

Bowls (Indoor and Outdoor) By-laws

Section 1 - Competition Rules

The competition shall operate under the IIGA Constitutional Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict with the aforesaid IIGA Rules and Regulations they shall also operate in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (the Laws) under the relevant member National Authority through a controlling body with clearly publicised conditions of play and licensed by World Bowls.

Section 2 – General

2.1 Island Representation

2.1.1 Individual Competition

Singles

Men A maximum of 1 competitor per Member Island

Women A maximum of 1 competitor per Member Island

2.1.2 Pairs

Men A maximum of 2 competitors per Member Island

Women A maximum of 2 competitors per Member Island

2.1.3 Fours

Men A maximum of 4 competitors per Member Island

Women A maximum of 4 competitors per Member Island

2.1.4 The minimum number of entrants is 1 per Member Island.

2.1.5 The maximum number of entrants is 14 to consist of 7 men and 7 women per Member Island

2.1.6 Team Competition

Dependant on entries an overall Team competition and a Triples competition may be included.

2.2 Age of Competitors

2.2.1 The minimum age limit for competitors will be 13 years on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

2.2.2 In respect of competitors under the age of 18 years competing Member Islands must make arrangement for them to be correctly supervised and comply with all relevant child welfare legislation of their own Island and that of the Host Island.

2.3 Officials

2.3.1 To be appointed by the Organising Committee

2.3.2 The competition will be controlled by the Umpire and/or a Marker both of whom shall be suitably qualified.

2.4 Events

2.4.1 Individual - Mens and Women's

Single

Pairs

Fours

2.4.2 Triples (dependent upon entries)

2.4.3 Team Event (dependent upon entries)

2.4.4 Competition Programme

No Member Island will be able to enter the same player in both the Singles and Pairs. However such players could be included within the Fours Team (or Triples if held).

2.5 Training

2.5.1 Arrangements for any Pre-Games training/practice shall be made at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

2.5.2 Competition venues should be made available to the competing Member Island Teams for training a minimum of 2 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

2.6 Draws

To be undertaken by the Host Island in conjunction with the Technical Committee

2.7 Venues

All venues chosen by the Organising Committee must meet the green, ditch and banks requirements specified under the Laws.

Any other dimensions should be approved by the Technical Committee.

2.8 Equipment

2.8.1 Each competitor shall provide their own bowls but all other equipment shall be provided by the Host Island. The mat, jack, bowls and measures must comply with the Laws including the requirement for all bowls to display the World Bowls Stamp from Licensed Manufacturers and Testers.

2.8.2 Lockers to be provided for the storage of players personal effects

2.9 Clothing

2.9.1 The regulation of WB concerning clothing and advertising on clothing will apply; provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.

2.9.2 Competitors to wear white or other colour polo shirts with their Member Island's name printed on the back as approved by the controlling body.

2.9.3 Men to wear white or grey trousers; women to wear white or grey trousers or skirts with grey, brown or white flat smooth soled Bowling shoes.

2.9.4 All competitors in a Team shall wear the same colour/design of clothing for a game.

2.10 Medical

The Organising Committee shall provide sufficient medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

2.11 Medals

The winner of each Group will play for the Gold and Silver Medals. The runner up in each group shall receive a Bronze medal. The number of Groups will be determined by the number of entries as decided by the Host Island.

2.12 Protests and Complaints

Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Director of Bowling and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court.

2.13 Banned Substances and Drug Testing

All competitors in every event shall be subject to Section 9 of the Operational Guidelines of the IIGA.

Section 3 - Technical Committee**3.1 Appointment**

The Technical Committee will be appointed at each Games Post-Competition Meeting and shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Members – a Chairman, Secretary plus up to 4 Members. Both of the future Host Islands (if applicable) should be represented and if at all possible at least 1 of the positions should be permanent e.g. Secretary or Chairman to ensure continuity.

3.2 Meetings

The Technical Committee will meet if necessary at any time during the Games. In the period between the Games the Technical Committee will act as an advisory/consultative body on any matters arising.

Section 4 – Pre and Post-Competition Meetings

4.1 The Pre and Post-Competition Meetings shall be called and chaired by the Host Island Sports Co-ordinator and shall be attended by the Technical Committee and up to 2 representatives from each competing Member Island Team.

4.2 The Jury of Appeal will be appointed at the Pre-Competition Meeting. A panel of 5 Members (preferably from different competing Member Islands) plus a non-voting Secretary will be appointed. A minimum of 3 Members plus the Secretary would be required to hear an appeal. If the appeal concerns a competitor from the same Member Island as 1 of the Jury Members he/she cannot participate in any decision taken.

Section 5 – Competition**5.1 Singles Men's and Women's**

Each competitor shall play 4 bowls singly and alternately in accordance with the Laws. The winner of each game shall be the 1st competitor attaining 21 shots. (Shots in excess of 21 shall not count) If played in groups all competitors shall play each other in the group. 2 points for a win; 1 point for a draw.

5.2 Pairs Men's and Women's

2 competitors, a lead and a skip, shall play 4 bowls each, the lead playing 1st and then the skip as defined in the Laws.

It is anticipated matches shall be a maximum of up to 21 ends, and depending on the number of entries, each Team will play each other Team in the group.

In each game Teams will be awarded 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie and the Team gaining the highest number of points in all their games will be the winner of their group in the Pairs competition.

5.3 Fours Men's and Women's

A Fours Team shall consist of 4 competitors, each playing 2 bowls singly and in turn, commencing with the lead, followed by the 2nd, 3rd and skip, as defined in the WIBC Laws.

It is anticipated matches shall be a maximum of up to 18 ends or an agreed time limit, and depending on the number of entries, each Team will play each other Team in the group.

In each game Teams will be awarded 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie and the Team gaining the highest number of points in all their games will be the winner of their group in the Fours competition.

5.4 General Rules

5.4.1 Arrangement of games, any game play, movement of bowls and jack, play, players and their duties, results and all other matters will be interpreted in accordance with the Laws.

5.4.2 Conditions of play must be clearly publicised.

N.B. Tenpin By-laws are to be added prior to being included in the Programme for a Games.