

Conditions of Play

1. Status

- 1.1. Event Conditions of Play are supplementary to “laws of the sport of bowls” Crystal mark fourth edition and Bowls New Zealand Domestic regulations.
- 1.2. Conditions of Play are published following Law 57.1 & 57.2, permitting “Bowls Auckland” as the controlling body to establish conditions of play covering certain aspects of the sport. This document and its conditions apply to the above-named event, all players, clubs, centres, and other personnel involved in it.
- 1.3. This document is subject to change, any changes will be announced and published where appropriate.

2. Name, Dates and Venues

- 2.1. The event’s formal name is:
 - 2.1.1. National Under 26 Pairs Championship.
- 2.2. Dates:
 - 2.2.1. Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March 2025.
- 2.3. Venues:
 - 2.3.1. Mt Eden Bowls

3. Controlling Body

- 3.1. The Controlling body is Bowls Auckland, made up of its appointed tournament director, event umpires, Bowls Auckland Staff and officials and/or any other persons the tournament director may wish to co-opt for their skillset and knowledge in assisting in the delivery of the event.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. All players must be 26 or under as of the day the tournament commences.
- 4.2. Entries can be any combination of M/M, F/F, M/F.

5. Playing Format

- 5.1. Trial ends (one each way) will be permitted before the first round only on each day.
- 5.2. All games will be played:
 - 5.2.1. 14 ends or 1 & ¾ hours, whichever occurs first.
Except for the championship final which will be played with no time limit.
 - 5.2.2. Up to four games will be played per day.
- 5.3. If an end in progress becomes dead, the end will continue with the Jack being replaced on the 2M mark.
- 5.4. Restricting player movements:
 - 5.4.1. Leads are not to visit the head until all their bowls have been played
 - 5.4.2. Skips may visit the head after their second bowl, or before their third bowl.
 - 5.4.3. To ensure fair play, visits to the head should be limited to 60 seconds.
Players found time wasting, at the discretion of the umpire, will receive a warning and then have the privilege removed for the remainder of that round if continued, if warned a third time it will be for the remainder of the event.
- 5.5. Alterations to playing format:
The controlling body reserves the right to alter the format, times, and length of games to suit unforeseen circumstances, providing practical notice.

6. Qualification - Determining Tournament Ranking

- 6.1. All teams will be randomly drawn into four qualifying games.
- 6.2. Each game won will be worth two (2) game points, and each game drawn will be worth one (1) game point.
- 6.3. If after all qualifying rounds are complete pairs have equal game points, the highest net total of shots will determine the higher qualifier, if still equal a one-end shoot-out will determine the higher qualifier.
- 6.4. Cup and Plate
 - 6.4.1. The top eight ranked pairs (see 6.1) will qualify for the Cup event.
 - 6.4.2. The bottom six ranked pairs will play in the Plate.

7. Post-section - Cup

- 7.1. Eight teams will be randomly drawn into a knockout bracket
- 7.2. Losing teams will move into consolation finals, playing for final positions.

8. Post-section - Plate

- 8.1. Six teams will be randomly drawn into three rounds.
- 8.2. The best result (see 6.1) will be the winner, followed by the runner-up.

9. Post-section - Draws

- 9.1. If after the ends have been completed or the time has expired the game ends in a draw, an extra end shall be played.
- 9.2. A coin toss will determine who has the choice of taking the mat.

10. Clothing and Footwear

- 10.1. Shoes must be flat-soled and without a heel (bare feet not allowed). Soles may be of non-slip material or slightly abrasive. Running sneakers and court shoes may also be permitted provided they have rounded soles/tread and no sharp edges.
- 10.2. Pairs must be in matching attire, suggested; Bowls Club uniforms, school uniforms or generic sports polo with appropriate sports-styled pants/shorts/skorts.

11. Smoking and Alcohol

- 11.1. Smoking and vaping are restricted to designated areas only.
- 11.2. Alcohol will not be available for sale to all players and patrons until all games have been completed (The bar will be open for soft drinks, juices and snacks).

12. Prizes and prize money

- 12.1. Winners will receive prize money credited into a nominated bank account within 7 days of the events completed.
- 12.2. The Winners will be awarded a trophy which will be kept by Bowls Auckland and badges which will be kept by the players.

Per team	1 st	2 nd	3rd	4th
Cup	\$1200	\$800	\$150	\$100
Plate	\$300	\$200		