



# PACIFIC COAST OPEN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

## Pacific Indoor Bowls Club

### CONDITIONS OF PLAY

# Bruce Matheson Open Singles

All bowlers, officials, and those assisting with the tournament and games shall conduct themselves in a manner that promotes goodwill between all the participants and spectators.

**All games will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark, Fourth Edition. (LSB – CM 4<sup>th</sup> Edition) except as noted in these Conditions of Play**

## CONTROLLING BODY

The Tournament Chair (or designate) will represent the Controlling Body.

There will be a Disputes/Appeals Committee, which will consist of the Tournament Chair (or designate) and one or more members of the controlling body.

The controlling body may modify conditions of play, post-sectional brackets, and schedules as deemed necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of the tournament.

## ELIGIBILITY

All Bowlers must either be a registered bowling member of a Lawn Bowling Club in Canada or worldwide Member National Authority of World Bowls as of September 14, 2026.

## Format of Play

### Sectional Rounds

Four sectional matches with a **100-minute time limit** (including trial ends) will be played by each player. Four bowls. Six sections of five players will be determined by random draw and a complete round-robin will be played in each section. **Group winners advance directly to the quarter-finals. The best four non-group-winners advance to a play-in round for the final two quarter-final spots. In total, 10 players advance to post-sectional play.**

Singles matches are won by the first player to reach 15 points, or whoever is leading when the time limit is reached and the end is concluded. Sectional matches can end in a tie. In sectional play, players get 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.

A bell will indicate the start of play in a match and players may not start before the bell. A second bell will indicate that the time limit has been reached. After the second bell, players must finish the current end if the jack has already been delivered, but must not start a new end. The match is concluded at that point.

After each match, the players must reconcile the scores with the marker assigned to the rink. Players must sign the official scorecard kept by the marker and the finish time must be recorded on the scorecard.



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#### Trial Ends

The match time limit **includes two non-optional trial ends of two bowls per player** for each match. If a player arrives after the match has already started, the player cannot do the trial ends.

#### Start Time

An official signal shall be sounded to signal the starting time for each match (beginning with the trial ends). Any player arriving at the green more than 15 minutes after the official signal has been sounded shall forfeit such match to the opposition. In such cases, they shall receive 0 game points, and shots for and against equal to the average of the losing teams in that section and round.

#### Head Visits

A player can only walk to the head after delivering their **third** and **fourth** bowl. In exceptional and limited circumstances, a player can ask the marker for permission to walk up to the head after delivering the second bowl. While still respecting Law 13 LSB – CM 4<sup>th</sup> Edition (possession of the rink), **players must not run on the greens**. Sanctions will apply for running.

#### Burnt Ends

No burnt ends. Burnt jacks must be re-spotted to the 2-meter mark from the front ditch. Law 56.5. LSB – CM 4<sup>th</sup> Edition applies.

#### Bye or Forfeited Match

If a player receives a bye match in sectional play or their opponent forfeits the game, the player affected will be awarded 3 game points and the average shots for and against of all players in the same group in the same round.

#### Ranking Criteria for Sectional Play

The group standings are determined by

1. Game points (3 points for a win, 0 points for a loss)
2. Point differential (total shots scored minus total shots against; no cap on differential)
3. Head-to-head results
4. Differential percentage (total shots scored divided by total shots against)
5. Flip of a coin

#### Post Sectional Play

Knockout rounds are first to 15 points with a 100 minute time limit that includes 2-bowl trial ends. A bell will start and end a game. At the sound of the final bell no new jack can be delivered but players can finish the end they are on unless the contest is beyond reach. If the game is tied after the final bell then one extra end must be played to determine the winner. A new coin toss is required for the extra end.

In post sectional play, the six group winners advance directly to the quarter-final knockout rounds and are ranked from 1-6 based on 1) Game points; 2) Point differential; 3) Differential percentage; 4) Flip of a coin.

The best four non-group winners are determined by the following criteria: 1) Game points; 2) Point differential; 3) Differential percentage; 4) Flip of a coin.



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The best 4 non-group winners are ranked from 7-10 based on 1) Game points; 2 Point differential, 3) head-to-head result(s); 4) Differential percentage; 5) Flip of a coin.

In the quarter-final PLAY-IN matches, #7 will play #10, and #8 will play #9. If either of those pairings are a rematch of a sectional game, player #9 and player #10 will be flipped.

#### Quarter-Finals

(Game 1) #1 plays the winner of #8 vs #9\*

(Game 2) #2 plays the winner of #7 vs #10\*

\*If either pairing is a rematch of a sectional game, the play-in winners will be reversed.

(Game 3) #3 vs #6

(Game 4) #4 vs #5

#### Semi-Finals

Winner of Game 1 plays the winner of Game 4 and the winner of Game 2 plays the winner of Game 3

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

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#### Shoes Requirements

All shoes worn must be strictly for indoor carpet bowling purposes. **The controlling body may randomly check shoes when needed.**

#### Bowls Requirements

All Bowls must bear a proper World Bowls Stamp. Bowls bearing dates prior to 2014 are allowed. The controlling body may randomly check the bowls before each match starts.

#### Dress Code

All participants must wear clean, appropriate and well-maintained clothing. Blue denim, tank tops, and muscle shirts are not allowed. Red colour is reserved for officials.

#### Abuse

Mistreatment or verbal abuse of an opponent, marker, official, or Controlling Body member will not be tolerated. Should an infraction occur, the offending person, will be warned unless the abuse is considered of such an extreme nature that a warning is not sufficient to prevent a recurrence. On the second occurrence the offending person shall either be disqualified from the remainder of the Pacific



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#### Mobile Phones and Sound Emitting Devices

Any personal electronic and/or communication devices will not be permitted during a match except with the express prior permission of the Controlling Body.

#### Coaching

A preauthorized certified coach is permitted to give advice to their bowler(s) from beyond the limits of the rink of play ONLY when their bowler is in possession of the rink. When seeking advice, the bowler may step off the green should they wish to do so. Coaches may give advice to their bowler while an end is in play up to a maximum of three (3) times throughout the course of a match. Coaches may give advice between ends as frequently as required but must NOT delay or slow play.

#### Live Streaming and Photography on or Near the Greens

The front row seats/benches and the benches and space on the scoreboard side are reserved for live streaming authorized by the controlling body, official photographers, and officials on duty. No personal photographic equipment is allowed to put on any green or surrounding area during any matches. No flashes are to be used during matches.

#### Smoking, Alcoholic Beverages and/or Other Psychoactive Substances

Smoking, vaping of any substances is not permitted within the PIBC building nor is it permitted directly outside the doors of the building. Alcoholic beverages and/or psychoactive substances are not to be consumed by bowlers during the match. This includes CBD – related products such as edibles and gummies.

#### Movement and Excessive Noise During Matches

Please keep your voices low in order not to affect the performance of the bowlers. Players must remain fully within the confines of their own rink in order to not distract payers in adjacent rinks, else the sanctions in Law 13.4 (LSB – CM 4<sup>th</sup> Edition) will apply.

#### Practice

Practice is allowed before the official match start time (not on any rink the player is playing on later that day) at the discretion of the controlling body.

#### Delaying and Slow Play

**Players must play without undue delay** and in a way which does not prevent their opponents from being able to complete the required number of ends or within the time limits determined by the Controlling Body. LSB – CM 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Appendices A.5, will apply.

#### Alterations to the Format and Length of Matches

The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter any of the conditions if that alteration is deemed necessary to suit unforeseen circumstances.