



## Conditions of Play 2021

### **1. Controlling Body**

The controlling body of the competition will be a sub-committee nominated by the establishing committee of the Great Bowls Challenge (GBC).

### **2. Laws for GBC**

Current Bowls Australia laws are to be applied unless otherwise stated.

### **3. Player Registration**

There will be no registration fee for players. All players must be on the Players Registration List. Players must be a full financial member of a bowling club at the start of the Competition.

### **4. Team Format**

Each team will consist of eight players. The composition of the team will be;

- 2 x Pairs (2x2x2x2) 21 Ends
- 1 x Fours (21 Ends)

## 5. Divisions

All divisions will be graded using a points system. Points will be awarded to each player. These points will vary depending on the *highest level* of competition the player played 3 games in during the 2020 season. Competitions include but not limited to; Great Bowls Challenge, ~~Pennant~~, Premier 7's, Premier League. *ie If the player played 3 or more games in Division 1 Gr8 in 2020 they will be awarded 5 points. As COVID-19 restricted many Districts to one division for 2020 Pennant season the GBC will be using the 2019 Pennant season for point allocation.* The point system is as follows;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Division – 5 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Division – 4 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Division – 3 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Division – 2 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Division or lower – 1 point

### MEN'S

There will be three divisions. These divisions being:

- Division 1 – Unlimited points
- Division 3 - Restricted to no more than 24 points
- Division 5 – Restricted to no more than 12 points
- ~~A player who did not play any competition during 2020 will be awarded 3 points.~~
- *A player returning to bowls after a period of absence will be awarded points in accordance with their last Pennant Division played. ie. A player has not represented the club for 3 years and their last Pennant game was Division 1 they will be allocated 5 points.*
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## 6. Sections

Each division will consist of sections of four teams. Every effort will be made by the GBC sub-committee to ensure that the structure of these sections' limits travel to no more than approximately one-hour travel. Sections will be coloured. Ie. Div 1 Blue, Div 1 Red etc.

To avoid byes GBC the sub-committee may re format the section to more than 4 teams.

## 7. Travel

The aim of the GBC is to limit travel of clubs to a maximum of one hour. The GBC sub-committee will make every effort to adhere to this policy. If circumstances prevent this from happening a member of the GBC sub-committee will speak with a nominated club representative to discuss the matter further.

## 8. Joint Clubs

Entries from joint clubs will be accepted.

## 9. Rounds

There will be 6 rounds per season. Each team in the section will play an opponent club in a home and away format. Play will commence 6 February 2021.

**10. Green Fees**

Green fees are to be paid to your own club. The amount paid will be at the discretion of your club. When playing away your club still receives your player green fees (club discretion). Visiting clubs **do not** pay host club green fees.

Green fees for the final will be \$12 per player. These green fees will be deducted from the clubs round wins.

**11. Game Times & Time Limit**

Playing times will be at the discretion of the host club. Evening games under lights are permitted and encouraged with mutual agreement. Games can be played Friday evening, Saturday, or Sunday. When arranging games consideration should be afforded to the visiting club. Managers of the respected teams are to arrange game times within 14 days of receiving the draw. After agreement has been established the Managers shall email GBC advising of scheduled game times.

Games will be limited to 4 hours from the commencement of play. At 4 hours a bell will ring. If an end is in play it is to be completed. A dead end after the bell will not be replayed.

**12. Umpire / Measurer**

The host club will provide an umpire or a measurer. Preferably non-playing.

**13. Attire**

Approved club attire shall be worn by all players. In the instance that a joint club has nominated a team, players are to wear respective club uniform.

**14. Practice**

Players may practice on any rink prior to the commencement of play, no time limit. There will be no trial ends, play to commence at scheduled time.

**15. Dead Ends**

Dead ends will be replayed.

**16. Points**

Points will be allocated at 3 points per rink win and 1 point for the highest aggregate shots. Hence 10 points will be allocated per round. If a rink is drawn at the completion of the required ends the rink points will be halved to 1.5 points each. If

the aggregate shots are equal at the end of the game the points will be halved to .5 points each.

**17. Result notification**

Both clubs shall complete a result sheet. These sheets shall be emailed to The Great Bowls Challenge at the end of the game. This will ensure results and ladders are updated promptly. Email: [gr8bowls@gmail.com](mailto:gr8bowls@gmail.com)

**18. Inclement Weather**

In the event of inclement weather, a combined rinks total of 31 ends will constitute a game. Should a round be washed out, the clubs (with mutual agreement) will reschedule the game prior to the finals. If the game is not rescheduled each team will receive 3 points each, no overall win point will be allocated.

**19. Extreme Heat**

Given that the GBC is played during the summer period it is important that an extreme heat policy be adopted. If temperature reaches 38 degrees in the shade near the green, play should be suspended. GBC encourages games to be scheduled in the cooler parts of the day to avoid player discomfort or injury.

**20. Entry Fee**

Entry fee for the GBC will be \$700, per team.

**21. Limitation of Entries**

Clubs can nominate any number of teams in each division.

**22. Prize Money**

Rink wins will be \$50 guaranteed. After the rink wins are deducted the remainder of the entry fees plus sponsorship will be allocated to the final series. Teams making the final will be eligible for sectional rink wins plus finals prize money. The Finals prize money allocation will available prior to the commencement of the GBC.

**23. Final Format**

The structure of the finals will be dependant upon amount of entries received for each division. All participating clubs will be advised of the finals structure prior to

the commencement of the GBC. The final for 2021 will be conducted at our sponsor Club Mooloolaba. The elimination finals will be held at various clubs with the Sunshine Coast Region.

#### **24. Player Qualification**

Players will be required to play 3 games in the appropriate division and section to be eligible for that Division final. ***A player, having played in another summer competition for 4 or more games will not be permitted to play in the GBC.*** If a club enters two teams in the same division, a player having played 3 games for one team will not be able to play for the other team. ***A player having played 3 games in a higher division cannot play down in a lower division. However, a player playing a lower division for 3 or more games can play up in a higher division.*** Should extreme extenuating circumstances exist the GBC sub-committee has the right to alter this clause at their discretion.

#### **25. Substituting Reserves**

Clubs can nominate one substituting reserve player per team each week. The substituting reserve player must be present at the game. The substituting reserve player will be allowed to substitute for a player within any rink prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> end of that rink. The substitute must play in the position of the player they are replacing. I.e. If they replace a skip they must skip. All other players must stay in their starting positions. Only one substitution is allowed per team per round. However, if a player falls ill and can no longer compete after a substitution has been made the replaced player may return to their original playing position and the substituting reserve will replace the ill member. The substituting reserve whether playing or not will be deemed to have played that game. The substituting reserve must be listed on the result sheet to be credited with that game. ***For clarity and fairness, a reserve for Division 1 can have unlimited points, a reserve for Division 3 can have no more than 3 points and a reserve for Division 5 can have no more than 1 point.***

#### **25. Sectional Positions**

At the completion of the home and away sectional rounds the sectional positions will be decided on Total Points. If two teams are equal on points the team with the greater margin will be deemed to have finished superior. If these are equal, highest aggregate shots will take precedence.

Clubs will be notified prior to the commencement of the GBC of the sectional positions that will qualify for the final series.

**26. Protests**

Any protests are to be submitted in writing to the GBC sub-committee within 48 hours of the completed game. The GBC sub-committee will investigate and take appropriate cause of action. When a protest is received the GBC will notify the club involved within 24 hours.

**27. Absolute Control**

The GBC sub-committee shall have absolute control over all phases of the GBC.