

CONDITIONS OF PLAY – PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWNS

1. Conditions

- a. **Rules** - Unless stated otherwise, all games shall be conducted under the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls, as adopted by Bowls Canada Bouligrin
- b. **Juniors**
 - Junior entrants must submit a signed Junior Championship Agreement and a Junior Release Form to the host club prior to the commencement of the first draw of the junior playdown
 - A player will be allowed a coach only at junior playdowns. The name of the coach must be submitted prior to the start of the first game
- c. **Canadian Championships**
 - The gold medal winning player/team must be willing and able to attend the respective Canadian Championship. If a singles player or one member of a team enters the playdown knowing that they will not be able to attend the Canadian Championship, the singles player or the entire team will be disqualified
 - A self-help fee will be required for Gold Medalists travelling to a Canadian Championship
 - If a second team is invited to attend the Canadian Championships, the silver team will be allowed to attend, but will not receive funding from Bowls Sask.
 - If a player will be travelling internationally close to the time of the Canadian Championship, the player must be able to return to Canada three days prior to the start of the championship event. If unforeseen circumstances prevent the player from returning within three days, a substitution will be allowed.
- d. **Dress Code/Footwear Requirements**
 - The dress code and footwear requirements as stated in 10. G. shall apply to all events. This information is posted at clubs with the playdown schedule
 - The umpire will be responsible for enforcement of the dress code and footwear requirements
 - Bowls and shoe inspection may be conducted prior to the start of each playdown and/or during the event
- e. **Tobacco, Alcohol, Cell Phone and Verbal Abuse or Objectionable Conduct Policy**
 - Smoking by players anywhere on the playing area is prohibited. The carrying of cigarettes, cigars or pipes lit or unlit on the playing area is prohibited. No player may sit on the bank with a lit cigarette, cigar or pipe. Should an infraction occur, the respective skip and player will be notified. Upon a further occurrence the offending player will be subject to a fine of \$100, to be immediately levied towards that player. If the player persists in violating this policy, and the fine has already been levied, the player shall be disqualified from further play during the current event. Should the tobacco and alcohol policy of the host club differ from that described in this paragraph the most stringent policy shall apply
 - Smoking by umpires or markers on duty is prohibited anywhere within the confines of the playing area
 - No alcohol beverages are to be consumed during play
 - No electronic communication devices, such as two-way radios or cell phones, shall be allowed on the green during play. All players shall be required to place their phone on silent or vibrate.
 - Verbal abuse of an opponent or official will not be tolerated. When profanity is used, the offending player will be subject to a fine of \$100, for a first offence and any further occurrence will cause suspension of the player from further games during the current playdown. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that the fine is paid immediately, before the next round commences
 - All players and officials shall conduct themselves in a manner which promotes goodwill between participants and in the eyes of the spectators
- f. **Bowls**
 - Bowls of any colour shall be permitted, as well as coloured dimples and rings
 - Old disc-type bowls and bowls stamped "coaching" are not allowed
 - Use of miss-matched bowls is prohibited

- g. **Practice** - Competitors may practice, according to Law 3.3 and Law 4, during the period between games prior to the commencement of the trial ends, provided that time permits, and that the practice does not interfere with greens maintenance activities or official's preparation for the next game

2. Substitutions

- a. Prior to start of playdown - A team may apply to substitute a team member up to one day prior to the start of the first draw in a playdown. To be considered, a request for a substitution must be made by contacting the Bowls Saskatchewan office before 12:00 noon on the Thursday prior to the start of the playdown. The request must state for which draw of the playdown the substitution is being requested. The substitution will be allowed provided Bowls Saskatchewan can confirm that the substitute player meets the eligibility requirements for the event.
- b. During the playdown
- Requests for a substitute will be received by the umpire in charge of the event
 - One substitute is permitted. The substitute may not play in the skip position
 - The original player may return to the competition provided that not more than one full game has been missed. After that, the substitute becomes a member of the team
 - The substitute must be an eligible player who meets these requirements:
 - Is a registered member in good standing with Bowls Sask. and their affiliated club
 - Is of the correct gender of the team
 - Meets the age restriction for the playdown
 - Is not a provincial gold medal winner of a playdown in the same Canadian Championship (Majors) event – Fours, Pairs, Triples
 - Is not a player on another team that has competed in the same playdown
- c. If, following completion of the provincial playdown, one or more players entitled to represent the province cannot participate in the Canadian Championship event, the following will apply with respect to a substitute:
- In pairs and triples, one substitute will be allowed and, in fours, two substitutes will be allowed
 - For singles, and if more than one substitute is required in pairs or triples, or more than two for fours, the runner-up singles player, pairs, triples or fours team shall represent the province.
 - If, as the host province, a replacement entry has already been provided, to the runner-up, this player or team will become the substitute (official provincial entry).
 - If a second team is invited to attend the Canadian Championships, the silver winning team will be allowed to attend but will not receive funding from Bowls Sask.

3. Violations

- a. **Membership** - If at any time during or after the playdown, it is determined that a player is not a member in good standing with Bowls Sask., the singles player or team will be disqualified
- b. **Entry Registration** - Entry registration after the designated deadline will not be considered
- c. **Dress Code/Footwear** - In the event that a player/team is of the opinion that a member of the opposing team has not adhered to the dress code or footwear requirements, he/she will immediately bring the infraction to the umpire's attention, prior to the completion of the first end. Failure to do so will constitute de facto acceptance of the situation. The game in which the infraction was noted will continue

The umpire may serve a warning to the offending player/team prior to the completion of the game in which the infraction has been noted. The offending player/team must take corrective action prior to commencement of the next game. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit

It is the responsibility of the umpire to ensure all players are in compliance with the dress code and footwear requirements

- d. **Age Eligibility** - If it is determined that a singles player or team member is ineligible under the age eligibility, the player or entire team will be disqualified

- e. **Tobacco, Alcohol, Cell Phone and Verbal Abuse, Objectionable Conduct** -Should an infraction occur, the player will be notified. Upon a further occurrence the offending player will be subject to a fine of \$100 to be immediately levied towards that player. If the player persists in violating this policy and the fine has already been levied, the player shall be disqualified from further play in the playdown
- f. **Bowls** – A player found to be using non-approved bowls or miss-matched bowls will be disqualified
- g. **No Show** - If a player or team does not show up for their event, a fine of \$100 will be imposed.
- h. Any cancellations must be received 24 hours prior to the start of the event. Justification must be provided to Bowls Sask.
- i. Until such time as any fine is paid, a member will be considered **NOT IN GOOD STANDING**.

4. Emergency Committee

- a. The Emergency Committee will deal with severe weather conditions
- b. The Provincial Officiating Coordinator or acting umpire for the playdown will be responsible for establishing the Emergency Committee
- c. The Emergency Committee will consist of the Provincial Officiating Coordinator or acting umpire of the event and any two of:
 - Sport for All Committee member
 - Host Club President or Vice President or designate
 - Bowls Saskatchewan Executive member
 - Sask First Committee member
 - Neutral member (non-participating)
- d. The Emergency Committee may delay, shorten or terminate matches due to severe weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Rescheduling matches or selecting an alternative venue may be necessary. Bowls Sask. will be advised of these decisions. The guidelines in Appendix E. Electrical Storms and Appendix F. Hot Weather Guidelines contained in the BCB Consolidated Conditions of Play for Canadian Championships should be followed when decisions are made.

5. Jury of Appeal

- a. The Jury of Appeal will deal with any matters concerning an umpire's interpretation of the rules and requests for substitutions
- b. Complaints must be made **in writing** to the Executive Director within **48 hours** of the incident
- c. The President of Bowls Sask. will be responsible for establishing the Jury of Appeal Committee
- d. The Jury of Appeal will consist of a minimum of 3 persons selected from the following:
 - Provincial Officiating Coordinator or acting umpire of the event
 - Bowls Sask. Executive Committee member
 - Sport for All Committee member
 - Sask. First Committee member
 - Host Club President, Vice President or designate
 - Member of Bowls Sask.
- e. No person with a material interest in the original ruling shall be on the Jury of Appeal
- f. Members of the Jury of Appeal will be selected based on their respected knowledge and expertise
- g. Those selected must be members in good standing with Bowls Sask.

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