CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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Bowls Australia

Controlling body:	Bowls Australia Inc.
Event:	**2013 National Champion of Champions**
Dates:	Friday, October 11 – Sunday, October 13, 2013.
Venue:	Ascot Park Bowling Club 1 Davidson Avenue Park Holme SA 5043

1. ENTRY CONDITIONS

a. Open to all bowlers affiliated with a State or Territory Association, that is affiliated to Bowls Australia.
b. Bowlers must qualify as the winner of their state Champion of Champions event. The qualifier will be the respective title holder as of August 1, 2013.

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.

3. STRUCTURE

The event shall be played annually between champion of champions from each state and territory association.

a. Athlete names and team combinations must be nominated to Bowls Australia by **Thursday, August 1, 2013.**

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.

The competing states have been drawn into two sections of four. Each player/team will play the other players/teams in their section once.

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 the sectional play concludes, the finals will be conducted between the section winners in each discipline.

Note: If the games are equal in any discipline a further end will be played 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

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

The players/teams ranking 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 player / team 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 to calculate the percentage. 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.

9. ATTIRE

a. All players must wear the uniform of the club from which they progressed through.
b. Club 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.
c. As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, including Domestic Regulation 5 Footwear must adhere to Appendix A2.

10. ARRANGEMENT FOR PRACTICE

Players/teams will be permitted to practice at the host club the day prior to the commencement of the Championships.

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. REPLACEMENT PLAYERS / SUBSTITUTES

Replacement and / or substitute players are not permitted. If the player nominated by the STA does not accept the position, then the position must be forfeited. If a player / team cannot begin a match, or complete a match already begun, they will forfeit the match and associated points.

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

Players are required to use the bowls discs provided by Bowls Australia. Players may be required to change their discs between matches.

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