

# MEN'S STATE TRIPLES 2023/24 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

# ALL Matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 4<sup>th</sup> Edition & BA DR April 2023

- **1. Controlling Body** Geelong Bowls Region Championship Committee
- **2. Event** Men's State Triples
- **3. Dates** 22<sup>nd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October & 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2023
- 4. Venue Clifton Springs Bowling Club & St. Leonards Bowling Club

### 5. Starting Times

- **5.1.** Region Championship Committee will set start times for events.
- **5.2.** A player or team who is not available to play within 30 minutes of the appointed time for commencing the match will automatically forfeit the match.

## 6. Entry Conditions

- **6.1.** Open to all Bowls Victoria affiliated Male bowlers.
- **6.2.** Composite Teams permitted however players must be from clubs within the same Region.
- **6.3.** Entries received after the closing date **cannot be accepted.**

# 7. Format of Play

- **7.1.** Two Bowls per player.
- 7.2. All rounds including final 18 ends.
- **7.3.** All rounds Knockout format (number of games per day set by Region)

### 8. Draw

- **8.1.** A blind draw will be conducted by the Region Championship Committee.
- **8.2.** Once the draw has been published, no late entries can be accepted and the draw will not be changed.

# 9. Trial Ends

**9.1.** One trial end in each direction may be permitted prior to the commencement time and must be completed before the scheduled start time.

# **10.** Restricted Movement of Players (Appendix A4)

- **10.1.** After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head:
  - **10.1.1.** Leads after delivery of their second bowl
  - **10.1.2.** Seconds after delivery of their second bowl
  - **10.1.3.** Skips after delivery of each of their bowls

### 11. Slow Play – Delaying Play

- **11.1.** If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal by an opponent or the Controlling Body, decides a player is deliberately delaying play:
  - **11.1.1.** On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player.
  - **11.1.2.** If the player repeats the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed and their opponents will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by their opponents.
  - **11.1.3.** If the player offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent.



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## 12. Player Protection

- **12.1.** Players due to participate in a higher level event on the same day as that scheduled for knockout, sectional and/or post-sectional play can apply to the Controlling Body for protection
- **12.2.** If the event cannot be rescheduled then the participant concerned will have to decide which event to contest.

#### 13. Footwear and Attire

- **13.1.** Bowls Victoria Regulations for Attire will apply to all rounds.
- **13.2.** Composite teams may wear alternative apparel provided it adheres to Bowls Victoria Regulations for Attire Policy.

#### 14. Bowls Identification Discs

**14.1.** Players are not required to use bowls discs. If they are used, all players in the Team must use a disc of the same colour/design.

#### **15.** Other Laws, Regulations & Policies

- **15.1.** The Championship will be played in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls, the BA Domestic Regulations and the 2023/24 BV State Championship Events Conditions of Play.
- 15.2. GBR Reg 2 Weather Policy applies (incl. Heat policy 36oC)
- 15.3. Bowls Victoria has introduced the following:-
  - **15.3.1.** A Region conducting a State event shall have power to apply a penalty to a player and/or team who has nominated for a State event but fails to appear at the appointed time without advising the Controlling Body at least 24 hours prior to the start of the event.
  - **15.3.2.** The onus is on the player and/or team to provide satisfactory reason for their non-appearance. Such penalty shall be \$50 per player for each occasion, payable within 21 days from the date of the event. Failure to make payment within this time will result in the person/s being ineligible to participate in further State events for a period of 12 months from the date of the offence.

# The Controlling Body has the right to alter the conditions of play if necessary