

Bowls Auckland 2024-2025 Event Conditions of Play  
 Champion of Champion (COC) Events

*The following Event Conditions of Play are to be read supplementary to the  
 2024-2025 Bowls Auckland General Conditions of Play*

*Event Disciplines & Dates*

Singles	Pairs	Triples	Fours	Mixed Pairs
17-18 May 2025	24-25 May 2025	7-8 June 2025	14-15 June 2025	28-29 June 2025

*Entry Conditions*

- All participants must be full-playing members of the same Bowls Auckland affiliated club having won the respective discipline at their club championship event.
  - Runner-up sides are not permitted to enter.
- Where a club does not have sufficient members to run a (Triples / Fours) tournament, a club may enter a side uncontested with prior approval from Bowls Auckland.
- Teams found playing with ineligible players will be immediately disqualified
  - Clubs are responsible for ensuring participants in their club championships are eligible to play
- See Appendix
  - Bowls New Zealand Multi Membership rules
  - Substitutes

*Event Entry*

- Entries open for all events on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025
- Entries close three (3) weeks before each respective event.
- All entries are received via Bowlshub only, all entries must be linked to player profiles.
  - Entries via phone, text or email will not be accepted.

*Draw & Venues*

- All fixtures will be randomly drawn into a step ladder final bracket.
- Draw/s will be published, with hosting venues on Bowlshub.

*Event Schedule*

- Event Schedule is subject to the number of entries, matches may be split between am and pm playing times on day one to maximise full green usage across rounds.
- Check the draw on Bowlshub for playing times,
- A player/team may play up to a maximum of three rounds per day.

*Playing Format – Copied from BNZ National COC COP (25-02-25)*

Discipline	Ends/shots	Time limit	Bowls
Singles	21 shots	2 ½ hours	Four (4) bowls
Pairs	18 ends	2 ½ hours	Three (3) bowls each
Triples	18 ends	2 ½ hours	Two (2) bowls each
Fours	15 ends	2 ½ hours	Two (2) bowls each
Mixed Pairs	14 ends	2 ½ hours	Four (4) bowls each, (2x4x2 format)
<b>Format</b>	<b>All games are single elimination, step ladder final</b>		

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*Dead End – Mixed Pairs*

- A dead end shall be played using the same player sequence. (e.g. the same players playing the lead bowls, regardless of the direction of play)
- In all other disciplines, a dead end will be replayed law 20.1

*Marking (Singles)*

- Each player must be accompanied by one non-playing marker for each round the player is competing. Markers will be randomly assigned by the umpire on duty.
- Any player who fails to be accompanied by a marker will be disqualified.

*Prize Money*

	Winner	Runner Up	Travel Contribution*
Singles	\$200	\$100	\$250
Pairs	\$400	\$200	\$500
Triples	\$600	\$300	\$750
Fours	\$800	\$400	\$1000
Mixed Pairs 2x4x2	\$400	\$200	\$500

*\*Travel Contribution paid in addition to prize money where the national event is played outside of the greater Auckland region. Travel contribution is paid once the team's entry is confirmed in the National Event.*

*2025: Fours (Dunedin), Mixed Pairs (Tauranga) Men's Pairs (Hamilton)*

*National Pathway*

- The winner of each discipline will qualify to represent Auckland in the National Pathway
- It is the responsibility of the team to enter themselves in the national event using the information provided to them by Bowls Auckland.
- Travel Allowance (where applicable) will be paid to the player/team once entry has been confirmed in the national final.

## Appendix

### *Bowls New Zealand Pathway – National Entry Conditions (Multi-Member Entry)*

- a) Pathway Definition:
  1. Club Championship
  2. Centre Champion of Champion
  3. National Champion of Champion
  4. World Singles (Singles only)
- b) If a player / and or player in a team wins a club championship competition that qualifies them for a centre champion of champions event, which goes on to a national champion of champions event, they are ineligible to enter another club's competition in that discipline.
- c) A player and/or player in a team can only win one club championship or centre champion of champions event per discipline in a single season.
- d) A player and/or player in a team can only play in one active club championship discipline at any one time. For clarity, the player may enter another club's (if they are a full playing member) championship in the same discipline ONLY after the first club's championship in the same discipline has concluded and/or they are knocked out of that club's event.
- e) Where an ineligible team has won a club championship, they shall not be entitled to enter the centre COC event, nor use a replacement player as outlined below. Any team found to be competing with an ineligible player per the above will be instantly disqualified.

### *Acquired team members/replacements:*

- It is expected that the player/team that has played and won the club championship will represent the club in this event:
  - a) Singles players cannot be replaced.
  - b) Only one replacement is allowed for each side of Pairs, Triples or Fours.
  - c) The club is at liberty to replace a player who is not available for reasons of:
    - i) Medical
    - ii) Jury duty
    - iii) Bereavement of a close family member
    - iv) Work commitments arising after the completion of the club championship.
  - d) Other than the approved reasons above or if after the entry has been submitted the club requires a replacement, then the required form (available from Bowls Auckland website) must be completed and submitted to Bowls Auckland, for approval by 12 pm Friday. Failure to submit the form in a reasonable and timely manner will result in the disqualification of the team.