CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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Bowls Australia

2013 Australian Under-18 Championships

Controlling body: Bowls Australia Inc.

Event: **2013 Australian Under 18 Championships**

Dates: Monday, September 30 – Thursday, October 3, 2013.

Venue: Sorrento Bowls Club
40 Warwick Road
Duncraig WA 6023

1. ENTRY CONDITIONS

State or Territory Associations will select the following delegations to attend the Australia Under-18 Championships from their affiliated members. Only bowlers that are affiliated may participate in the event.

a. Team size: A team will consist of five players and a coach (one male team and one female team), giving a total of 10 players and two accredited coaches.
b. Coaches: All coaches must be currently accredited with Bowls Australia

2. ELIGIBILITY

As a condition of entry to compete in a Bowls Australia event all competitors must:

a. not be currently under disqualification or suspension by their state/territory association or their national authority.
b. satisfy the eligibility criteria of the member state/territory association.
c. comply with all applicable rules and regulations of Bowls Australia and the Bowls Australia anti-doping code.
d. Players must be under 18 years of age as at October 4, 2013.

3. STRUCTURE

The event shall be played annually between teams from each state and territory association.

a. Athlete names and team combinations must be nominated to Bowls Australia by **Monday, August 26, 2013.**
b. The draw is conducted publically at the conclusion of the Under 18 Championship each year.
c. STAs will be allocated the number at which they are drawn. This will correspond to the draw formula below.

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3
Pool 1	1v4	4v3	1v3
	3v2	2v1	4v2
Pool 2	5v8	8v7	5v7
	7v6	6v5	8v6

4. FORMAT

All matches will be played in traditional format as follows:

a. Singles: Four bowls, 21 shots up. In excess of 21 shots shall not count.
b. Pairs: Three bowls per athlete, 18 ends.
c. Triples: Two bowls per athlete, 18 ends.
d. Fours: Two bowls per athlete, 18 ends.

The competing states have been drawn into two sections of four at the conclusion of the previous year's competition.

The player/team rankings in each section will be determined by the following:

a. Winners of each individual game will receive two points, losers nil. In the event of a tie each receives one point.
b. The states in each section will be ranked by the highest number of points scored in each discipline.
c. If points are equal, then the highest net total shots (total shots for minus the total shots against) will be ranked higher.
d. If points and the highest net total shots are equal, then the total shots for will be divided by the total shots against. The side with the highest percentage will be ranked higher (Law 44.4)
e. If percentages are also equal, the winner of the game between the two teams will be ranked higher.

Once sectional play concludes, the finals will be conducted as follows:

a. Section winners in each discipline to play off for first and second place.
b. Teams finishing second in their section will play off for third and fourth position.
c. Teams finishing third in their section will play off for fifth and sixth position.
d. Teams finishing fourth in their section will play off for seventh and eighth position.

Note: If the games are equal in any discipline a further end will be player to determine the winner.

Medals will only be awarded to the players that play in the final game.

5. ALTERATIONS TO THE FORMAT & LENGTH OF THE GAMES

a. The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the format, times of play and greens to suit local unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical.
b. Where a program is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Jury of Appeal may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result or postpone the event where an outcome cannot be achieved.
c. Artificial light **-** The game shall proceed under artificial lights, if necessary, to achieve a result. The controlling body will nominate the amount of ends required by each rink depending on the conditions. Games are to be completed by 9:30pm.

6. RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

- Singles (each player playing four bowls)
  - the opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
- Pairs (each player playing three bowls)
  - the leads: after delivery of their third bowl
  - the skips: after delivery of their second and third bowls
- Triples (each player playing two bowls)
  - the leads: after delivery of their second bowl.
  - the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.
  - the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
- Fours (each player playing two bowls)
  - the leads: after delivery of their second bowl.
  - the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.
  - the thirds: after delivery of their second bowl and;
  - the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

At the start of each end, the lead and second will be at the mat end.

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head, or a player to the marker in singles, earlier than described above. If a player does not meet these terms, law 35 will apply.

7. DELAYING PLAY

If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips or the opponent in singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl they will precede as follows:

a. On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player.
b. If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as complete and the opponents of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent.
c. If the player offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent.

8. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

There are three award components:

1. Australian Under-18 Championships Male State Champions
2. Australian Under-18 Championships Female State Champions
3. The Robert Middleton Australian Under-18 Championships Overall State Champion Team

Gender trophies

The winner of each gender trophy will be determined by the sum of scores awarded to each state for each discipline. The overall trophy will be the sum of both male and female scores. These points will be awarded as per the following:

a. The gold medallist will be awarded eleven (11) points
b. The silver medallist will be awarded nine (9) points
c. The bronze medallist will be awarded seven (7) points
d. Fourth place will be awarded five (5) points
e. Fifth place will be awarded four (4) points
f. Sixth place will be awarded three (3) points
g. Seventh place will be awarded two (2) points
h. Eighth place will be awarded one (1) point

Champion State

The champion state will be determined by the state with the highest number of points from all four disciplines.

a. In the event of a tie on points with two or more states/territories, the state/territory winning the most games in sectional and play off games will take the higher position.
b. In the event of a tie on winning the most games in sectional and play off games with two or more state/territories then the net shots (net shots equals total shots for minus total shots against) in all four competitions will be used to decide the state/territory which takes the higher position.
c. In the event of a tie on net shots, the state/territory scoring the highest aggregate number of shots from the four competitions will decide the State/Territory which takes the higher position.
d. In the event of two or more state/territories still being tied on shots, the state/territory having the lowest aggregate number of shots scored against them from the four competitions will decide the state/territory which takes the higher positions.

Presentation of awards

All awards shall be presented to a representative of the winning state/territory authority at the conclusion of the event and that state/territory authority shall hold the shield until the next championships.

9. ATTIRE

a. The attire of all players and team managers shall be in line with the National Dress Regulations.
b. All players will wear any form of sponsorship material that is supplied by the sponsors of the event.
c. No player will wear any other form of sponsorship material unless it forms part of the uniform, which is approved by the State or Territory Associations.
d. At the opening and closing ceremonies all teams shall be in playing uniform.
e. As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, including Domestic Regulation 5. Footwear must adhere to Appendix A2. Attire must adhere to Appendix A3 and the BA logo policy. This policy is available on the Bowls Australia web site www.bowlsaustralia.com.au.

10. ARRANGEMENT FOR PRACTICE

Teams will be permitted to practice at the host club the day prior to the commencement of the Championships. Rinks and times will be allocated by Bowls Australia and circulated to STAs prior to the team's departure.

Any additional practices will be in accordance to Law 13 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

11. TRIAL ENDS

One trial end in each direction will be allowed for all games in accordance with Law 18.1. In trial ends players can use any combination of bowls taken from different sets so long as all bowls carry a registered World Bowls stamp of either the current year or a future year.

12. SUBSTITUTES

A substitute shall be utilised in the following manner:

a. The coach shall call upon an eligible, affiliated player from her/his state association to substitute.
b. The substitute player shall not be permitted to play in the position of skip.
c. If a competitor/team is unable to complete any game already commenced, their opponent shall be awarded maximum match points for that game. As at the time that the game was stopped, each team will be allocated the shots scored as of the last end completed.
d. Singles player may be replaced by eligible reserves or other team members.
e. Teams may change formations prior to the start of the subsequent game. The Tournament Director must be notified of all changes. Players will be required to complete the relevant paperwork regarding the adjustments made.
f. Medals will only be awarded to the players that play in the final game.

13. STAMP ON BOWLS

All bowls used during the event must carry a registered World Bowls stamp of either the current year or of a future year. Random checking of bowls may occur prior to the commencement of games. Bowls Australia's bowls testing policy is available on the Bowls Australia website www.bowlsaustralia.com.au.

Players requiring bowls testing shall be liable for the cost of the test.

14. MARKING TOUCHERS

In all Bowls Australia events, as per the Laws of the Sport, only chalk can be used to mark touchers. We highly recommend the use of spray chalk.

15. BOWLS DISCS

Official State/Territory bowls discs must be used and comply with the following:

a. All discs used by a side shall be the official state disc and must be on all bowls used for play.

b. Discoloured or damaged discs will not be permitted and must be replaced by the team manager.
c. 2 sets of four discs are to be supplied to the tournament office for use on paddles for Super 6.

16. DRUG TESTING

Bowls Australia's Anti Doping Policy shall apply. See www.bowlsaustralia.com.au for details.

17. JURY OF APPEAL

A jury of appeal shall be appointed for the purpose of deciding upon any points not provided in the conditions of play, for dealing with any appeals from decisions made by umpires and/or the tournament committee, and generally for the purpose of exercising overall authority on behalf of Bowls Australia.

In the event of an appeal during the playing of the event, such appeals shall be made in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, and shall be directed to a Jury of Appeal which shall consist of:

a. BA President or nominee
b. BA CEO or nominee
c. BA Events Manager or nominee
d. National Officiating Director or nominee.

18. PRIZE MONEY

There is no prize money associated with this event.

19. OTHER LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

a. Bowls Australia reserves the right to alter the program as deemed necessary to complete the event satisfactorily.
b. Bowls Australia reserves the right to use any photographs taken during this event for further promotional requirements.
c. All other Laws, Regulations & Policies other than stated above shall conform to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations for Australia, as published in January 2011 including amendments (located at www.bowlsaustralia.com.au).
d. The following Bowls Australia policies will apply at this event:
    1. Extreme Weather policy
    2. Smoke free policy
    3. Logo policy (dress regulations)
    4. Legal and illegal substance policy
    5. Member protection policy
    6. Betting and match fixing policy
    7. Affiliation, eligibility to play and player clearance policy
    8. Artificial devices policy
    9. Bowls testing policy
    10. Disciplinary policy