: Each Team will consist of three (3) rinks of 4 players, with each rink containing a minimum of 1 male and 1 female player.

4.2 Ends: All games including Final series will be 2 bowl fours of 18 ends or bell (3hours time limit).

4.3 Sides: Clubs may enter more than 1 Side but player movement between teams is not allowed after Round 2, except with approval of controlling body.

4.4 Format of Rounds Play: Rounds play is over a 5week period.

4.5 Nominations Closing Date: Nominations Close Monday 4th September 2023

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5.0 Point Scoring:

5.1 Point Scoring Round Play: 2 points for a rink win and 4 points for overall aggregate. Total points 10 points per match. In case of a drawn rink or overall aggregate, half points will be awarded to both teams.

5.2 Point Scoring Finals Play: In determining placing for finals, sides will be ranked by total points. If total points are equal, then by net shot margin. If margins are still equal, then by percentage of shots for divided by shots against.

6.0 Fees

6.1 Entry Fees: Entry Fee per full team will be \$80 payable with entry application.

6.2 Green fees:

Round Play: Green fees for rounds play shall be paid to the player's Club.

Finals Play: Finals Play green fees shall be no more than \$15 per player, and determined and payable to Host Club.

7.0 Rounds Play:

7.1 Late Arrival: Thirty (30) minutes grace is permitted for late arrival of a side or a player, where no replacement is available.

7.2 Match Controller: The host Club's representative shall act as GDBA Deputy for the match.

8.0 Finals Play:

8.1 Finals Play Schedule:

Final Series shall be played as follows:

A – First placed Team after completion of rounds play goes direct to **Grand Final - 9 November 2023**

B – Second and Third placed Teams after completion of rounds play in **Preliminary Final - 2 November 2023**, Winner goes to **Grand Final - 9 November 2023**

C- Winner of Final is declared Gateway Spring Night Bowls Competition Winners 2023

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8.2 Finals Venues

Finals Venues- **Preliminary Final** will be held at Club who finishes in Second position after completion of round play.

Grand Final will be held at Club that finishes in First position after completion of round play.

8.3 Player Eligibility for Finals: Players must have played 2 games for their team in round play to qualify for Finals playoffs.

9.0 Miscellaneous Items:

9.1 Inclement Weather: Completion of 36 ends will constitute a game. The Host Club will be responsible for advising visitors if their greens are not playable. Matches will not be cancelled by Organizing Committee except in exceptional circumstances. Washed out games will receive 5 points each. Host Clubs may transfer matches to Indoor venues if rinks are available, Green Fees may be payable.

9.2 Club Liaison/Captain: Each Club will notify GDBA Match Committee on entry form of Club Liaison Officer who will be contact for that Club. Each side will appoint a Manager who will be responsible for preparing cards, drawing rinks, administering team and signing results sheets. The home team Manager is responsible for submitting results to Bowls Link.

9.3 Player Movement: As this is timed game, the lead 3 players may not advance to the head until the 3rd player has completed their bowls.

9.4 Dead Ends: Re-spot will apply, if the jack finishes outside the boundary of the rink it must be re-spotted on the "T".

9.5 Uniforms: Club uniforms must be worn.

9.6 Practice Ends: There are no Trial Ends. Practice Ends at Venues are permitted sixty (60) minutes prior to scheduled start time and up until starting time (6.00pm), but only on Rinks allocated by host club (which may include playing/drawn rink).

9.7 Umpire: Host Club is responsible for providing an Umpire, who may be a player.

9.8 Refreshments (Meals/Snacks): Host Clubs are to have refreshments available at player's cost from 5.00pm. Refreshments after completion of play are at discretion of host club.

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