

# PACIFIC COAST OPEN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

CONDITIONS OF PLAY – October 2024

## Mixed Pairs

All bowlers, officials and those assisting with the tournament and games shall conduct themselves in a manner that promotes goodwill between all the participants and spectators.

**All games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark, Fourth Edition. (LSB – CM 4<sup>th</sup> Edition) with the except as noted in these Conditions of Play**

### Controlling Body - Pacific Indoor Bowls Club

- The Games Coordinator represents the Controlling Body.
- The Disputes/Appeals Committee, consists of the coordinator and one or more members of the Controlling Body.
- Umpires will be officiating at all games.

### Eligibility

All Bowlers must either be a registered member of a Lawn Bowling Club in Canada or worldwide Member National Authority of World Bowls as of June 15, 2024.

### Format of Play

#### **Rounds:**

- A random draw will be made 1 week prior to the first game date. 5 games guaranteed.
- Games will be played in a sectional format. There will be a limit of 24 teams divided into 4 groups.
- 3 bowls per player
- Each game will be 14 ends. All ends must be played (No conceding of a game before the final bell) during group play.
- If all players are present, the umpire may start the game earlier than scheduled.
- Time Limit - 1 hour 40 minutes. The Bell will commence and end play.
- No Tie Breaker ends during rounds games.
- A jack delivered **prior** to the end bell ringing will require that end to be played.
- The winning skip must bring in the 2 score cards bearing the signature of both skips. Finishing time must be on both scorecards.

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## Scoring:

- 3 game points for a **win**,
- 1 game point for a **tie**
- 0 game points for a **loss**
- +/- all shots**

## Bye or forfeited games:

The team affected will be given 3 game points plus the average winning shots of all teams in the same group in the same round.

## Ranking:

1. Game points won
2. +/- all shots
3. Head-to-Head results
4. Differential percentage (Shots scored divided by shots lost)
5. Flip of a Coin

## Trial Ends:

Two trial ends of two bowls each are allowed for each player of each team for each game.

A player arriving late after the first game of the day has commenced will not be permitted trial ends.

## Head Visits:

Leads may only walk to the head after delivering their third bowl.

Skips may visit the head after the delivery of their second and third bowl.

## Burnt Ends:

No burnt ends. The jack is to be re-spotted to the centre 2-meter mark from the front ditch as per Law 56.5. LSB – CM 4<sup>th</sup> applies.

## Championship Knock Out Rounds:

- The first 2 teams from each group will advance to the championship knock out rounds.
- The format of the knock out round will be:  
A1 vs B2; B1 vs A2; C1 vs D2; D1 vs C2.
- Prizes will be awarded to the top 4 teams.
- 14 ends. Time limit - 2 hours.
- No requirement to finish all the ends if it is impossible for a team to win or tie.

## Tie-breakers (Knock Out Rounds only):

If a game is tied after all ends have been played or tied when the game is stopped after the scheduled game time, a one end tie-breaker will be played to determine the winner.

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## **Consolation Knock Out Rounds:**

The top four (4) 3<sup>rd</sup> place scoring teams amongst all the groups will enter the consolation knock out round. The format will be:

1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3

Prizes will be awarded to the top two consolation teams.

## **General Conditions**

### **Shoes Requirements:**

All shoes worn must be strictly for indoor bowling purposes. Umpires may randomly check shoes through the tournament.

### **Bowls Requirements:**

All Bowls must bear a proper World Bowls Stamp. Bowls bearing dates prior to 2014 are allowed.

### **Dress Code:**

All participants must wear clean, appropriate and well-maintained clothing. Shirts must be sleeved and have a collar or high neck. No blue denim, tank top and muscle shirts are allowed. Team colours are preferred. **Red is reserved for Umpires use solely.**

### **Substitutions:**

Substitutions of any nature shall only be permitted following an application for and, approval of the Games Coordinator. Only one substitute, same sex as the player being substituted, is allowed for per team. Pacific Indoor Bowls Club is not responsible to provide any substitutes.

Substitutes may not skip.

### **Abuse:**

Mistreatment or verbal abuse of an opponent, markers, umpires or Controlling Body member will not be tolerated. Should an infraction occur, the offending person, will be warned, unless the abuse is considered of such an extreme nature that a warning is not sufficient to prevent a recurrence. On a second occurrence, the offending person shall either be disqualified from the remainder of the Pacific Coast Open Tournament and/or asked to immediately leave the premises and the immediate entrance way.

### **Cell phones, and/or sound emitting devices:**

Any personal electronic and/or communication devices will not be permitted during a match except with the express prior permission of the Controlling Body

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## **Coaching:**

A preauthorized certified coach is permitted to give advice to their bowler(s) from beyond the limits of the rink of play **ONLY** when their bowler or team is in possession of the rink. When seeking advice, the bowler may step off the green should they wish to do so. Coaches may give advice to their bowler while an end is in play up to a maximum of three (3) times throughout the course of a game. Coaches may give advice between ends as frequently as required but must **NOT** delay or slow play.

## **Live Streaming and Photography on or near the Greens:**

The front row seats/benches and the benches and space on the scoreboard side are reserved for Live Streaming, Official Photographers, Umpires and Officers on Duty. No personal photographic equipment is allowed to be put on or surrounding any green during any games. No flashes are to be used during games.

## **Smoking or vaping of any substances:**

Smoking, or vaping of any substances is not permitted within the PIBC building nor is it permitted directly outside the doors of the building. Alcoholic beverages and/or psychoactive substances are not to be consumed by bowlers during the match. This includes CBD – related products such as edibles and gummies.

## **Movement and Excessive Noise During Games:**

Please keep your voices low in order not to affect the performance of the bowlers. Those continuing to not keep their voices low may be asked to leave.

## **Practice:**

At the discretion of the Umpire on duty, players are permitted to practice before the official start time of a game. Players **must not practice** on any rink that they are scheduled to play on that day.

## **Late Arrivals:**

Any player not on the green **prior to fifteen minutes after the bell** has been rung will cause their team to forfeit that game only.

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## **Delaying (Slow) play:**

If the Umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from the opposing skip or the opponent in Singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl or the Skip is acting or issuing instructions designed to deliberately delay play. On the first occasion, the umpire will warn the Team in the presence of the Skip. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, the Team commits the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use for the match (6 shots for pairs, 4 shots for Singles). Any stoppage of play due to time spent in discussion with the offending team or player in regards to the application of this rule will be added to the time limit of the game.

Players must play without undue delay and in a way which does not prevent their opponents from being able to complete the required number of ends or within the time limits determined by the Controlling Body. LSB – CM 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Appendices A.5, will apply.

## **Alterations to the format & length of games:**

The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter any of the conditions if that alteration is deemed necessary to suit unforeseen circumstances. Notice will be given out appropriately.