

RULES OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 - 2027

Condition of entry:

All entry fees to be paid when completing the entry form. Receipt of payment to be attached to the entry form. All entries received by the nominations closing date will be entered into the draw.

1. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The Board will appoint a Championship Committee (Committee) to administer the Club Championships. The Committee for 2026-27 is Matthew Adams (Mob: 0400110696 or mattadams456@gmail.com) and Ben Adams (Mob: 0430454365)

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 including the Completion Date 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. 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 notice board at least 3 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 on 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

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 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 put their name down for all matches if they choose to do so. Consider your capacity to play all your matches by the Completion Dates as 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/ times to play their matches to ensure they can be played by the Completion Date. Bowlers who have greater flexibility are encouraged to compromise/ accommodate those bowlers with limited flexibility e.g. due to work/ study commitments etc.

9.2 Markers for singles

The person whose name appears on the top of the draw MUST arrange a marker.

10. PRACTICE

No practice is allowed on the day of an 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 e.g. other bowler/s are also playing two matches;*
- *All bowlers in this event agree; and*
- *The two matches are played on different greens.*

11. DRESS

Casual uniform to be worn in Minor Rounds and Semi-Finals. Club uniform to be worn in Finals.

12. RE-SCHEDULING OF MATCHES

When the temperature at 7.30 am on the day of play is forecasted to be 38C or higher, all scheduled matches will be cancelled and re-scheduled.

13. SEEDING

Last year's winner of a particular event will be placed at the top of the draw. Last year's runner-up of a particular event will be placed at the bottom of the draw.

14. COMPETITION FORMAT

Note for all events (aside from the Open Singles) dead ends will be replayed.

14.1 Veterans Singles

- 4 bowls
- **Eligibility:** must be 70 years old or over at the closing date of nominations
- 18 shots in Rounds and Semi Finals, 21 shots in Finals

14.2 Handicap Singles

- 4 bowls
- 21 shots in Rounds and Semi Finals with at least one player starting on zero, 25 shots in Finals
- 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

14.3 Open 2-Bowl Singles

- 2 bowls
- 21 shots in Rounds and Semi Finals, 25 shots in Finals

14.4 Minor Singles

- 4 bowls
- **Eligibility:** must **not** have:
 - won a Club Championship event previously
 - Played 3 or more games in the top team (either Wednesday or Saturday) in the previous season
- 21 shots in Rounds and Semi Finals, 25 shots in Finals

14.5 Men's Singles, Women's Singles

- 4 bowls
- 21 shots in Rounds and Semi Finals, 25 shots in Finals

14.6 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 Finals

14.7 Mixed Pairs

- 3 bowls
- Please note specific 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 (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 until a winner is decided

14.8 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. If the scores are tied at 100 points, extra ends are played to decide the winner
- Once the jack is rolled, it must be placed on a washer. If during play the jack is moved, 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 to and directly in front of the bowl but not touching it

15. CRITERIA FOR HANDICAPPING

The following is the list of handicaps given for the handicap events of the Championships:

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

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

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