

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. These **Special Conditions of Play** need to be read in conjunction with Bowls Auckland Centre Events General Conditions of Play.
2. **Dates of event:**
 - (a) **Qualifying** Saturday 5 April 2025
 - (b) **Post Section** Sunday 6 April 2025
3. **Venues:** Headquarters and host venues will be advised when the draw is released.
4. **Play:** Will commence by 9.00 am on each event day. Unless otherwise posted.
5. **Event format:**
 - (a) **Format of side:** Each side will comprise six (6) players – a Singles Player, a Pairs team, and a Triples team.
 - (b) **Definitions:**
 - “Game” - a single rink played of any given discipline
 - “Match” - 3 Games, one of each discipline combined to form a match
 - (c) **Team / Side:** Any gender combination from the same club and are full playing members.
 - (d) **Draws & sections:** The number of sections, the number of teams per section and the number of games played on the Qualifying day are dependent on entries. If clubs have multiple sides, the draw will have no more than no sides from the same club within the same section.
 - (e) Depending on entries and the numbers in each section, all teams may not compete against each other.
 - (f) Matches will be head-to-head, i.e. all disciplines will be against the same club as opposed to a scattered format.
6. **Playing format:**

Singles	4 bowls	21 shots up or a time limit of 2½ hours – whichever comes first.
Pairs	3 bowls	18 ends or a time limit of 2½ hours – whichever comes first.
Triples	2 bowls	18 ends or a time limit of 2½ hours – whichever comes first.
7. **Trial ends:**
 - (a) Under Law 5.1 of the laws of the sport, trial ends will be allowed before competition commences only before the first round of play.
 - (b) Should teams have a bye in any round they will be entitled to free practice on neutral rinks. (Greens are numbers 2-7, with 1 and 8 available for practice).
8. **Defaults and Byes:** If a team defaults, their score will be recorded as a Loss. The non-offending team (or a team who receives an uneven bye) will be awarded: 3 Match Points, 6 Rink Points, +10 NTOS
9. **Ties in games:** In the event of a Tie in any game, an extra end will be played.
10. **Time limit:** All games (during section play) are to be completed irrespective of score within the designated time limit. If the jack has been delivered before the time signal the end will continue and if it subsequently becomes dead, it will be replayed.
11. **Determining a winner:**
 - a) **Rink Points**

In all games, three (3) points will be awarded for each game/rink won.
 - b) **Match Points**

In all Matches, the team with the highest number of “rink points” will be awarded the match and three “match points”.

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12. Post Section:

- a) Section Winners will qualify for post-section play.
- b) Section winners are to be determined by
 - i. Highest Match Points
 - ii. Highest Game points
 - iii. Highest NTOS
- c) The results and the Post Section draw will be published on Bowlshub.
- d) All post-section play will be sudden death based on the playing format in Clause 6.

13. Movement of players:

- a) A player may not interchange between Sections or Sides at any stage of the competition.
- b) Players may not interchange between the Singles, Pairs and Triples disciplines but the order of play within the disciplines may be changed before any game.
 - i. except in the instance a player is unable to continue, and a substitute is brought in, (with CB approval) the team may then be reshuffled.

14. Markers: Each side will be required to supply one marker to mark the singles games for all rounds

15. Restricting the movement of players during play:

- a) In time-limit games as per this Regulation, the movement of players during play shall be restricted as specified in Appendix A.4.1 - Laws of the Sport:
- b) In exceptional and limited circumstances, a Singles player can ask the Marker for permission to walk up to the head, or a Skip can ask that a player walk up to the head earlier than described in Appendix A.4.1.
- c) If a player does not meet the requirements of Appendix A.4.1, Law 13 of the Laws of the Sport shall apply.

16. Coaches: Per Law 44 of the Laws of the Sport, it shall be permissible during the event for any Coach to advise player(s) on their side from outside the boundaries of the green.

17. Side Manager: Each side must have a manager appointed.

This manager may be a player on the side.

The duties of a Side Manager are:

- (a) to list the correct names of the members of their side on the team sheet before the start of play for each tournament day.
- (b) to ensure that scorecards are completed accurately and in full for each round.

18. Regional finals: The winners will receive an invitation for the Regional Mercedes Cup Finals to be held in Northland on 3 May 2025.

19. Prize money: Prize money will be for the team and direct credited into a nominated bank account.

Winner: \$400

Runner up: \$200