



# Armadale Bowls Club

## TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Approval for Armadale Bowls Club to determine rules governing Club Championships has been authorised by Bowls Victoria.

1. Club Tournaments are only open to fully affiliated members who are eligible to represent Armadale in Pennant.
2. Bowls Victoria guidelines stipulate that seeding is not permitted for any event. The draw must be completely random.
3. For all matches until finals, players and markers must wear Bowls Australia approved uniform. In finals, players, markers, umpires and all officials must wear Armadale Club uniform. If you are observed playing or marking out of uniform, the match will be stopped until correct attire is worn and/or the offending members disqualified
4. Skips/players are equally responsible for arranging the time and reserving a rink by writing on the Tournaments/Events clip-board in the shed.
5. Coaching of players during any match will not be permitted.
6. Unless specific rinks are allocated, players may toss a coin to determine which green to play on.
7. Matches must not be played on Thursdays between 9am and 12 noon without the permission of the Midweek Selectors, or on Thursdays between 3.00pm and 6.30pm without the permission of the Weekend Selectors.
8. Dead ends will be replayed.
9. No singles game may be played without a marker, who must wear Bowls Australia approved uniform. Unless a "Play On" date is specified and arranged by the TC, players must arrange their own marker and advise them of this requirement. The loser of the previous round should be prepared to mark for the subsequent round.
10. Exemptions:  
Players must receive permission from the TC if they will not be able to meet a play by date deadline. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the event. Only under exceptional circumstances will extensions be allowed beyond seven days from the play by date.  
The Club Singles Finals is a major events day so only in an extreme situation will exemptions be allowed – subject to the discretion of the TC. Note that work commitments, celebrations or holidays will not be considered extreme circumstances.
11. Constituted Teams are the teams as they stand when the first bowl for that team is played. A player from a constituted team cannot be a substitute for another team.
12. Team Changes: You can change your constituted team BUT ONLY with approval from a TC member. A substitute cannot Skip and constituted teams must play if available. If no substitute is available then that team will forfeit the game.

13. Inclement Weather

- a) If inclement weather on the deadline day for the playing of games prevents any play, then the TC will grant a short extension of time for the members concerned. BUT don't leave your games till the deadline. Play them early!!
- b) If rain commences during play, and both/all players agree, then play can be suspended and resumed at another time. An incomplete end will be abandoned. If there is no agreement, play should be temporarily suspended for 15 minutes, and if still no agreement, an umpire or member of the TC should be consulted for a ruling.

14. Practice before games

- a) For club men's and ladies singles games only, practice is not allowed under any circumstances prior to the game. This includes other bowls games prior to the match. If a bowler is found practising, the opponent will be awarded a walkover.
- b) For all other matches, including minor singles, and proportional singles, practice is allowed on the day of the event, but not on the game rink. This includes practising for the triples event in the morning for an afternoon game, if a team has received a bye for the first round.

15. All Finals must have an umpire. Players to advise the TC of the date and an umpire will be arranged for the Final. Umpires must wear Armadale Club Uniform or approved Umpires uniform.

16. You are ineligible to enter the Minors event if you have won any Club singles or Minor singles competition (Armadale or elsewhere).

17. Duration of Matches - Club Singles 25 up, Minor Singles 21 up. Pairs, Triples and Fours 15 ends and 18 ends for Final. Proportional 100 up - handicapped. If the match is drawn, toss a coin for the mat and play another end.

18. In all teams events, the bowler about to bowl may not go up to view the head unless it is one of the last three ends.

19. At the end of the game the scorecard must be signed by the players in singles games, and the skips for all other games. Cards are to be placed in the box provided in the first shed immediately after completion of the match, for collection by the T.C.

20. If an event is handicapped then handicaps should be allocated so that any player has a chance of winning. Handicaps to be decided 4 weeks after commencement of the first pennant match. Allocating handicaps is carried out solely by the Tournament Committee (TC) and no appeals are allowed.

21. Proportional Scoring – 1<sup>st</sup> Shot bowl 4 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot 3 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shot 2 Points and 4<sup>th</sup> Shot 1 point. So 10 points are scored each end. Closest bowl takes the mat. Scores are allocated at the completion of each end. The configuration of the bowls during an end is of no consequence when determining when the 100 is reached. In the event that both bowlers reach 100 on the same end, additional ends will be played until one bowler has a higher score.

22. The TC shall be the final arbiter in all matters, issues and disputes, associated with Club Championships and reserves the right to change these Conditions. The TC consists of David Kweitel, Cris Ellis and Ross Maver.