

**PACIFIC COAST OPEN BOWLS TOURNAMENT
CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

Bruce Matheson Open Singles

CONTROLLING BODY

Pacific Indoor Bowls Club

The Games Coordinator will represent the Controlling Body.

There will be a Disputes/Appeals Committee, which will consist 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

Sectional Rounds:

A random draw will be made 1 week prior to the first game date. Three games guaranteed.

Games will be played in Sectional format. There will be a limit of 32 players divided into 8 groups. A round-robin of 3 games per player will be played within each group.

Four bowls per player will be used for each player. Each game must be played over the better of two sets, with each set consisting of seven ends. The winner of a set will be the player with the highest number of shots when the seventh end is completed. During sectional play, all seven ends of a set must be completed (within the specified time limit) If the shot scores are tied after the last end of a set, the set is drawn. If the game is tied (two drawn sets or one set each) after the two sets have been completed within the specified time limit, a tie-breaker of up to 3 ends will be played to determine the winner.

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Time Limit - 1 hour 30 minutes. After the closing bell, players can finish the end if the jack is delivered. Then the scores will stand.

Tie-Breaker Format

A tie-breaker of up to 3 ends, when required, needs to be played even when the closing bell has rung in order to determine the winner. A coin is to be tossed to determine who has control of the mat. The tie-breaker format will be the best 2 of 3 ends. If a player wins the first and second ends, the third end will not be played.

Scoring:

Winner of the game: 3 game point

Loser of the game: 0 game point

Winner of a set: 1 set point

Tied set: 0.5 set point

Loser of a set: 0 set point

+/- all shots (shots won in the tie-breaker, if any, will not be counted)

Ranking: Game pts. won > Set pts.earned > +/- all shots > Head to Head results > Differential % * > Flip of Coin

*Differential % = Shots scored divided by shots lost

If a player receives a bye game or its opponent forfeits the game, the player affected will be awarded 3 game points plus 2 set points plus the average winning shots of all teams in the same group in the same round.

After each game, the players must reconcile the scores with the marker assigned for the rink. Players must sign the scorecard and the finish time must be put down on the scorecard.

Trial Ends:

Two trial ends of two bowls each are allowed for each game. If a player arrives when the game has already started, the player cannot do the trial ends.

Start Time:

Players must arrive early and the trial ends will start 15 minutes before the first game start time.

If all players are present, the umpire can determine to start the game earlier than the scheduled start time.

An official signal shall be sounded to signal the starting time for each game. Any player arriving at the green more than fifteen minutes after the official signal has been sounded shall cause that player to forfeit such game to the opposition.

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Head Visits:

A player can only walk to the head after delivering the third and fourth bowl. In exceptional and limited circumstances, a player can ask the marker for permission to walk up to the head after delivering the second bowl.

Burnt Ends:

No burnt ends. Burnt jacks must be re-spotted to the 2 meter mark from the front ditch. Law 56.5. LSB – CM 4th Edition applies.

Final Rounds (Knock Out Rounds):

Eight players will enter the Quarterfinals.

Quarterfinals and Semi-finals: two 7 end sets. Time limit - 1 hour 30 minutes.

Finals: Two 7 ends sets Time limit – 1 hour 30 minutes.

A set will be decided if, at any point, it becomes impossible for one player to draw or win the set given the number of ends left.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

All games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark, Fourth Edition. (LSB – CM 4th Edition)

Shoes Requirements:

All shoes worn must be strictly for indoor carpet bowling purposes. **Umpires will randomly check the shoes when needed.**

Bowls Requirements:

All Bowls must bear a proper World Bowls Stamp. Bowls bearing dates prior to 2014 are allowed. Umpires will randomly check the bowls before each game starts.

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 colour is reserved for Umpires.

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Abuse:

Mistreatment or verbal abuse of an opponent, marker, umpire 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 the 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 ways.

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.

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 put on any green or surrounding area during any games. No flashes are to be used during games.

Smoking, Alcoholic beverages and/or other psychoactive substances:

Smoking, 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.

Practice:

Practice is allowed before the official game start time (not on the same rink to be played that day) at the discretion of the Umpire on duty.

Late Arrivals:

Any player who arrives 15 minutes later than the official game start time then the team will forfeit the game to its opponent.

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Delaying (Slow) play:

If the Umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from the opponent in singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl. On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, the player commits the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use for the match (that is four shots). Any stoppage of play due to time spent in discussion with the offending 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 4th 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.