



Ryman Healthcare Pennants

Men



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. Played on Wednesday afternoons during the season. Dates are listed in the 2024 - 2025 programme. Draws and results can be found on the Bowls Wellington website under the Ryman Healthcare Pennants tab.

Entry fee.

Entry fees are payable by clubs. An entry fee of \$120 (includes GST) per side will be charged for 8 person teams entering the competitions and \$60 (includes GST) per side will be charged for the fours competitions. Teams that withdraw after the closing date are not eligible for a refund.

Conditions of Play

1. Read in conjunction with "Tournament General Conditions of Play"
2. The competition shall be played in two Zones: Wellington and Hutt Valley. The composition of divisions for both zones will be available on the Bowls Wellington website with Round 1 commencing Wednesday 6 November 2024.
3. Clubs may enter a team in each division, or more than 1 team in divisions 4, but the Centre reserves the right to deny entry or change divisions to avoid a bye situation. Teams in Division 1, 2 & 3 comprise of two Fours, named team A and team B. Division 4 comprises one Four.
4. Matches are to be played on the scheduled dates although special circumstances can dictate play by arrangement under exceptional circumstances. Clubs must have approval from Bowls Wellington in such circumstances. Matches start at 1.00 pm. Where home and away format is used the order of play against the same club should change as follows:

1 st Round	A team v A team	B team v B team
2 nd Round	A team v B team	B team v A team

5. Games shall be of 18 completed ends, or a 2 hour 45 minute time limit. The exception being in the inter zone finals when there is no time limit.

6. Points will be allocated on the basis of 2 for a win, 1 for a tie. In addition, 2 points will be awarded to the side with the higher aggregate of shots (tie: 1 point each).
7. Any defaults will result in the non-defaulting side receiving the game points plus the aggregate points. If only one 4's team defaults, then the opponents receive that game's points plus aggregate points and the other 4's team plays and that game's point's count. If an entire side defaults, the side will incur a penalty of (-6). Clubs should make all attempts to field teams and avoid defaulting. Contact should first be made with Bowls Wellington to discuss options.
8. Promotion and Relegation will be automatic between the bottom team of one division and the top eligible team of the next division (Division 1, 2 & 3). Only one team per club is eligible to play in a division, other than Division 4. Should a side that won their division be ineligible to be promoted (i.e. the club already has a team in the higher Division), then the next eligible team from as far down 50% of the field in the lower division, will be automatically promoted. If there is no eligible team for promotion, the team eligible for relegation will retain their place and not be relegated.
9. Any matches that are postponed shall be played as directed by Bowls Wellington on the scheduled postponement date(s). In the event of multiple postponements, clubs are to play these in the order set out by Bowls Wellington. Any games not able to be finished on the day due to inclement weather will be completed on another day and shall recommence from the point it stopped previously. Scorecards must be retained and used when play re-commences. The completion time limit of 2 hours 45 minutes remains for the full 18 ends.
10. Club coordinators must send results on official score sheets by email to Bowls Wellington at bowlswellingtoninterclub@gmail.com by Thursday 2pm of that same week.
11. All teams within a division of 6 will play each other on a home away basis over the 10 scheduled weeks. In the event of a division having a different number of teams, resulting in a full home and away series not being possible, either a shorter round robin competition or additional games will be scheduled up to a maximum of 10 rounds. In such an instance, clubs in the division will be contacted to confirm prior to the competition starting.
12. **Differentiation of tied teams**
Should teams be on equal competition points at the end of the season the following will apply: Where a full 'home and away' round robin is completed, teams will be differentiated by:
 - (1) The team with the highest '*total shots for*'
 - (2) The team with the greatest shots differential (shots for – shots against).
 - (3) The greater '*total shots for*' from the games between those teams

13. The winners of each division in the Wellington zone will play-off against the winners of each division in the Hutt Valley zone to decide an overall pennants division champion. A pennant will be awarded to each overall pennants division champion. Players in these teams must be selected in the spirit of the competition. Replacement players may come up from lower divisions. Playoff teams are to comprise of pennant players in their regular division and they must have played at least 50% of round robin matches.

For the finals, if games are drawn and if points are equal, an extra end will be played by the "A" teams.

The finals will be played alternately in the Wellington or Hutt Valley zones. For the 2024 - 2025 season the finals will be played in the Wellington zone.

14. **Cancellation and Transfer of Greens**

Due to microclimates, Bowls Wellington will not postpone pennants games due to weather except under exceptional circumstances. Clubs (via their green staff) retain responsibility for their green closures and **club coordinators should contact the opposition club coordinator the day prior to discuss contingencies where a green closure is possible.** This will assure a smooth and clear process for clubs, players and coordinators the following morning.

With pressure on the season programme, postponed matches may need to be played at a time/date as agreed by the clubs involved, ratified by Bowls Wellington. An option may be to play a catch up round in the morning of a scheduled pennants date.

15. **Should a club coordinator be away an interim coordinator must be appointed by the club for that period, and full coordinator duties carried out.**



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Women



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Played on Thursday mornings and afternoons on scheduled dates during the season. The competition commences Thursday 28 November 2024. Dates for rounds are listed in the 2024 - 2025 program, both in the hand book and online. Draws and results can be found on the Bowls Wellington website.

Entry fee.

Entry fees are payable by clubs. An entry fee of \$60 (includes GST) per team will be charged. Teams that withdraw after the draw is published are not eligible for a refund.

Conditions of Play

1. Read in conjunction with 'Tournament General Conditions of Play'.
2. All Divisions to comprise of 10 club teams with a full round robin tournament played over 9 rounds. The exception may be in the lower divisions where there may be a different number of teams. Only one club team is permitted in each division except for the lowest division.

Should a division have less than 10 teams, the competition may involve a shorter round robin competition or additional games be added up to 10 playing rounds. Clubs will be contacted to confirm prior to the competition starting.

3. Each team comprises four players. Clubs may change the personnel of teams between morning and afternoon games.

The inter-change of players between divisions is permitted but must be within the spirit of the competition. Players who have been regular members of a team from a higher division should not be used to strengthen lower division teams unless there are no other options and approved by Bowls Wellington.

If a club has two or more teams in Division 4 there should be no interchange of players between the two teams unless under exceptional circumstances and approved by Bowls Wellington.

- Two games are played each day with morning tea at 9.30am and the first game starting by 10am. There will be no afternoon tea but the players may stop for lunch after the first match. Each player to pay \$1.00 to the host club for catering.

Number of Ends 18
Time Limit 2 ½ Hours

Game Win 7 points
Game Draw 4 points
Bonus 1 point for a winning differential of 11 shots or more
 1 point for losing by 2 shots or less

Each team to complete a scorecard and retain. Results to be emailed to Bowls Wellington bowlswellingtoninterclub@gmail.com by 2pm the following day (Friday).

- The winner of each division will be the team with the highest game points. If equal, the winner will be the team who won when the two teams met. If that was a draw, the winner will be the team with the highest points differential over all the rounds. If still equal, the winner will be the team with the lowest shots against.
- Promotion/relegation will be automatic between the bottom team of one division and the top eligible team of the next division. There can be only one team in a division from each club, except for the lowest division. Should a side that won their division be ineligible to be promoted (i.e. the club already has a team in the higher Division), then the next eligible team from as far down 50% of the field in the lower division, will be automatically promoted. If there is no eligible team for promotion, the team eligible for relegation will retain their place and not be relegated.
- A defaulting team shall be deducted 7 points for each game not played. The non-defaulting team will be awarded 7 points for the game.
- Late arrivals due to unavoidable circumstances will not be classed as a default. Clubs are to call the host club and the opposition pennants' coordinator as soon as possible to inform them of the situation.

Teams, by mutual arrangement, may agree to a later start time or shorten the game.

- The draw for the season will be sent to clubs once it has been finalised and will be placed on the Bowls Wellington website.

10. Cancellations

Due to microclimates, Bowls Wellington will not postpone pennants due to weather except under exceptional circumstances. Clubs (via their green staff) retain responsibility for their green closures with Bowls Wellington informed. **Club coordinators should contact the opposition club coordinator the day prior to discuss contingencies should there be early prospects of green closures.** This will assure a smooth and clear process for clubs, players and coordinators the following morning.

With pressure on the season programme, postponed matches may need to be played at a time/date as agreed by the clubs involved, ratified by Bowls Wellington.

Should a club coordinator be away an interim coordinator must be appointed by the club for that period, and full coordinator duties carried out.

If possible, cancellations will be posted on the Bowls Wellington Facebook Page and Website.