



## Champion of Champions



### Conditions of Play

To be read in conjunction with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Fourth Edition) and Bowls Domestic Regulations and the Centres General Conditions of Play. The Tournament Manager reserves the right to amend conditions of play due to light, inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Please note: A club member who has dual membership may only play in **one** club's championship discipline during a season, including but not limited to regular or substitute players. If a club member is found to have ignored this condition, then that player (and team) will be disqualified from the Bowls Wellington Champion of Champions event as no substitute player will be permitted.

The winner of each club competition must have completed a minimum of three matches. If only two entries are received a minimum of two matches must have been completed. In all cases contact Bowls Wellington if you are unsure.

#### 1. Eligibility

Where a club has only one entry, dispensation may be granted by Bowls Wellington for that entrant to be eligible to enter the Champion of Champion event. Please contact Bowls Wellington for approval.

*The team members of the team that wins a Club Championship are the players who shall be nominated by the club for entry to the Champion of Champions event. Any change in personnel shall be subject to the prior approval of Bowls Wellington, see Part 4 below on "Substitute".*

#### 2. Entries

The entry fee of \$15 (includes GST) per player in each discipline is to be paid, except there will be no charge for the Junior 1-5 years singles. The entry fee funding will be applied to support the costs associated with the Bowls New Zealand pathways competition.

Each club championship winner (Junior Singles, Singles, Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Triples and Fours) is eligible to enter the Wellington Champion of Champion series. These knockout tournaments are played over 5 rounds with 3 games on Day 1 and the Semifinals and Finals being played on the FoxPlan Bowls Wellington Champion of Champion Finals Weekend scheduled for 17 & 18 May 2025 at Naenae. Dependent on numbers, it may be possible to play a semi final on Day 1. Singles, Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Triples and Fours are all Centre Title and Gold Star events. Selected games will be live streamed during the finals weekend. The Junior singles winner does not receive a Centre title qualifying towards a gold star, nor is there Bowls New Zealand pathway event.

Clubs are responsible for entering their teams on the official entry forms as provided by Bowls Wellington with the full names of all players and, if appropriate, a request for a substitute player and the reason.

**3. Number of ends for Champion of Champions Fours matches**

A fours game will be played over 15 ends, with a time limit of 2 hours 45 minutes.

**4. Substitute**

Any change in playing personnel shall be subject to the prior approval of Bowls Wellington and shall be limited as per Regulation 2 (Law 32.9) of the Laws of the Sport (Crystal Mark Fourth Edition). As per Regulation 2.5(a), any changes to personnel must be considered as equal or lesser ability in the eyes of the Controlling Body. A substitute is defined in Bowls NZ Domestic Regulation 2 and summarised as: A substitute is a player who is temporarily filling in for a player who is expected to return to the team prior to the event finishing. They may not play as skip. (2.4(a) domestic regs). A fours team is limited to 2 substitute player changes and a pairs/triples team one player change. A singles player cannot be substituted.

**Players who choose to play in another Tournament (Unless a Bowls NZ National Tournament) will not be permitted to have a Substitute Team Member.**

**5. 1-5 Year Singles**

Eligible players are those who have been active members of a Club for a period not exceeding five years, including the current season. The five seasons do not have to be consecutive. An Active member is one who would be eligible to play in club events, whether they have chosen to or not.