



Croydon Bowls Club Championships – Conditions of Play

1. Governing Rules

All Club Championships will be conducted in accordance with the current edition of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, including the Australian Domestic Regulations, and any applicable Bowls Victoria policies and regulations.

The Club Championship Committee, as appointed by the Croydon Bowls Club Board, is the controlling body for all championship events and may make rulings on any matter not specifically covered by these Conditions of Play. The Committee's decision will be final.

If these Conditions of Play conflict with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, the Australian Domestic Regulations or Bowls Victoria regulations, the latter will prevail.

2. Competition Format

- The first two rounds of Club Fours, Triples, Pairs and Mixed Pairs must be played on the dates scheduled by the Club.
- All subsequent rounds may be played by mutual agreement and must be completed by the published deadline.
- Failure to complete a match by the deadline may result in disqualification unless an extension has been approved by the Championship Committee.

3. Trial Ends

Two trial ends - one in each direction - are permitted before the commencement of each match.

4. Scheduling and Availability

- All rounds must be completed by the specified deadline.
- Each player or team must provide at least two available playing times within the designated scheduling window.
- At least one proposed time must be a weekday evening or a weekend timeslot.
- Players and teams must make reasonable efforts to arrange matches promptly and retain records of communications if requested by the Championship Committee.
- Failure to provide the required availability within the designated scheduling window may result in the Championship Committee determining the match time or awarding a default.
- If players or teams cannot agree on a playing date, the matter must be referred to the Championship Committee no later than seven days before the round deadline.



Croydon Bowling Club
Club Championship Conditions of Play 2026/27

5. Rescheduling

- One reschedule request per player (for singles matches) / team is permitted in each round.
- The player/team requesting a reschedule must simultaneously propose two alternative times within the original scheduling window.
- Requests due to exceptional circumstances, including illness, bereavement or severe weather, may be considered at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

6. Late Arrivals and Defaults

- A grace period of 15 minutes applies from the agreed match start time.
- If all players agree, a match may commence within the grace period without penalty.
- If a player or team has not arrived within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, the opposing player or team may claim a default win.
- Any default must be reported to the Championship Committee as soon as practicable.

7. Substitutes and Replacement Players

- Substitutes and replacement players are permitted only in accordance with the Australian Domestic Regulations and applicable Bowls Victoria regulations.
- Substitutes or replacement players are not permitted in Singles events.
- In Pairs, Triples and Fours events, substitute or replacement players may be used only with the approval of the Championship Committee and must be eligible club members.

8. Dress Code

- Players must wear Bowls Australia and Bowls Victoria-approved attire and flat-soled footwear.
- All players competing in finals must wear the official Croydon Bowls Club uniform.

9. Playing Surface

- Championship matches should be played on the grass green wherever possible.
- If grass green is unavailable, matches may be played on the synthetic green.
- All finals must be played on grass green unless exceptional circumstances require otherwise and the Championship Committee approves an alternative surface.

10. Weather and Other Interruptions



Croydon Bowling Club
Club Championship Conditions of Play 2026/27

Play may be suspended or abandoned due to adverse weather, dangerous playing conditions or any other circumstance affecting player safety.

If play is interrupted:

- The score at the completion of the last completed end will stand.
- Any end in progress at the time of interruption will be declared dead and replayed when play resumes.
- Matches interrupted by weather or unsafe conditions must be rescheduled in consultation with the Championship Committee.

11. Illness or Injury

If a player becomes seriously ill or injured during a match:

- In Singles events, illness or injury will be managed in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and the Australian Domestic Regulations.
- In team events, an eligible substitute or replacement player may be used in accordance with Bowls Vic regulations.

12. Disputes

- Any dispute arising during play must be referred to an accredited umpire where available. Where no umpire is available, the matter must be referred to the Championship Committee.
- Players must not continue play while a dispute is unresolved.
- Decisions made by the Championship Committee are final.

13. Scorecards and Results

- Skips, Seconds or players in Singles events, are responsible for ensuring scorecards are completed accurately.
- Match results must be recorded on the relevant Championship board in the clubhouse within 48 hours of the completion of play