



## TOORAK BURNSIDE BOWLING CLUB INC

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# RULES OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-26

## Conditions of Entry

**All entry fees to be paid upon submission of your entry form.**

**Receipt of payment to be attached to your entry form.**

**All entries received by the nominations closing date will be entered into the draws.**

### 1. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The Board will appoint a Club Championship Committee to administer the Club Championships.

### 2. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER

The Committee will appoint a Manager to run the Club Championships.

### 3. TIMETABLE

The Committee will prepare a timetable for every event containing the completion dates for each round.

#### 3.1 Completion Dates

Matches must be completed on or before the completion date for that round.

#### 3.2 Dates to be Advised

The Committee may leave some dates to be advised later.

#### 3.3 Designated Days

The Committee **may** decide that all the matches of a round or an event will be played on a designated Day. *Refer to the entry form for details.*

Players may appeal to the Committee to play on an earlier day if they can show a reasonable cause.

#### 3.4 Change of Schedule

The Committee may change the Completion Dates for each round, if necessary.

### 4. ALLOCATION OF RINKS

#### 4.1 Designated Days

Rinks for play on designated days will be allocated by the Committee.

#### **4.2 Other Matches**

Players intending to play a match must put their names on the outside whiteboard at least three days prior to the intended date of play. To assist the Greenkeeper, no play is to commence before 10:00am on any day or after 5:00pm on Sunday. Greens are closed on Monday.

Greens/Rinks for matches to be played on or before a given completion date will be allocated by the Greenkeeper.

### **5. INABILITY TO PLAY**

#### **5.1 By the Completion Date**

A player who is unable to play by the completion date for the round will forfeit the match unless extenuating circumstances exist and an alternative date is agreed upon by all players and the Committee.

#### **5.2 On a Designated Day**

A player who is unable to play on the designated day will forfeit the match unless extenuating circumstances exist and an alternative arrangement can be made to play the match prior to the designated day.

### **6. APPEALS AGAINST FORFEIT**

A player may appeal to the Committee against a forfeit on the grounds of extenuating circumstances.

The Committee may waive the forfeit provided that extenuating circumstances exist and that an alternative arrangement can be made to play the match.

The decision of the Committee on an appeal is final.

### **7. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

The Committee may consider circumstances which are unavoidable and beyond the control of the player to be extenuating.

### **8. MATCH ELIGIBILITY**

#### **8.1 Full Members**

Full members can enter all events for which they are eligible, if they choose to do so.

It is important to consider your capacity to play all of your matches by the completion dates decided by the Committee.

#### **8.2 Substitutes in Pairs Matches**

A pair may play with one substitute player with the permission of the Committee.

A substitute cannot already be nominated in another pair in the same event.

## 9. MATCH PLANNING AND SCHEDULING

### 9.1 Scheduling Matches

All bowlers playing in an event share equal responsibility to plan suitable dates, days and times to play their matches to ensure they can be played by the completion date.

Players are required to reach mutually agreeable arrangements that consider the scheduling constraints of those with limited flexibility due to work/study etc commitments.

### 9.2 Markers for Singles Matches

**It is the responsibility of the player whose name appears on top of the draw to arrange the Marker for the match.**

## 10. PRACTICE

**No practice** is allowed on day of event as this may provide an unfair advantage to some entrants.

Bowlers who wish to play two matches on the same day may only do so if:

- there is no disadvantage to the other bowler/s (pairs partner or opponents) playing in the match, for example - other bowler/s are also playing two matches on that day
- all bowlers in this event agree
- the two matches are played on different greens.

## 11. DRESS

- Club uniform in Finals
- Casual clothing in Minor Rounds and Semi Finals

## 12. RE-SCHEDULING OF MATCHES

When the temperature at 7:30am on the day of play is forecast to be 38°C or over, all scheduled matches will be cancelled and re-scheduled.

## 13. SEEDING

- Last year's winner on top
- Last year's runner up on bottom

## 14. COMPETITION FORMATS

### 14.1 VETERANS SINGLES

*4 bowls*

**Eligibility:** Players must be 70 years of age or over at the closing date of nominations

**18 shots in Rounds and Semi Finals**

**21 shots in Final**

### 14.2 OPEN 2 BOWL SINGLES

*2 bowls*

**21 shots in Rounds and Semi Finals**

**25 shots in Final**

### 14.3 HANDICAP SINGLES

*4 bowls*

**21 shots in Rounds and Semi Finals with at least one player starting on zero**

**25 shots in Final**

**For Example:** If player A is on **-10** and player B is on **-7**, then player A commences on **-3** and player B commences on **0**

#### **CRITERIA FOR HANDICAPPING**

<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Player</b>
-12	Open Singles Champion
-12	Men's Singles Champion and Women's Singles Champion
-12	Last year's winner of Handicap Singles if in first team
-11	SKIPPER in first team
-10	THIRD in first team
-8	LEAD and SECOND in first team
-8	SKIPPER in second team
-6	THIRD in second team
-6	Last year's winner of an event if not in the first team
-4	LEAD and SECOND in second team
-4	SKIPPER in third team
-2	All other pennant players
0	New bowlers (first season)

The handicap of bowler transferring from another club will be discussed with the individual to determine a fair handicap for the bowler. Factors that will be considered include:

- years of bowling experience
- Division previously played to determine the equivalent level at TBBC
- position previously played
- participation and results in Bowls SA/State events.

### 14.4 OPEN 2 BOWL SINGLES

*2 bowls*

**21 shots in Rounds and Semi Finals**

**25 shots in Final**

### 14.5 MINOR SINGLES

*4 bowls*

#### **Eligibility:**

- Have not won a Club Championship event previously
- Have not played three or more pennant games in the top team on Wednesday or Saturday in the previous season

**21 shots in Rounds and Semi Finals**

**25 shots in Final**

### 14.6 MEN'S SINGLES AND WOMEN'S SINGLES

*4 bowls*

**21 shots in Rounds and Semi Finals**

**25 shots in Final**

#### **14.7 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S PAIRS**

*4 bowls*

All pairs matches are played in a 2-2-2-2 format.

**12 ends in Rounds and Semi Finals**

**15 ends in Final**

#### **14.8 MIXED PAIRS**

*3 bowls*

##### **PLEASE NOTE - SET FORMAT FOR THIS EVENT**

- Two 7-end sets
- Winner of set one has the mat to start set 2
- 3-end tie breaker set if necessary (ie - both teams won 1 set each OR both sets are drawn)
  - Toss a coin to determine who has the mat to start the tie breaker
  - If scores are level at the end of the 3-end tie breaker, one extra end is played
- No dead ends. The jack to be re-spotted on the centre T

#### **14.9 OPEN SINGLES (100 UP)**

*4 bowls*

**The first player to reach 100 points is the winner**

On each end 4 points are awarded to the closest bowl, 3 points for the next closest, then 2 points and 1 point for the next two bowls, respectively.

Extra ends are played to decide the winner if the scores are tied at 100 points.

Once the jack is rolled, it must be centralised and placed on a washer. If the jack is moved during play, it must be returned to its original position on the washer. If this is prevented by the presence of a bowl on the washer, the jack must be placed as close as possible and directly in front of the said bowl but not touching it!

### **2025-26 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE**

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