



## **CENTRAL OTAGO BOWLS INC.**

### **Championship Singles**

### **Conditions of Play**

#### **Laws and Regulations:**

All competitions must be played in accordance with the **Laws of the Sport of Bowls**, Crystal Mark Fourth Edition effective 1 April 2023

**Absentee players:** (Law 39) If any player/s are absent in a team or side, the game may continue, and Law 39 will apply.

**Leaving the Venue:** No player shall leave a venue at any competition without reporting to the Umpire.

**Catering:** Morning and afternoon tea will be provided by the host club. Players will make their own arrangements for lunch unless otherwise stated.

**Cell phones:** Use is not permitted by players on or alongside the greens during play. Preferably, cell phones should be switched off or turned to silent.

**Smoking/Vaping:** Teams/Players visiting other Clubs must abide by the rules of the host Club. There is to be NO SMOKING OR VAPING in clubrooms, on the greens, or surrounds at Centre Events. Smoking or Vaping to be in the Club's designated areas only or outside the Club boundaries.

**Entries:** All players in Centre Events must be full financial members of a club affiliated to Central Otago Bowls Inc.

**Centre Titles:** Open Champion of Champion Events qualify for a Centre Title but do not go forward to National Champion of Champion Events.

**Clothing:** Players in a team or side must wear their club uniform.

**Code of Conduct:** All players will comply with and observe the requirements of the "Code of Conduct for Players in Central Otago Bowls Events" as set down in the document dated 2 October 2022.

**Controlling Body:** The Controlling Body for these events is the Central Otago Bowls Match Committee. The Controlling Body will have the right to alter, add to or delete any conditions of play due to unfavourable weather and/or special conditions to enable the completion of the tournament. Each event will be under the control of a Tournament Manager appointed by Central Otago Bowls Inc.

**Defaulters:** No team entered in a team event or entrant in a singles event will withdraw from that event except in the case of illness of a player or other just cause. The Controlling Body may require evidence of the illness or other just cause to be submitted.

**Draws:** A list of Entrants will be published on Bowls Hub during the week prior to each event. An open, random draw will be conducted prior to the commencement of each open event on Bowls Hub. Post Section Draws will be advertised on Bowls Hub on the evening prior to the event. Random draws for Champion of Champion events will be made upon confirmation of entries from all clubs.

Where possible players/clubs who have a bye in the first round will be advised prior to the event.

**Dual Membership:** If a player and/or player in a team WINS a club championship competition that qualifies them for a centre champion of champions event, they are ineligible to enter another club's competition in that discipline.

**A player and/or player in a team can only win one club championship or centre Champion of Champions event per discipline in a single season. *For clarity, if a player wins any club championship, in any discipline, then they may NOT enter that same discipline at any other club, in any centre, in the same season.***

**A player and/or player in a team, can only play in one active club championship discipline at any one time. For clarity, the player may enter another club's (if they are full playing member) championship in the same discipline ONLY after the first club's championship in the same discipline has concluded and/or they are knocked out of that club's event.**

**Substitutes: (Domestic Regulation 2):** Any change in playing personnel shall be subject to the prior approval of the Controlling Body and shall be limited to one Substitute in Pairs and Triples and two Substitutes for Fours. No substitutes will be approved for Open Singles and Runner-up may Substitute for 1-5 competitions. Under no circumstances may a Substitute play in the position of Skip and teams must alter playing positions accordingly. Applications will be considered for the following reasons: sickness, bereavement, work commitments, and other individual exceptional circumstances may also be considered. The Controlling Body require the Substitute Application Form to be submitted and documents or evidence to support applications. All applications should be submitted to the appropriate Tournament Secretary as soon as possible. Substitutes shall not be permitted if a team member enters another tournament scheduled to play at the same time. Application forms are available from the Central Otago Bowls website ([www.bowlscentralotago.com](http://www.bowlscentralotago.com)), Tournament Secretary or Club Secretaries.

**Prizes:** The awarding of prize money will be determined by Central Otago Bowls Inc.

**Score cards:** Skips will keep the score card (1 to keep card & 1 to keep scoreboard by mutual agreement). The Official card must be completed clearly and in full for every game. The names of all players and the time the game finished must be entered and the score card must be signed by the skips. Signed Score Cards must be retained by each Club.

**Submissions for consideration for next season:** Should you have any concerns or grievances that need to be brought to the attention of Central Otago Bowls Inc. please submit these in writing where they will be dealt with as appropriate.

Clubs to submit remits or changes to competition by 30 November. These will be considered at a General Meeting in January and Clubs will forward a Remit to the April General Meeting for a Vote.

**Trial Ends: (Law 5.1):** Before the scheduled start of play each day, or before continuing an unfinished game on another day, one trial end may be played in each direction.

**Practice Ends (Law 4.0):** If a player or team that has not yet played is due to meet a player or team that has already played on the same day, that player or team that has not yet played can practise as according to Laws 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4. They will also be entitled to trial ends, on their first rink of play, along with their opponents.

If a team has a bye in a subsequent round, they will only be entitled to practice on another available rink as designated by the Controlling Body.

**Disputes and Complaints:** The Match Committee will act on complaints and playing disputes, provided they comply with Law 36 or 52.4. All Complaints and Disputes must be forwarded in writing, on the appropriate form, to: The Secretary, Central Otago Bowls Inc.

**Special Conditions of Play:** All Special Conditions of Play to be read in conjunction with the standard conditions of play.

## **CHAMPION OF CHAMPION SINGLES:**

**Entries:** Players who win their Club Championship Singles are eligible to represent their Club.

**Entry fee:** \$25 per player.

**Date:** Saturday 22 March 2025.

**Bowls:** Each player will play 4 bowls in each end.

**Games:** 21 shots, no time limit. All games played will be knockout.

**Play will commence by:** 8.30am.

**Substitutes:** No Substitutes are allowed for Open Singles.

**Restricting the movement of players during play:** In all games, players will be allowed to walk up to the head only after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.

**Marking:** All defeated players will be required to mark the next game.