



ONTARIO LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION CONDITIONS OF PLAY – 2024

**The following Conditions of Play apply to
District and Provincial Championship play ONLY.
Clubs should refer to the Drawmaster Guidelines for club
tournaments.**

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I INTRODUCTION

As provided in the bylaws of Ontario Lawn Bowls Association (OLBA), the annual championships, including District Championships, will be organized by a Championship Committee that will enforce the policies and rules established by the OLBA Board of Directors to govern such championships.

The Championship Committee will have jurisdiction over all matters that fall within the scope of the Emergency Committee and the Jury of Appeal.

The Championship Committee will delegate the management of the District Championships to the District Committee and/or the District Representative in accordance with Section IV of these rules.

The use of the word “Championships” with no qualifier or descriptor shall be deemed to include all levels of play, including District and Ontario Championships, except in cases where such interpretation would be unreasonable.

II GENERAL CONDITIONS

Competitions

- a. All competitions will be governed by the ***Laws of the Sport of Bowls: Crystal Mark Fourth Edition (Laws)***, any domestic regulations as set by Bowls Canada Boulingrin (BCB) and these Conditions of Play (CoP).
- b. These championship rules apply to 5-A-Side (Fours, Triples, Pairs, Singles) Mixed Pairs, Senior Pairs, Youth, Novice Aussie Pairs, Novice Singles, and Indoor Singles.
- c. The Ontario Championships will be organized and conducted by the Provincial Convenor (or designate) who will act as the drawmaster.
- d. The Head Event Umpire will enforce these rules and the ***Laws***.
- e. Winners of the District Championships will play at the Provincial Championships at locations and dates set by OLBA.

Eligibility

- f. **Requirements for all Participants:**
 - (i) Each participant must be a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant or a permanent resident. Participants must be prepared to show proof of eligible status.
 - (ii) Each participant must be a permanent resident of Ontario. Participants must be prepared to show proof of eligible status.
 - (iii) Each participant must be a paid-up member in good standing in an OLBA club.
 - (iv) Players entering any championship must be available to compete at all succeeding events scheduled in the current year including the Ontario Championships, Bowls Canada Boulingrin (BCB) Championships and World Bowls Championships, if the BCB and World Bowls accepts entries in that discipline from OLBA and BCB. Players participating in any championship, knowing they cannot attend all Ontario, BCB or World Bowls Championships, if

applicable, will be suspended from entry into all Ontario Championship Events for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

- (v) In Fours, Triples, Pairs, Singles (5-A-Side), Indoor Singles and Youth Championships, which are OPEN events, participation requires membership, in good standing, of any club in Ontario.
 - (vi) To compete in District Championships in a district, the participant must be a paid-up member in good standing with an OLBA club in the District where they are competing.
 - (vii) For Senior Pairs and Mixed Pairs, both team members must be from the same Primary District. Participants who lose a District Playdown may not enter another District Playdown in the same discipline.
- g. Requirements for Novices:**
- (i) Novice eligibility in this section only pertains to District and Provincial play. This may not prohibit a Provincial Novice gold medal winner from competing in any open novice tournament as a novice. Each club will determine their own novice eligibility rules when hosting novice tournaments.
 - (ii) Provincial Novice competitions are limited to those having not more than five (5) years of lawn bowling memberships anywhere in the world (including the current year) and of any type (including crown green) and who have previously not won an Ontario Championship in Fours, Pairs, Singles, Mixed Pairs, Senior Triples, Triples, Novice or participated in a Canadian Championship.
 - (iii) Given the cancellation of the 2020 and the 2021 Ontario Provincial and Canadian Championships due to Covid-19, 2020 and 2021 will not count towards Novice eligibility.
 - (iv) Novice experience will not commence until the year following their thirteenth (13th) birthday. Participants do not count any years prior to and including the year of their 13th birthday.
- h. Age Requirements for Youth Under 21:**
- (i) Participants must be a minimum age of fourteen (14) by July 14, 2024, and under the age of 21 as of January 1, 2024. **Birth Certificates will be required.**
- i. Age Requirements for Seniors:**
- (i) Senior Pairs participants must have reached their 65th birthday in the year of the event and be able to provide proof of age to the District Chair or Convenor of the District playdown.
- j. Other Eligibility Requirements:**
- (i) Any additional eligibility criteria are listed in the conditions of play for each event.

Entries

- k. Non-Binary and Transgender Athletes:**
- (i) Athletes may identify with the gender of their choice in entering OLBA championships. This identification must remain in place for the whole season. Athletes should also be aware that they will be required to abide by the Conditions of Play that may or may not deem them eligible to compete

depending upon rules and doping guidelines for other levels of competition (e.g. BCB or World Bowls events).

l. Open Championships:

- (i) 5-A-Side (Fours, Triples, Pairs, Singles) Indoor Singles and Youth Championships will be played by women and men in separate open events.
- (ii) Entry forms and payment to be sent to the OLBA Treasurer by the entry deadline. Entry forms can be found on the [OLBA website](#).
- (iii) There will be NO refunds after the entry deadline.

m. District Championships:

- (i) Senior Pairs, Novice Singles and Novice Aussie Pairs will be played by women and men in separate events on two successive levels: District Championships and Provincial Championships.
- (ii) Mixed Pairs will be played by a woman and a man on two successive levels: District Championships and Provincial Championships.
- (iii) Each District Chairperson is responsible for accepting entries and collecting the entry fees for each event.

Tie Breaking Rules

n. Provincial Tie Breaking Rules for sectional or group play:

- 1) Match Points (3 points for a win, 1 for a tie)
- 2) If still tied, Head-to-Head for 2 teams tied
- 3) If still tied, Differential – shots for minus shots against
- 4) If still tied, Percentage – total shots for, divided by total shots for plus total shots against.
- 5) If still tied, 3 end tie breaker.

Awards and Travel Subsidies

o. All Championships:

- (i) Gold, Silver, and Bronze Ontario Medals will be presented in every event.
- (ii) Travel subsidies and cash awards for each event are listed in the specific Conditions of Play for each event.

p. Provincial Championships which lead to Canadian Championships:

- (i) Gold medallists in 5-A-Side (Fours, Triples, Pairs & Singles) and both Gold and Silver in the Indoor Singles will represent Ontario at the Canadian Championships held in the same year under the auspices of Bowls Canada Boulingrin. Indoor Singles will have the total number advancing to the Canadian Championships as allowed by BCB. In the event that Ontario is offered additional spots in any event: athletes finishing in those positions are required to go.
- (ii) Gold medallists in Youth Under 21 Championships are required to represent Ontario at the Canadian Championships held in the same year under the auspices of Bowls Canada Boulingrin.
- (iii) OLBA will be responsible for paying the BCB entry fee of \$125.00 per person on behalf of each bowler who qualifies for any Canadian Championship

- (iv) For each Championship, the Gold medallists will be presented with an Ontario uniform consisting of an Ontario Jacket and two (2) Ontario Shirts with the exception of Indoors which only receives two (2) Ontario shirts.
 - (v) Note: If an individual has received an Ontario uniform in the last five (5) years, you are not eligible for a new one, unless it is not of the current design. Uniforms may be replaced due to wear or size change before the five (5) years at the discretion of the Championship Chair. There is no monetary award for uniforms not given out.
 - (vi) Substitute players or teams will each receive a uniform consisting of a jacket and two (2) shirts subject to OLBA restrictions.
- b. Other Provincial Championships:**
- (i) All District winners will receive a District Pennant and a District Pin.
 - (ii) Provincial first place finishers in Mixed Pairs and Senior Pairs, Novice Aussie Pairs, and Novice Singles will be presented an Ontario Jacket.
 - (iii) All District Novice Singles winners will receive a windbreaker jacket in addition to the District winner's pennant and pin. If you have received a windbreaker of the current design, you are not eligible for a second one. The exception is for the Youth only, who may change in size.

III GENERAL RULES FOR ALL DISTRICT AND ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Draw Format

- a. For all Ontario Championships, Skips or Singles players will draw for opponents and rinks at the host club before the event starts.
- b. For all Provincial Championships where a team or Singles player does not register on Registration Day the Convenor will pre-draw those remaining cards and post the draw on the website.
- c. All Open Championships will:
 - (i) be a modified Round Robin.
 - (ii) be two-day events, with the possible exception of 5-A-Side Women. It is dependant on the number of entries: possible 3rd day could be completed on the first weekend of the 5-A-Side; thereby not requiring a 2nd weekend for the Women.
- d. Ontario Championships following District Championships:
 - (i) The Mixed Pairs, Senior Pairs, Novice Aussie Pairs and Novice Singles will be two-day events.
 - (ii) Additional teams for the Provincial Championships to bring the total number of teams to 16 (32 for Mixed Pairs) will be selected from second and third place finishers in the following manner:
 - a. First team – using the runner-up from the Host District if there is a runner up from that District.
 - b. Second team – using the runner-up from the District with the highest number of entries in the District Championships for that event.

- c. Third team - using the runner-up from the second District with the highest number of entries in the District Championships for that event.
- d. Remaining teams will be filled through a random draw from all Districts with a second-place team that has not already received an entry.

Note: If two Districts were even in entries for any one event, then the District with the highest number of total entries (women's plus men's) for that event would send a team. If two Districts were still tied in numbers, then the Championship Chair would choose the closest team, geographically, to the host venue. If two spots are available, both teams receive an entry.

- e. For all Ontario Championships refer to the Conditions of Play for each event for additional details.
- f. For all District Championships refer to Section IV District Championships.
- g. Questions or concerns about the Draw Format must be brought to the attention of the Event Convenor no later than the day of Registration.

Trial Ends and Practice

- h. Two trial ends will be allowed at the beginning of any game with the number of bowls that will be used in the game. One trial end in each direction.
- i. Trial ends will commence 15 minutes prior to the game start time and end with the sound of the game start time bell, horn, or other appropriate device.
- j. If desired, participants may practice prior to the start of the first game on each day of competition. Practice must be perpendicular to the direction of play for that day. The Convenor for the event will decide which greens will be used for practice. Practice must cease within five minutes of the scheduled opening announcements.
- k. Bye teams may practice as per **Law 4**.

Game Start Times

- l. All games will start at the same time with the sounding of a bell, horn, or other appropriate device at which time trial bowls will cease.
- m. Any player(s) not ready to play at the official start time will forfeit their right to play trial ends.
- n. The second game each day will start 40 minutes (trial bowls – 25 minutes) after the last two teams have finished play in the first game. The third game each day will start 30 minutes (trial bowls – 15 minutes) after the last two teams have finished play in game two.

Absentee Players

- o. It is the responsibility of each participant to be aware of the announced start time for each game. The umpire will award one shot against an absent Singles player or incomplete/absent team for every ten minutes or fraction thereof and it will be counted as an end played. At the end of a thirty (30) minute period, the game will be forfeited to the opposing team or Singles player.

Forfeited Game

- p. An umpire, either upon request, or having noted specific infractions of the **Laws** or these CoP, will warn the offending player or players. If the umpire then considers that the infractions are both continuing and deliberate, he/she will report to the Emergency Committee for a ruling on forfeiting the game to the opponents.

- q. Any game awarded by forfeit, will have a score calculated by averaging the shots for and against (rounded up or down), from all games played in that round for determining seeding if there is a tie.

Time Limits

- r. End of play will be a signal by bell, horn, or other appropriate device by an appointed official. At this time players will complete the current end they are playing.
- s. An end begins the moment the jack is delivered by the first player to play in an end.
- t. Any end that is started prior to the end of play signal shall be completed, even if the said end is required to be replayed due to any provision included in the **Laws**.
- u. If a player wishes to leave the rink of play, **Law 32.1** will apply. However, if on more than one occasion, then on each occasion after the first, they can do so only with their opponent's and the umpire's permission. The umpire's permission will be granted in consultation with the player's team manager or coach when they are present.
- (i) During such a delay, the other members of the team of the player who has left the green shall all position themselves at the mat end of the rink. The exception being if the skip has left the game for a bathroom break the vice is permitted to direct the head.

Re-spotting the Jack

- v. If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank, or rebounds to a distance of less than 18 metres from the mat line, the end must not be declared dead. Instead, the jack must be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a single re-spot position which is two metres from the front ditch and on the centre line.
- w. If the re-spot position is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack must be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, between and in line with that spot and corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl.
- x. All greens must have the prescribed spot marked by chalk or another suitable method.
- y. Re-spot position marks cannot be challenged once play has begun.

Game Scoring

- z. During Round Robin play, three (3) points are awarded for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero points for a loss (**Law 27.3**).

Length of Games

- aa. In round robin games all ends must be played.
- (i) If, during the round robin stage, there is a tie after the required number of ends have been played, there will be no extra end played except in the case of two teams playing two out of three.
- (ii) There must be no further play in a knockout competition if at any point it becomes impossible for a player or team to win the game, given the number of ends left (**Law 26.3**).
- (iii) If during the elimination stage there is a tie after the required number of ends, an extra end will be played to determine the winner. A coin toss will determine which team will go first.

- (iv) An obvious failure to be competitive will be construed as unsportsmanlike conduct and subject all players on the team or the Singles player, to a suspension from competing in District and Provincial Championships for one calendar year from the date of the infraction
- (v) For 5-A-Side play: the games are played in Sets. If each team wins a Set – a one end tiebreaker will be played to determine the winner of the Game. If a Game consists of 3 Sets, no tiebreaker will be needed.

Number of Games Played Each Day

bb. No team or Singles player shall be required to play more than three (3) games in a single day, unless mutually agreed to by all parties. Tie Breakers do not count as games.

Substitutions

cc. (See Appendix V.1)

Game Stoppages

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- (i) The decision to terminate a game due to excessive rain, heat index or other unforeseen circumstances will be made by the Emergency Committee.
- (ii) Games may have to be shortened due to excessive rain, heat index or other unforeseen circumstances. Such decisions may result in games being postponed to the following day at the same venue or on a later date at a venue to be decided on by the Emergency Committee.

(iii) Lightning

- a. All District Championships and Ontario Championships shall comply with the lightning safety and preparedness standards issued by Environment Canada.
- b. At first sound of thunder or observation of lightning, play shall be suspended immediately, and all participants shall be ordered from the greens to find appropriate shelter.
- c. Play will not resume until at least 30 minutes have passed since the last sight of lightning or the sound of thunder.
- d. Full details of these requirements are available at:

<https://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/9.695655/publication.html>

(iv) Hot weather guide: When the temperature reaches 35 degrees Celsius at the venue, play should be interrupted at 20-minute intervals (at completion of the end in play) for a period of 5 minutes, during which time, drinks should be made available. Any time limit imposed will be waived. When the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius at the venue, play will be suspended. Consideration should be given to all relevant factors, including age and health of players and officials, the level of humidity and amount of shade available at the venue.

Canada’s Guide to Humidex Readings	
Humidex Reading	Degree of Comfort
20 – 29	No discomfort
30 – 39	Some discomfort

40 – 45	Great discomfort; avoid exertion
46 and over	Dangerous; possible heat stroke

Deliberate Delay of Play

ee. If an umpire by their own observation or an appeal from the opposing skip, opponent in Singles, or one of the team coaches, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of their bowl, or the skip is acting or issuing instructions designed to deliberately delay play:

- (i) In the case of Singles, on the first occasion the umpire will warn the player. If, in the opinion of the umpire, the player commits the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender will be awarded four shots.
- (ii) In the case of team play, on the first occasion the umpire will warn the team in the presence of the skip. If, in the opinion of the umpire, the team commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use for the match (for example, in the case of fours, this would be eight shots).
- (iii) Any stoppage of play due to time spent in discussion with the offending team or player regarding the application of this rule will be added to the time limit.
- (iv) If during the end which is in progress immediately before the end time of play is signaled or on completion of that end and before the start of any subsequent end, the umpire, as a result of their own observation or on appeal by one of the skips, a Singles player, one of the team coaches, or the Controlling Body, decides that a team or player is being prevented from playing a further end due to the actions of their opponents, they will notify the teams or players that they must play one more end even though the end time of play may have been signaled when such notification is given.

Restrictions on the Movement of Players During Play

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- (i) Refer to the specific conditions of play for each event for any restrictions on the movement of players during play.
- (ii) If a player does not meet the specified terms, **Law 13** will apply.

Objects on the Green

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- (i) No umbrellas (open or folded) shall be allowed on the green during Championship play.
- (ii) Bowls lifters must not be left unattended on the playing surface at the head end.

Rink Width and Groundsheets

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- (i) All championships must be played on rinks that are a minimum width of 3.65 meters (12 ft.).

- (ii) In the absence of the Greenskeeper, the Convenor and Head Event Umpire will determine the use of groundsheets. The host club has the final say regarding the use of groundsheets.

Bowls

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- (i) All bowls must comply with the Laws and bear a visible, legible stamp confirming approval by World Bowls or one of its predecessor organizations.
- (ii) Disc, altered, unmatched or coaching bowls are not allowed in Championship competition. Any player found to be using unmatched bowls will be disqualified immediately from the event and will face future sanctions which could include a lifetime ban on competing in any Ontario Championship.

(iii) Challenges to Bowls

Any player who wishes to lodge a challenge to an opponent's bowls pursuant to section 52.4 of the **Laws** must pay a deposit of \$1,000 to the Convenor by cash or certified funds at the time the challenge is lodged.

Exception: A challenge that does not require the set of bowls to be sent to a licensed tester, which is defined as challenging that set of bowls fails to comply with Law 2.4 (mismatched set of bowls) or Section III 16.(a-b) of the CoP, will require a deposit of \$50.

- (iv) If a set of bowls fails a test, the user or owner of the set of bowls must reimburse the OLBA for all expenses in having the test done. The user or owner of the set of bowls shall be suspended from all OLBA sanctioned play until OLBA has been fully reimbursed.
- (v) The Board of Directors of OLBA shall have the discretion to waive or reduce this penalty in its sole and absolute discretion.

Use of Bowling Delivery Aids and General Bowling Aids

jj. Any bowler may use a bowling delivery aid for delivery of the jack and their bowls. For District and Provincial Championships leading to the Canadian Championships, use of these devices is subject to inspection by officials and approval of each specific bowling aid. Devices such as bowling arms that are produced by a recognized manufacturer, and used with no customized modifications, will typically be approved.

Bowl and Shoe Inspection

kk. Players will have their shoes and bowls inspected by an umpire who has been appointed to the competition prior to the start of play of the first game on the first day of play. During the event, no other shoes or bowls can be substituted, without first obtaining the approval of the Head Event Umpire.

Proper Dress

ll. (see Appendix V.2.)

Tobacco, Alcohol, Cannabis, Cell Phone, Verbal Abuse and Professional Conduct

mm. (see Appendix V.3.)

Officials

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- (i) In District Championships, accredited umpires and markers should be used whenever possible. In the Ontario Championships, umpires must be accredited and markers, if not accredited, must be trained in their duties as outlined in the **Laws**.
- (ii) For each District Championship event, should a single umpire be appointed, that umpire will be considered the Head Event Umpire.
- (iii) Should more than one umpire be appointed for a District Championship, one shall be designated the Head Event Umpire, the other shall be designated the Assistant Head Event Umpire.
- (iv) At all Ontario Championships, the Head Event Umpire and Assistant Head Event Umpire shall be appointed by the Officiating Chair.

Coaches

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- (i) Each team or Singles player may have one coach. Only National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) accredited Bowls Coaches will be recognized to provide coaching during the event. Coaches must register with the Event Convenor and must be able to provide proof of their status. They are required to wear a name tag, pin or other item that identifies them as a coach.
- (ii) Coaches shall conduct themselves in accordance with the requirements of **Law 44**.
- (iii) Novices are encouraged to have Coaches with them for District and Provincial play as part of the development process.

Event Convenor

pp. The Convenor(s) is chosen by the Championship Chair. They are the Drawmaster who manages the event for the duration of the Championship as directed by the Championship Committee. Any questions regarding the Draw and/or format must be referred to the Championship Chair.

Financial Assistance

qq. A Club or District may use its own funds to assist players at District or Ontario Championships.

Emergency Committee

rr. The Emergency Committee consists of three people: 1) Head Event Umpire, (2) Assistant Head Event Umpire or designate as appointed by the Head Event Umpire and (3) Event Convenor.

Responsibilities of the Emergency Committee

- (a) The Emergency Committee will have the authority to shorten the length of matches, rearrange start times, amend the format, and take other measures necessary to ensure the successful conclusion of the event.
- (b) The Emergency Committee will have the authority to alter the dress code due to weather conditions.
- (c) The Emergency Committee will have the authority to extend the length of match times when the removal and replacement of ground sheets interrupts the pace of play.

- (d) For situations not covered by the Conditions of Play, the Emergency Committee will be the Governing Body for the event.

Jury of Appeal

- ss. The Jury of Appeal consists of one person from each of the following groups:
 - (i) Head Event Umpire, Assistant Head Event Umpire or designate as appointed by the Head Event Umpire.
 - (ii) OLBA representative or designate as appointed by OLBA.
 - (iii) Event Convenor, Greens Chairperson or designate as appointed by the Event Convenor.
 - (iv) The Jury of Appeal will deal with any matters concerning an Umpire's interpretation of the **Laws**. No person with a conflicting interest in the original ruling shall be on the Jury of Appeal.

IV DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

A Duties of District Chairs

The District Chair (or designate), assisted by the District Committee will conduct the District Championships in each event and be responsible for:

- (i) Scheduling suitable sites and dates in a timely manner, for all District Championships, each of which is to be completed and winners declared by the dates set out by the OLBA. Sites may be altered in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- (ii) Appointing accredited umpires for each event.
- (iii) Umpires appointed to District Championships should not be players if possible.
- (iv) Umpires must be aware that time spent while acting as an umpire in which the said umpire is also a player will not count toward the umpire's mandatory service time.
- (v) Accepting entries, ensuring compliance with eligibility clauses, collecting the entry fees for each event, making the draw, conducting the championship, and adhering to any plan of operation or guideline issued by OLBA. Informing players, in advance of play, about the rules to be followed and how the winners are to be determined.
- (vi) Sending a District report by email as soon as possible following completion of each District Championship to the Championship Chair [schuknecht@olba.ca] and OLBA Treasurer [treasurer@olba.ca] **The District report must contain the names of all participating players, including phone number, home club, mailing address, email address and phone number of the Skip of each team.** A copy of the report along with remittance for entry fees collected for all teams in the district, which entered that District Championship, will be sent to the OLBA treasurer by cheque or e-transfer. OLBA Treasurer: treasurer@olba.ca
- (vii) District Chairperson collects and remits District fees collected.

(viii) The District Chairperson (or designate) and the Umpire will deal with any disputes or interpretations during the District Championships. If a decision cannot be made, see Emergency Committee - Section III (page 13).

B Draw Format

The following must be used

- (i) Two entries: play best two out of three games, the game ends as soon as it is mathematically impossible to win (shots for and against mean nothing). If tied after the required number of ends are played, there will be an extra end played to determine the winner, beginning with a coin toss to determine who plays first.
- (ii) Three entries: Draw for bye, other two teams play first round. The winner of round one has the bye for round two while the other two (2) teams play. If the first game ended in a tie, the team which scored more ends will receive the bye in the second round. In the third round the team getting the bye from round one (1) will play the team getting the bye from round two (2).
- (iii) Four, five or six entries: Play a full round robin. If there is a bye, draw for bye and any team may only get one (1) bye during the round robin.
- (iv) If there is a tie, it will be decided on paper.
- (v) Seven or more entries: play a modified round robin format. On day one, teams will play each other within their drawn group. The top two (2) teams from each group will advance to day two where single elimination will be used. At the end of round robin play on day one, there may be teams tied in points. If there is a tie, it will be done on paper. **NOTE:** Teams do not have to complete the round robin games as scheduled if the results of those games don't affect the outcome of the placement of the top two finishers.

C Tie Breaking Rules

For the Procedure see Page 5 under: Tie Breaking Rules

D Byes

The draw will be conducted following these guidelines:

- (i) For all round robins with a bye the District Chairperson will determine and announce the method used to allocate the bye.
- (ii) Only one bye is allowed for each team until all competing teams have also had a bye during the round robin.
- (iii) Teams will not play each other more than once during the round robin stage.

E Awards

District winners will be presented with District Pennants and District Pins at the Provincial Championship.

V APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Substitutions

- (a) Substitution will not be permitted at a later level for any player who, on entering the District Championships, is aware of being unable to play on all dates for the event.
- (b) Substitution during any level, or between levels, will be permitted for illness, bona-fide emergency or unforeseen circumstances affecting a player. Affected participants

- must be prepared to provide medical documentation upon request at the participant's expense.
- (c) In a Singles event, any unfinished game will be forfeited, and no substitution allowed.
 - (d) Emergency substitutions at the District level must be a member of a club from the same District and approved by the Event Convenor. A player is only considered a substitute after the first game of the event has begun.
 - (e) If a substitute is required after the District Championships and before the Ontario Championships, the substitute must be a member of a club from the affected team's District and approved by the Championship Committee.
 - (f) Substitutes may not play in the skip position but may play any other position. After playing any part of more than two consecutive matches any substitute becomes a permanent member of the team and may play any position, including skip.
 - (g) If, on completion of any playdown level: a winning team or Singles player is unable to compete in that event at the next level, then the winner will be replaced by the runner-up, or failing that, by the third-place finisher.
 - (h) A winning player that has been substituted for and subsequently found to be in contravention of these rules will jeopardize their team from continuing and will not be allowed by the OLBA Championship Committee to compete in any remaining Championship events in that OLBA fiscal year and may be suspended from entry into all Championship Events for up to twelve (12) complete months during the following OLBA fiscal year from the time of the infraction.
 - (i) Upon the completion of a District Championship in all events, a substitution of any nature must be reported (with the circumstances and reasons for the substitution) to the Championship Committee Chairperson. The substitute will be allowed to enter the next playdown level, only after approval of the Championship Committee.
 - (j) At Ontario Championships, substitutes may not have played in any capacity on another team that has competed in and been eliminated from that Ontario Championship.
 - (k) One (1) substitute will be permitted in Pairs and Triples, two (2) substitutes will be permitted in Fours. In Pairs one (1) player of the original team must remain. In Triples two (2) players of the original team must remain. In Fours, two (2) players of the original team must remain.
 - (l) When a substitution is made in accordance with Section III (11.b.), the replaced player may be permitted to re-enter that event one time only.
 - (m) For the first day of their involvement as a substitute, they will be exempt from the dress code.

Appendix 2: Proper Dress

(n) Shoes:

- (i) Shoes must be flat-soled with no separation between the front sole and heel (i.e. flat from toe to heel). Walking shoes and sports shoes are acceptable; sandals with a heel strap are also acceptable when the back strap is firmly fitted when worn. Flat-soled wedge shoes (i.e. shoes that

increase in height from toe to heel) are not acceptable. The width of any heel must be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole.

- (ii) The sole may possess a shallow tread pattern or indented grooves to improve traction without damaging the green. A channel in the centre of the sole is acceptable; protuberances that extend out from the sole are not acceptable. Edges around the sole and around any channel need to be rounded.
- (iii) Brand name lawn bowling shoes that are listed as approved on a current list, published by a member national authority, are generally acceptable. Shoes that have been re-soled to ensure that they comply with the **Laws** are also generally acceptable. Nevertheless, Bowls Canada Boulingrin reserves the right to disallow any specific shoe.
- (iv) Umpires must use their best judgement and not unduly eliminate members from play unless they have a shoe that would clearly damage the green.

(o) Apparel

- (i) When playing Ontario Championships members of a team must wear the same colour and similarly patterned tops and bottoms. Shirts must have a collar and / or sleeves. Socks are optional. Provincial or Team Canada uniforms are **not allowed** (jackets excluded).
- (ii) There is no limit to the size and number of team sponsor's logos on team uniforms at the Provincial level. All uniform advertising and sponsor's logos must be approved by the Championship Committee prior to the event by sending a copy of each logo to the Championship Chair. It should be noted that bowling at the Canadian level, logos must conform to BCB Conditions of Play.
- (iii) Participants failing to adhere to the dress code provisions will be warned by the Convenor to correct their apparel prior to the start of their next game.
- (a) Participants failing to adhere to the dress code after receiving a warning shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 per player for each match in which they are not properly attired. Such fines shall be paid to the event Convenor prior to each match in which a fine is payable.
- (b) Event Convenors shall have the authority to waive this requirement in cases of disability accommodation or significant hardship.

Appendix 3: Tobacco, Alcohol, Cannabis, Cell Phone, Verbal Abuse and Professional Conduct

- (p) Smoking, including electronic cigarettes and vaping, is not allowed on the playing surfaces. Host club smoking policies must be adhered to. This includes competitors, coaches, umpires, and markers. Should an infraction occur, the offending person will be warned. On the second occurrence the offending person will be fined \$100.00 which is payable immediately to the Convenor. The offending person will not be permitted to continue participating until the fine is paid. This fine is not refundable

under any circumstances. On the third occurrence, the person shall be removed from any further activity during the event.

- (q) No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed during play.
- (r) Cannabis is a banned substance in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy and as such, Cannabis is not to be consumed, smoked, or imbibed in any form during play. However, medicinal use is permitted with appropriate exemption forms.
- (s) Verbal abuse of an opponent, player, coach, or official will not be tolerated. Should an infraction occur, the offending person will be warned. On the second occurrence the offending person will be fined \$100.00 payable immediately to the Convenor. On the third occurrence, the person shall be disqualified from further activity during the event.
- (t) No electronic communication or entertainment devices, such as 2-way radios, cell phones, music players or other devices that permit communication by wireless signal shall be in a player's possession or used by a player on or around the green during play, including trial ends. All players shall be required to place all electronic devices on silent or vibrate if such devices are stored in proximity to the green.
- (u) Participants who require an electronic device to accommodate a disability shall be permitted to use such a device and report to the Emergency Committee indicating their need for its use.
- (v) Umpires, Convenors, markers, and other individuals involved in the administration of Championship events may have electronic devices in their possession for carrying out their duties. However, such devices must be set to vibrate or silent. Players who are also acting as umpires, convenors or in other administrative roles may not have proscribed electronic devices in their possession during play.
- (w) All participants will always conduct themselves in a professional manner prior to, during and after competition. Any behaviour that is seen as a public nuisance and/or disturbance within or around a venue at which an activity is taking place will not be tolerated.



**ONTARIO LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION
CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

5-A-Side (Fours, Pairs, Triples & Singles) 2024

These Conditions of Play for the 5-A-Side are subject to change in accordance with BCB CoP.

Dates	June 22 – 23, 2024 & July 6-7, 2024
Location	Pickering first weekend. Dresden second weekend.
Eligibility	Teams can be comprised of people from any District in Ontario who are in good standing with the OLBA.
Entry Fee	<p>COST: \$625.00 per team (\$125.00 per person) ENTRY DEADLINE: June 7, 2024 Entry forms can be found on the OLBA website Entries to be sent to the OLBA Treasurer, James Rimmer: treasurer@olba.ca phone: 519-362-1615 Mail cheque to (e-transfers available): James Rimmer, Unit 14, 71 Old Burnhamthorpe Road, Toronto ON M9C 3J6</p>
Refunds	There will be NO refunds after the entry deadline June 7, 2024
Draw Format	<p>Fours, Triples & Pairs will be (2) two 5-end Sets with a 1-end tie breaker, if needed. Time Limit: 1 hour and 30 minutes Singles: two (2) 7-end Sets with a 1-end tie breaker, if needed. Or Three (3) 5-end Sets (TBD) This Championship will be played by Men and Women in separate events. The first weekend is a qualifier with the top Men’s and Women’s teams advancing to the finals two (2) weeks later. The number of teams advancing depends on the number of entries for the event. If there are 8 teams or less in either Men or Women’s entries, it will be completed the first weekend with a possible 3rd day added. After entry deadline, teams will be notified as to how many teams will be advancing. Fours and Singles will be played on one day. Pairs and Triples will be played on the other day of both weekends. Once a team has decided who is playing Singles – that person plays Singles for the 1st weekend. Those teams who advance to weekend #2, may change who is playing Singles to start the weekend – but that individual must play Singles the entire weekend. The team that wins the overall event after weekend #2, must play in the same positions in the Canadians that they used in the 2nd weekend. Fours and Triples: two (2) bowls each Pairs: Three (3) bowls each Singles: Four (4) bowls each</p>
Trial Ends and Start Time	<p>Trial ends start at 8:45 a.m. For trial ends players may use the same number of bowls as they would</p>

	<p>in the game. Games start at 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Restrictions on the Movement of Players During Play</p>	<p>Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:</p> <p>Fours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The leads: after the third player on their team has delivered their second (2nd) bowl; • The seconds: after the third player on their team has delivered their second (2nd) bowl; • The vices: after delivery of their second (2nd) bowl; • The skips: after delivery of each of their bowls. <p>Vice may start the end with the Skip at the head.</p> <p>Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:</p> <p>Triples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The leads: after delivery of the Vice's 2rd bowl. • The vices: after delivery of their 2rd bowl. • The skips: after delivery of their 2nd bowl. <p>Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:</p> <p>Pairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The leads: after delivery of their 3rd bowl. • The skips: after delivery of their 2nd and 3rd bowls. <p>Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:</p> <p>Singles:</p> <p>After delivery of their 3rd and 4th bowls unless the Marker authorizes a visit to the Head after their 2nd bowl.</p>
<p>Awards and Travel Subsidies</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The overall 5 person team winning team will represent Ontario at the Canadian Championships held in the same year under the auspices of Bowls Canada Boulingrin. They will receive two (2) Ontario shirts and an Ontario jacket (subject to OLBA restrictions), a Gold Medal and \$500.00 each. b. First place finishers in all 5-A-Side events will be presented a Gold medal. c. Second place finishers in all 5-A-Side events will be presented a Silver Medal. If BCB allows Ontario to send a 2nd team: the Silver team will be next to go. d. Third place finishers in all 5-A-Side events will be presented a Bronze Medal.



ONTARIO LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION
CONDITIONS OF PLAY
OPEN INDOOR SINGLES - 2024

Dates	June 15 - 16, 2024
Location	James Gardens, Etobicoke
Eligibility	Competitors can come from any District in Ontario who are in good standing with the OLBA. All competitors must also meet the residency requirements identified in the BCB Residency Eligibility Policy, plus other requirements related to eligibility to represent Canada at a World Bowls event, as described in the BCB Conditions of Play.
Entry Fee	COST: \$125.00 per person ENTRY DEADLINE: June 1, 2024 Entry forms can be found on the OLBA website . Entries to be sent to the OLBA Treasurer, James Rimmer: treasurer@olba.ca phone: 519-362-1615 Mail cheque to (e-transfers available): James Rimmer, Unit 14, 71 Old Burnhamthorpe Road, Toronto ON M9C 3J6
Refunds	There will be NO refunds after the entry deadline, June 1, 2024.
Draw Format	Singles will be played by women and men in separate events. The Open Indoor Singles format will consist of four (4) bowls per player. Play will be two (2) nine (9) end sets. If there is a tie after two (2) sets, a three (3) end tie breaker will be played following BCB's Conditions of Play. The format will be Modified Round Robin All players must compete at the Provincial Championships to determine the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medalists.
Trial Ends and Start Time	Trial ends start at 8:45 a.m. For trial ends players may use the same number of bowls as they would in the game. Games start at 9:00 a.m.
Restrictions on the Movement of Players During Play	Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After delivery of their third (3rd) and fourth (4th) bowls unless the Marker authorizes a visit to the head after their second (2nd) bowl.
Awards and Travel Subsidies	a. Gold and Silver medallists are required to travel to Vancouver, BC for the Canadian Indoor Championship which is a qualifier for the World Indoor Championships held in TBA. b. Gold and Silver medallists will each receive two Ontario Shirts (subject to OLBA restrictions) plus \$500.00 travel subsidy plus the Gold or Silver Medal.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">c. Bronze winner receives a bronze medal and \$ 125.00.d. If Ontario is allowed to send more than two (2) representatives, third, fourth, fifth place players would also be provided with two Ontario Shirts each (subject to OLBA restrictions). The OLBA will also pay the BCB entry fee of \$125.00 per person but the OLBA will not provide travel subsidy for these additional players.e. In the event that Ontario is offered additional spots in this event, athletes are required to go.
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ONTARIO LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION
CONDITIONS OF PLAY
MIXED PAIRS - 2024

Dates	August 10 -11, 2024
Location	Woodstock Lawn Bowling Club
Eligibility	For Mixed Pairs, both members must be from the same Primary District. Participants who lose a District Playdown may not enter another District Playdown in the same discipline.
Entry Fee	COST: \$120.00 per team (\$60.00 per person) to enter the District Playdowns. There are no additional fees for District winners and any other teams that qualify for Ontario Championships. Provincial fee has been waived.
Draw Format	Mixed Pairs will be played by a woman and a man: either may skip except in the case of substitution between the District Championships and the Ontario Championship level. Skip position can be changed between games as well as between District and Provincial levels. The Mixed Pairs format will consist of three (3) bowls per player, fourteen (14) ends, with a time limit of 2 hours and 15 minutes. Format: Modified Round Robin. A maximum of 32 teams will compete in the event. Additional teams may be selected to bring the total number of teams to 32.
Trial Ends and Start Time	Trial ends start at 8:45 a.m. For trial ends players may use the same number of bowls as they would in the game. Games start at 9:00 a.m.
Restrictions on the Movement of Players During Play	Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The leads: after delivery of their third (3rd) bowl;• The skips: after delivery of their second (2nd) and third (3rd) bowls.
Awards	a. All District winners will receive a District Pennant and District Pin. b. First place finishers will be presented an Ontario Jacket (with OLBA restrictions), a Gold medal and \$150.00 each. c. Second place finishers will be presented a Silver medal and \$100.00 each. d. Third place finishers will be presented a Bronze medal and \$75.00 each.



ONTARIO LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION
CONDITIONS OF PLAY
SENIOR PAIRS - 2024

Dates	August 14 -15, 2024
Location	Hanover Lawn Bowling Club
Eligibility	<p>AGE: Senior Triples participants must have reached their sixty fifth (65th) birthday in the year of the event and be able to provide proof of age to the District Chair or Convenor of the District Playdowns. For Senior Pairs, both members must be from the same Primary District.</p> <p>Participants who lose a District Playdown may not enter another District Playdown in the same discipline.</p>
Entry Fee	<p>COST: \$120.00 per team (\$60.00 per person) to enter the District Playdowns. There are no additional fees for District winners and any other teams that qualify for Ontario Championships.</p> <p>Provincial fee has been waived.</p>
Draw Format	<p>Pairs will be played by women and men in separate events. The Senior Pairs format will consist of three (3) bowls per player, fourteen (14) ends, with a time limit of 2 hours and 15 minutes. Modified Round Robin will be used.</p> <p>A maximum of 16 Men's teams and 16 Women's teams will compete in the event. Additional teams may be selected to bring the total number of teams to 16 in each event.</p>
Trial Ends and Start Time	<p>Trial ends start at 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>For trial ends players may use the same number of bowls as they would in the game.</p> <p>Games start at 9:00 a.m.</p>
Restrictions on the Movement of Players During Play	<p>Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The leads: after delivery of their third (3rd) bowl;• The skips: after delivery of their second (2nd) and third (3rd) bowls.
Awards	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. All District winners will receive a District Pennant and District Pin.b. First place finishers will be presented an Ontario Jacket (with OLBA restrictions), a Gold medal and \$150.00 each.c. Second place finishers will be presented a Silver medal and \$100.00 each.d. Third place finishers will be presented a Bronze medal and \$75.00 each.



ONTARIO LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION
CONDITIONS OF PLAY
NOVICE SINGLES - 2024

Dates	September 21-22, 2024
Location	Men: Lindsay LBC Women: Cobourg LBC
Eligibility	Refer to Conditions of Play, Section II 2.b. for Requirements for Novices. Youth in Novice Competition: The Gold pin winners at the Youth Under 21 Canadian Championships are not eligible to participate in the Ontario Novice Championships.
Entry Fee	COST: \$60.00 per person at the District level to enter the District Playdowns. There are no additional fees for District winners and any other players that qualify for Ontario Championships. Provincial fee has been waived.
Draw Format	Singles will be played by women and men in separate events. The Novice Singles format will consist of four (4) bowls per player, eighteen (18) shots, at all levels. Time limit: 2 hours and 15 minutes Day one format: Modified Round Robin. Day two format: Elimination.
Trial Ends and Start Time	Trial ends start at 8:45 a.m. For trial ends players may use the same number of bowls as they would in the game. Games start at 9:00 a.m.
Restrictions on the Movement of Players During Play	Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After delivery of their third (3rd) and fourth (4th) bowls unless the Marker authorizes a visit to the head after their second (2nd) bowl.
Awards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All District Novice Singles winners will receive a windbreaker jacket in addition to the District Pennant and District Pin. If you have received a current windbreaker, you are not eligible for a second one. The exception is for the Youth only, who may change in size. b. First place finishers will be presented an Ontario Jacket (with OLBA restrictions), a Gold medal and \$150.00 . c. Second place finishers will be presented a Silver medal and \$100.00 each. d. Third place finishers will be presented a Bronze medal and \$75.00 each.
Winners' Limitation	Winners of a gold medal at the Ontario Novice Singles Championships will not be eligible to play in future District and Ontario Novice Championships.



ONTARIO LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION
CONDITIONS OF PLAY
OPEN YOUTH UNDER 21 SINGLES - 2024

Dates	July 13 – 14, 2024
Location	Kingston Lawn Bowling Club
Eligibility	Entry is open to any qualifying player who is a member in good standing at any club in Ontario. Participants must be a minimum age of fourteen (14) by July 14, 2024, and under twenty one (21) as of January 1, 2024. Birth certificates will be required as proof of age.
Entries	COST: \$60.00 per person. ENTRY DEADLINE: July 1, 2024 Entry forms can be found on the OLBA website Entries to be sent to the OLBA Treasurer James Rimmer: treasurer@olba.ca phone: 519-362-1615 Mail entry form and cheque to (e-transfers available): James Rimmer, Unit 14, 71 Old Burnhamthorpe Road, Toronto ON M9C 3J6
Draw Format	Singles will be played by women and men in separate events. The Youth Under 21 Singles format will consist of four (4) bowls per player, in two (2) 7-end Sets and a one end tie breaker, if needed. Time limit: 1 hour and 30 minutes. Modified Round Robin format will be used. Maximum three (3) games per day.
Trial Ends and Start Time	Trial ends start at 8:45 a.m. For trial ends players may use the same number of bowls as they would in the game. Games start at 9:00 a.m.
Restrictions on the Movement of Players During Play	Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After delivery of their third (3rd) and fourth (4th) bowls unless the Marker authorizes a visit to the head after their second (2nd) bowl.
Awards and Travel Subsidy	a. Gold medallists MUST represent Ontario at the Canadian Championships held in the same year under the auspices of Bowls Canada Boulingrin. b. First place finishers will receive a \$500.00 travel subsidy for the Canadian Championships. However, they will receive an Ontario Jacket, two Ontario Shirts and the appropriate medal. c. Note: If you have received an Ontario uniform in the last five (5) years, you are not eligible for a new one unless it is not of the current design (this does not apply to youths who may have outgrown their uniform, at the discretion of the Championship

	Chair). There is no monetary reward for uniforms not given out. d. Medals will be presented to the 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place winners only.
Winners' Limitation	The Gold medal winners at the Youth Under 21 Canadian Championships are not eligible to participate in the Ontario Novice Championships.



ONTARIO LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION
CONDITIONS OF PLAY
NOVICE AUSSIE PAIRS - 2024

Dates	August 31 – September 1, 2024
Location	Men: Midland LBC Women: Guelph LBC
Eligibility	Both members of the team must be from the same Primary District. Refer to Conditions of Play, Section II g. for Requirements for Novices. Youth in Novice Competition: The Gold medal winners at the Youth Under 21 Canadian Championships are not eligible to participate in the Ontario Novice Championships. If a member of a Novice team is found to be ineligible, the entire team will be subject to disqualification.
Entry Fee	COST: \$120.00 per team (\$60.00 per person) to enter the District Playdowns. There are no additional fees for District winners and any other players that qualify for Ontario Championships. Provincial fee has been waived.
Draw Format	The Pairs format is Australian Pairs (2-4-2). Four (4) bowls each, 12 ends. Time limit: 2 hours and 15 minutes. Modified Round Robin 3 games per day. 3 points for a Win; 1 point for a tie; zero points for a loss Refer to tie breaking procedures above.
Trial Ends and Start Time	Trial ends start at 8:45 a.m. For trial ends players may use the same number of bowls as they would in the game. Games start at 9:00 a.m.
Restrictions on the Movement of Players During Play	In Australian Pairs: Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The leads: after delivery of their second (2nd) bowl; • The seconds: after delivery of their third (3rd) and fourth (4th) bowls; • The skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
Awards	a. First place finishers will be presented an Ontario Jacket (with OLBA restrictions), a Gold medal and \$150.00 each. b. Second place finishers will be presented a Silver medal & \$100.00 each. c. Third place finishers will receive a Bronze medal & \$75.00 each.