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**BOWLS NEW BRUNSWICK BOULINGRIN**

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## **OFFICIAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR ATLANTIC PLAYDOWNS**

- 1) All play shall be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Provincial Conditions of Play for Atlantic Playdowns as adopted by Bowls New Brunswick Boulingrin.
- 2) In order for a member to compete in the Province of New Brunswick, they must be a resident of NB by June 1<sup>st</sup> and a paid-up member when competing.
- 3) Conditions of play must be posted at the club holding the event.
- 4) All requests for rule changes or new rules are to be forwarded to the Executive Secretary for distribution to the appropriate people.
- 5) The Rules of Play Committee will be made up of the President of BNBB (Ex Officio), three (3) 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 requests will be reviewed and evaluated and a recommendation forwarded to the BNBB Executive and/or presented at a BNBB General meeting.
- 6) Direct Entry is subject to residence requirement. If there are no entries for an Atlantic playdown, the Draw Master and President may after receiving a written request from the individuals who are members in good standing with BNBB review the request and have the option of accepting or denying it. There will be no repeat of playdowns.
- 7) All draws must be made in advance by the Provincial Draw Master and played in the order of Pairs then Triples. Tournaments will be club rotated each year and dates for events agreed upon by the Board of Directors at the spring meeting.
- 8) If the Provincial 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.
- 9) “A jury of appeal”, emergency committee, for any event consisting of the President, or his/her nominee, and two members of BNBB Executive, appointed by the President, shall deal with all disputes. 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.

- 10) 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.
- 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.
- Only approved footwear shall be permitted. Manufacturer colors, logos and designs are acceptable.
- 11) The Match Chairperson is responsible to ensure that Official Conditions of Play are followed.
- 12) The Draw Master will 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.
- 13) There will be a limit of three (3) games per day. To accommodate more games due to a large number of entries, less game play time, or to accommodate play requested and agreed to by all players, the drawmaster/match chairperson shall decide when the games will start and end. Skips are to be notified of time of play.
- 14) 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.
- 15) The club hosting an event will notify the match chairperson, two (2) weeks in advance of the event whether their greens are playable. The club will notify BNBB if unable to host an event, who will arrange another venue.
- 16) The dress code allows participants the option of wearing colors. It is not necessary to have team uniformity.
- 17) 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 in accordance with the Safe Sport Policy.

- 18) 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.
- 19) Playdowns for Atlantic Bowls Championships will be conducted in Men's and Women's Pairs (four bowls) and Men's and Women's Triples (three bowls). 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.
- 20) If only one or two teams enter for playdowns, the teams will be receive an automatic win and shall represent the Province in that event.
- 21) The deadline for entries in all playoffs is to be two 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.
- 22) If a team wins in one category of the playdowns for Atlantics, the player/team cannot enter a subsequent category.
- 23) Substitution: 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. Once play begins and 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. 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.
- 24) 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.
- 25) All events shall be played in accordance with the number of teams registered:
  - a) two entries: best two out of three games
  - b) three entries: single round robin
  - c) 4-7 entries: single round robin, three per day
  - d) 8-14 entries: divided into two divisions playing a round robin. The two division winners and the runners up will playoff. Playoffs will have the same number of ends as the original play.

- 26) All games shall consist of 12 ends, three points for a win, one point for a tie. Pairs will be limited to two hours and four bowls. Triples will be limited to two hours and 15 minutes and three bowls. In the case of a tie at the end of round robin play, the winner will be determined by the aggregate system, shots for divided by shots against.
- 27) The respot rule applies. Tied ends are played ends.
- 28) Two (2) trial ends may be played prior to each game. In the trial ends, two bowls may be played for each end. Trial ends are not counted as part of the 2 hour time limit.
- 29) In case of delay in the start of a game by a team being absent: After a delay of 15 minutes, the game will be defaulted; three points will be awarded to the opposing team, 7 score points and 7 ends.
- 30) There will be a warning bell at half time 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.
- 31) Deliberate delay during a game: A warning shall be given by the umpire; if not available by the Draw Coordinator. If a second warning is necessary, the guilty team shall default the game.
- 32) If a team does not have a chance to win or tie a game, they can default the last two ends if both skips agree. A defaulted game at this point would give the winning team three match points, one score point and one end for each defaulted end.