



**GATEWAY DISTRICT BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC.**  
**CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPIONS EVENTS.**

**CONDITIONS of PLAY**

**1. Control.**

- (a) The Gateway District Bowls Association Inc. (“GDBA”) is the controlling body of the District Finals competition. The GDBA adjudicates on any disputes relating to the Laws of the sport of bowls Crystal Mark 4th Edition, Domestic regulations, GDBA Constitution and By-laws and these conditions of play (“the competition rules”) and interprets the provisions thereof. Subject to the direction of the GDBA Board, the power to manage and adjudicate may be exercised by the GDBA Match committee (“Match Committee”) and/or the Chairman of Match (“COM”) as they may agree but, in the event of disagreement between the match committee and the COM, the Board will decide, and its decision will be final.
- (b) The GDBA is empowered to rule on any matter not provided for in the competition rules and to make minor adjustments to the COPs to deal with unforeseen circumstances. The GDBA may make major adjustments to the COPs (such as adjustments which may affect the outcome of the competition) to deal with unforeseen circumstances with the agreement of a majority of the clubs entered in the competition. If major adjustments to the COPs are made, a club may withdraw its team(s) from the competition, but no refund or compensation will be payable.
- (c) Subject to the direction of the GDBA or its delegate, the host Club is the controlling body on the day of the match for purposes such as allocation of rinks, conducting the toss to determine order of play, weather stoppages and delays and any other issues under the conditions of play which require immediate determination and for which it is unnecessary or impracticable to refer to the COM.
- (d) 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 or its delegates in clause 1.1.

**2. THE COMPETITION.**

- (a) All games shall be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Fourth Edition with Domestic Regulations for Australia and these conditions of play.
- (b) The disciplines shall be Singles, Four Bowls Pairs, and Fours.
- (c) All events shall be “knockout” and be subject to an open draw.
- (d) Singles shall be 25 shots up and all other games played over 21 ends. If a tie exists after the last end, then an extra end or ends to be played to gain a result.
- (e) Leads, seconds and thirds are not permitted to follow their bowls to the head, but the skip may do so after delivering their first bowl. However, the skips may call any player to the head.
- (f) In the event of a stoppage due to inclement weather or other valid reason, 21 up in Singles and 16 ends in Pairs and Fours will constitute a match in both knockout rounds and Finals. If does not reach this number then the Match Committee shall arrange for the continuation of play at a later date and time.

**3. ELIGIBILITY.**

- (a) All events are open to Ordinary Male and Junior Male members who are financial members of Clubs affiliated with the GDBA. Members of teams must belong to the one Club.
- (b) These competitions are restricted to the player (in singles) or the teams (in pairs and

fours), who have won the Current Calendar Years Club Championship's event. If a Club fails to complete one or more of its championship events by the scheduled starting date of play-offs, then that Club is not eligible to compete in that particular category of the Champion of Champions event.

- (c) A member of two or more Clubs is only eligible to represent the G.D.B.A. Club that he is a declared bowling member from the date entries close at the Club and remain declared at that club until such time as their participation in the event ends. Any substitutes or replacement players must also meet this criterion as well as not have played in the event at Club level.

#### **4. NOMINATIONS**

- (a) All entries to all events must be accompanied by the nomination fee, authenticated by the Club Secretary and submitted through Bowlslink. Entries must be submitted by the advised closing date.
- (b) All players must be registered members in Bowlslink and accept that player listings will be submitted through the Bowlslink platform.
- (c) Any player who is in contravention of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Fourth Edition, District constitution Rule B6 or District By-law 1, shall be ineligible to play.

#### **5. WITHDRAWALS AND FORFEITS.**

- (a) A Team/player intending/having to withdraw must notify the Match Committee and the host Club not later than the scheduled starting time on the day of the event. The match shall be awarded to the opponent/s.
- (b) On the day of play, any team/player not in attendance or not ready to play within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time shall be forfeited.
- (c) If any team or player fails to fulfil an engagement without justifiable cause the Player may be fined TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20.00) and a team may be fined TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20.00) PER PLAYER and may have their nomination refused for any District events, including pennants, for the ensuing twelve (12) months. Any penalty imposed shall be at the discretion of the Match Committee and with approval of the Board of Management.
- (d) Any player or team failing to notify the Match Committee and the host Club of their withdrawal from an event also forfeits their nomination fee.

#### **6. TRIAL ENDS AND PRACTICE.**

- (a) Trial ends may be played before start of play on any day, or on resumption of an unfinished game from another day. The Controlling body may permit one trial end each way using as many bowls as will be used in the game as per Law 5.1
- (b) Trial before Finals will be at the discretion of the Match Committee.
- (c) In the event of a player or team receiving a bye and not playing in the first match of the day, then they may be entitled to practice as per Law 4, and at the discretion of the controlling body, may be allowed trial ends in accordance with Law 5.1.
- (d) Practice shall not be allowed at the venue Club after one (1) hour prior to the scheduled starting time on the day of play, except as stated in Clause C.

## **7. GREENS.**

In all District events, the width of rinks for play shall be not less than 4.8 metres and not more than 5.8 metres. Only 6 rinks shall be marked on a green and social play shall not be allowed on that green, except when only 3 rinks or less are required for District play.

- (a) Should a green be deemed unfit for play, the Office Bearer in charge at the venue host Club shall notify the Match Committee and no player may leave the venue until approval has been given and alternative arrangements advised.
- (b) Any game may be scheduled at an indoor/undercover venue at the discretion of the Match Committee.
- (c) Artificial lighting is permissible.

## **08. VENUE CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- (a) All venue Clubs shall provide a non-playing National accredited Umpire for the event. Should a Club be unable to provide an Umpire, they should seek assistance from nearby Clubs or the District Umpires Committee. Lady Umpires are welcome.
- (b) The Host Club is responsible for entering the competition results into the Bowlslink system. The Competition results are to be entered after each round. In the event of an unfinished match, the scorecards are to be retained by the Host Club.
- (c) Suitable lunches must be available for purchase during all-day games.

## **09. ATTIRE.**

- (a) In all competition play, B.Q. By-laws and those of the Gateway District must be observed.
- (b) Club uniforms worn are to be registered with and approved by the GDBA, and must bear the B.A. (Bowls Australia) logo. Club uniform includes headwear.
- (c) Any attire that is worn in Premier league or super challenge only, or supplied by bowls manufacturers or retailers is not permitted.
- (d) It is a condition of play that any player appearing in attire other than that authorised in Rule 9(b) will be disqualified.
- (e) Mufti clothing is not permitted in any G.D.B.A. event.

## **10. MISCELLANEOUS.**

- (a) The use of electronic receiving devices e.g. mobile phones, radios and paging devices (except those pagers required for emergency work) and approved by the G.D.B.A. Board, is not permitted within 6 metres of the green in use during play.
- (b) Temporary adhesive markings are permitted, only with the approval of the controlling body.
- (c) Singles players losing the first round match on any day are required to make themselves available as Markers for subsequent rounds that day.
- (d) All score cards must be signed as to correctness and be retained by the venue Club until the competition has been finalised. Law 40.1
- (e) Players must comply with host Clubs rules relating to Government Health requirements.

## **11. DISQUALIFICATION.**

- (a) If a player or team is/was in breach of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls- Crystal Mark Fourth Edition, Domestic Regulations or Conditions of play, then that player or team shall be disqualified and the match awarded to their opponent/s or last defeated player or team.