

THESE CONDITIONS MUST BE POSTED AT ALL EVENTS

BOWLS NEW BRUNSWICK BOULINGRIN

OFFICIAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY

FOR

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, INTERCLUB & ATLANTIC PLAYDOWNS

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OFFICIAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWNS AND INTER CLUB LEAGUE

- 1) All playdowns shall be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and BCB Conditions of Play for Canadian Championships as adopted by Bowls Canada Boulingrin, unless otherwise stated in these Official Conditions of Play.
- 2) In order for a member to compete for the Province of New Brunswick they must be a resident of NB by June 1st and a paid up member when competing in the Provincial Playdowns and subsequently when representing the Province.
- 3) In pairs, triples and fours, players on the team may be from different clubs.
- 4) Winners of Provincial Championships shall be given the choice of attending the national competition or declining. By March 31st in the year of the Canadian Championship, provincial winners must declare their intent to attend or not the national championship. In the event the provincial winners do not attend, runners-up must declare by April 30th.
- 5) Substitutions – Provincial Playdowns and Atlantics

The rules of substitution in all matches leading to all Canadian and Atlantic Championships are as follows:

- If a member of a team has to withdraw after the Entry Deadline and before play starts due to illness, bereavement, or exceptional circumstances, a substitute may be used after obtaining permission from the Emergency Committee. This does not apply to singles playdowns.
- Once the play begins in fours, pairs and triples, if a player is unable to play due to illness or any other unforeseen emergency, a substitute may be used after obtaining approval of the umpire.
- A substitute cannot play in skip position but may play in any other position.
- The substitute becomes a member of the team should the regular player not be able to return after missing two (2) games.
- Should there be no substitute available from any club, the games already played or to be played by the team requiring the substitute, will be declared null and void.
- In singles there can be no substitute, games played or to be played will be declared null and void.

- 6) Direct Entry (provincial) is subject to the residence requirement. If there are no entries for a provincial playdown, the President may, after receiving a written request from an individual, appoint a committee of three people (must be from different clubs and be paid up members), who will review the request and will have the option of accepting or denying it. There will be no repeat of playdowns.
- 7) Tied ends are played ends.
- 8)
 - a) Playdowns for Canadian Championships will be conducted in Men's and Women's Singles and Juniors, Mixed Pairs, Men's and Women's Senior Triples, and Men's and Women's Pairs and Fours.
 - b) Playdowns for Atlantic Bowl Championships will be conducted in Men's and Women's Triples (three bowls) and Pairs (four bowls) and 14 ends.
- 9) Two (2) trial ends may be played prior to each game. In the trial ends for Singles two (2) or four bowls (4) per player may be played. In Pairs, Fours and Triples two (2) bowls may be played.
- 10) Deadline for Start of Play: If play has not commenced by 25 minutes after the starting bell, a penalty may be assessed by the umpire and the game could be deemed null and void. In defaulted games the non-defaulting player or team will be awarded the win plus half the ends and one point per end.
- 11) All events shall be played in accordance with the number of teams registered.
 - a) 2 teams: best 2 out of 3 games
 - b) 3 entries: single round robin
 - c) 4 – 7 entries: single round robin 3 per day
 - d) 8 – 14 entries to be divided into two divisions playing a round robin. The two division winners and the two runners up will playoff.
- 12) In regular round robin play, tied games are to be broken by an extra end. The end and points in the extra end are not counted, indicate win or loss only.

The playdown will be awarded to the team or player accumulating the most number of games won at the conclusion of each round robin play.

- 13) Tie Breaking Format: (following round robin play)

If two players or teams are tied after a single round robin competition, the win goes to the player or team who has won the game between the tied teams.

For all other ties, the following is observed:

Points “for” – all points accumulated by the player or team including both wins and losses.

Points “for and against” – total points against subtracted from total points for.

- a) Singles: Refer to Conditions of Play for Canadian Singles Championships.

- b) Pairs, Triples and Fours: If two or more teams are tied, the following rules will apply until a winner is declared:
- (1) Total ends “for” in all games.
 - (2) Total points “for” in all games.
 - (3) Total points “for and against” in all games.
 - (4) Total ends “for” in games played between each tied team only.
 - (5) Total points “for” in games played between each tied team only.
 - (6) Total points “for and against” in games played between each tied team only.
- 14) In pairs, triples and fours, all games must be completed to the full amount of ends so the tie-breaking rule can be used effectively.
- 15) If on the last game of the event, two teams scheduled to play each other have no chance of winning or coming second in the event, they may ask the match chairperson to cancel their game if both teams are in agreement (except Interclub League).
- 16) Complete results of playdowns must be established in singles, pairs, triples and fours except in 2-section play.
- a) In 2-section play, there will be a playoff between the winners of each section and the runners-up of each section. The two section winners will play for 1st and 2nd positions and the runners-up will play for 3rd and 4th positions.
 - b) Playoffs will have the same number of ends as the original play. (Note: BNBB Mixed Triples have their own format.)
- 17) The draw is to be posted for the duration of the playoffs. Teams are to receive score cards with their number on the left.
- 18) Umpires and markers for singles are to be arranged by the match chairperson for all games. If possible, the umpire should not be a competitor in the playdowns.
- 19) Conditions of play must be posted at the green holding the event.
- 20) All requests for rule changes or new rules are to be forwarded to the Executive Secretary for distribution to the appropriate people.
- 21) The Rules of Play Committee will be made up of the President of BNBB (Ex Officio), four (4) committee members (one from each club), the Executive Secretary of BNBB, the Chief Official and Drawmaster. This Committee will have a Chairperson, appointed and agreed upon by those present at the Rules of Play Committee Meeting. All positions are for two year terms. All requests will be reviewed and evaluated and a recommendation forwarded to the BNBB Executive and/or presented at a BNBB General meeting.
- 22) The deadline for entries in all playoffs (Provincials and Atlantics) is to be 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the event. An official entry form and the applicable entry fee must be completed for each event and be in the hands of the Draw Master prior to the deadline.

If a team wins in one category of the Provincial playdowns for the Atlantics, the player or team cannot enter a subsequent category.

- 23)
 - a) If the Draw Master is unable to attend an event, he/she shall appoint a Draw Coordinator of the host club to run the draw. The Draw Master will forward the documents for the draw to the Draw Coordinator as soon as possible prior to competition day. At the end of the competition, the Draw Coordinator will return all documents and results to the Draw Master.
 - b) All draws be made in advance by the Provincial Draw Master in the presence of a non-participant as witness.
- 24) The Draw Master shall notify the host club within 7 days of the closing date of the following:
 - a) The number of rinks needed for the draw.
 - b) The number of players attending the event.
- 25) Substitutions:
 - a) If on completion of the Provincial Championship, one or more of the players are unable to represent the province at the National Championships, the following rules apply:
 - 1) In Pairs and Triples, one (1) substitute will be allowed, and in Fours, two (2) will be allowed.
 - 2) In Singles and if more than one substitute is required in Pairs or in Triples and two in Fours, the runner-up Singles, Pairs, Triples or Fours shall represent the Province.
 - b) Any player unable to attend Canadian or Atlantic Championships must submit the reason in writing to the President of BNBB. When advised that they may do so, the team may choose a substitute from any club and upon their acceptance, the name will be presented to the President of BNBB.
- 26) “A jury of appeal”, emergency committee, for each championship playdown event consisting of the President, or his/her nominee, and two members of BNBB Executive, appointed by the President, shall deal with all disputes arising from any championship playdown. Appeals to be made in writing or by e-mail to the President within forty-eight (48) hours of said dispute by parties concerned in the dispute. No person shall serve on the “jury of appeal” who is involved in said dispute.
- 27) Footwear:

Flat soled shoes (i.e. walking shoes) and running shoes that have no separation between the front sole and heel (flat from toe to heel) that possess a shallow tread pattern or grooves to improve traction, without damaging the green, are acceptable. Walking shoes and sport shoes are acceptable, sandals with a heel strap are also acceptable as long as the back strap is firmly fitted when worn.

Flat soled wedge shoes are not acceptable – these shoes have a flat sole but increase in height from toe to heel. The width of any heel must be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole.

Only approved footwear shall be permitted. Manufacturer colors, logos and designs are acceptable.

- 28) All references to triples games apply to Provincial Playdowns for Atlantic Bowls, Seniors Triples, and Inter Club League.
- 29)
 - a) One event must be completed prior to the commencement of the next event. (Except in Inter Club League)
 - b) Ends are to be posted on the Result Sheet after each game as well as wins or losses and scores in triples, pairs and fours. In singles: record wins, losses and scores.
- 30) The Match Chairperson is responsible to see that Official Conditions of Play are followed.
- 31) There will be a limit of three (3) games per day. To accommodate more games due to a large number of entries the match chairperson shall decide when the tournament will start and end. Skips are to be notified of time of play.
- 32) The match chairperson and greens keeper for the club where the tournament is taking place shall decide if the green is still playable in case of a severe rain storm during the tournament. Electric storm policy as circulated to be used.
- 33) The club hosting an event will notify the match chairperson, two (2) weeks in advance of the event whether their greens are playable.
- 34) Provincial Playdowns will be played in the order of Pairs, Triples and Fours. Juniors can be flexible. All Provincial Playdowns and other events will be rotated each year. (The rotation schedule is attached.) Dates for various events will be agreed upon by the Board of Directors at the January Meeting.
- 35) In any playdown event with only one team entered, that team will receive an automatic win and shall represent the Province in that event.
- 36) The host club will notify BNBB if unable to host an event, who will arrange another venue.
- 37) All Provincial Playdowns are to be held at the club hosting the event.
- 38) The dress code for Provincial Playdowns has been amended to allow participants the option of wearing colors. It is not necessary to have team uniformity.
- 39) Disciplinary Action: All players shall obey all conditions of play including fielding of team for tournaments or face disciplinary action which may include a fine and/or suspension of participation in future provincial play.

- 40) When the temperature reaches 35 deg. Celsius at a venue, play will be interrupted (at the completion of the end of play) for a period of ten minutes during which time drinks should be made available. Any time limit imposed on the interrupted match will be suspended. When the temperature reaches 38 deg. Celsius, play will be suspended.

It will be at the discretion of the umpire to determine whether to discontinue play. Consideration should be given to relevant factors, including age and health of players, level of humidity, and the amount of shade or shelter available at the venue.

PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWNS ROTATION SCHEDULE

Playdowns	2020/2023	2021/2024	2022/2025
Provincial Singles	Fredericton	Centennial	Seaside
Provincial Pairs	Centennial	Fredericton	Seaside
Provincial Fours	Centennial	Seaside	Fredericton
President's Jamboree	Fredericton	Centennial	Seaside
BNBB Mixed Triples	Seaside	Fredericton	Centennial
Mixed Pairs	Seaside	Fredericton	Centennial
Senior Triples/Juniors	Centennial	Seaside	Fredericton
Atlantic Pairs	Fredericton	Seaside	Centennial
Atlantic Triples	Seaside	Centennial	Manchester

General Conditions of Play for Interclub League Play

For Interclub League Play, the Official Conditions of Play shall prevail with exception of the following:

- 1) In defaulted games, the other team will be credited with, Win 9 (8 ends and 8 points) in 14 end games.
- 2) Teams can be mixed (must include one female) or be made up of three females. There may be more than one substitution, but the “mixed” format must be honored except in emergency situations.
- 3) When playing three games in one day, there will only be 10 ends per game.
- 4) Play will be three (3) bowls triples.

General Conditions of Play For The Atlantic Provincial Playdowns Men’s and Ladies’ Pairs & Triples

The Official Conditions of Play for Provincial Playdowns shall prevail, with the exception of the following:

- 1) Any reference to Singles and Fours will not apply
- 2) The winners of the Provincial Playdowns, two men’s and two ladies teams from each category shall represent the Province at the Atlantic Bowls Championships.
- 3) Pairs will be limited to 2 hours. Triples will be limited to 2 hours and 15 minutes.
- 4) There will be a warning bell half through each game and a warning bell will be rung 5 minutes before the game ends. If an end has been started before the warning bell, it may be finished.
- 5) In case of delay in the start of a game by a team being absent: after a delay of 10 minutes, three points will be awarded to the opposing team; after 15 minutes, the game will be defaulted and awarded to the opposing team.
- 6) Deliberate delay during a game: a warning shall be given by the draw master and/or the designated umpire. If a second warning is necessary, the guilty team shall default the game.
- 7) The respot rule will apply.
- 8) Direct entry will be allowed to the Atlantic Bowl Championships in accordance with Article 6, page 3.