

Regulation 8

Centre Events.



Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc.

Men's and Women's Centre Championships & Centre Competitions

Includes:

- Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours – Open Centre Championships
- Champion of Champions - Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours
- 5 Years and Under Singles and Pairs Championships
- Over 60's Champion of Champions Singles and Pairs
- 2 x 4 x 2 Mixed Pairs

REGULATION FOR THE CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS - MEN AND WOMEN

STATUS OF REGULATION

This Regulation is supplementary to, and made in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, which permits Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. as a Controlling Body to establish Conditions of Play to cover certain aspects of the sport. This Regulation sets out playing aspects for the Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. Centre Championships and applies to all Players and Clubs participating in the Tournament.

COMMENCEMENT DATE

Pursuant to Rule 4 of the Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. Constitution, this Regulation was amended by the Board of Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. and comes into effect on the date approved by the Centre Board.

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 The words and phrases used in this Regulation shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution of Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc., unless otherwise specified in these Regulations. For avoidance of doubt, the conventions used in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls shall **not** apply to this Regulation unless expressly stated.

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- 1.2 “**Season**” is the period of competition for the game of Bowls which for the purposes of this Regulation shall commence on 1st July and end on 30th June the following year.
- 1.3 “**Tournament**” means the Bowls Counties Manukau Inc. Championships and Competitions.
- 1.4 “**Centre Board**” means the Board of Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc.
- 1.5 “**Laws of the Sport of Bowls**” means the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark, Third Edition, version 3.2, June 2020.

2. **NAME OF TOURNAMENT**

- 2.1 The name of the any Tournament is as determined by the Centre Board.
- 2.2 All Clubs must refer to the tournament by this name.

3. **SPONSORSHIP/NAMING RIGHTS**

- 3.1 The Tournament is owned by Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc.
- 3.2 Should Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. have a sponsor and or sponsors for the Centre events then they will be named as the main sponsor of the Tournament.
- 3.3 Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. may also enter into agreements with subsidiary sponsors for this Tournament.

4. **ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 As a condition of entry into the Tournament, all Players must acknowledge and agree to be bound by and comply with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Conditions of Play and the Code of Conduct (Regulation 21) as set out by Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc.
- 4.2 By completing and registering an entry all players so entered and clubs **agree to be bound by** and to accept this Regulation including these eligibility requirements.
- 4.3 Entry to the Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. Centre Championships **shall be restricted** to Full Playing members of Bowling Clubs affiliated to the Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc.
- 4.4 Entry to team’s events (pairs, triples and fours) **shall** be limited to players from the **same club**. This means **no Composite teams allowed except** as specifically provided for in the 2 x 4 x 2 Mixed Pairs event.

5. **DATES**

- 5.1 The Centre Championships shall be played each Season.
- 5.2 The specific dates as set by the Board of Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. shall be communicated through the Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. Events Calendar.

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6. VENUES

- 6.1 The Venue for each Centre Championship shall, upon application or as agreed with a host club, be decided by the Board of Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc., or its appointed nominee at least five (5) weeks prior to the event being played.

7. CONTROLLING BODY

- 7.1 Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc., or its appointed nominee, is the Controlling Body for the Tournament. The overall control of the Tournament rests with Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc.

8. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

(Applicable for both Men and Women - separate competitions for both genders as well as any specified mixed events)

The Conditions of Play (COP) for all Centre Championships (including Champion of Champions and Restricted Events) will be determined by the Board of Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc., or its appointed nominee. Such conditions of play will be made available to clubs and players prior to the Tournament commencing.

BOWLS NZ – NATIONAL CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS EVENT

The winners of each of the disciplines in the Champion of Champions events qualify to represent Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. at the National finals event subject to meeting any and all other qualifying criteria.

Attendance at the National Finals **shall be at the expense of the winners.** Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. shall not be liable for any costs in the attendance and participation at any of these events.

9. TRIAL ENDS

- 9.1 Pursuant to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls trial ends will be allowed before competition commences each day. 1 Trial end in each direction shall be completed at least ten (10) minutes prior to the start of play.
- 9.2 The requirement to have trial ends completed as stated in 9.1 above may be varied by the Tournament Director should circumstances occur that necessitates such a variation. Time to complete trial ends shall be made available prior to commencement of play.

10. ARRANGEMENT FOR PRACTICE

- 10.1 Should a player or team have had a bye and then be drawn to play an opponent or opposing team they shall be entitled to practice, providing the opponent or opposing team has played in an earlier round.
- 10.2 The Laws of the Sport of Bowls shall apply.

11. COMPLETION OF POST SECTION PLAY FOR CENTRE EVENTS

The events may not be completed within the schedule of two days. Any uncompleted games will be played by mutual agreement and **shall** be played before

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any deadline that the Centre or Bowls New Zealand has imposed. Should a player or players and or teams fail to agree on a playing date then Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. reserves the right to set a time, date and place for the completion of the event.

12. **COMPLETION OF PLAY FOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS EVENTS**

The events may not be completed within the one day. Any uncompleted games will be played by mutual agreement and **shall** be played before any deadline that the Centre or Bowls New Zealand has imposed. Should player and or teams fail to agree on a playing date then Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. reserves the right to set a time, date and place for the completion of the event.

13. **MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING GAME**

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

Singles game (each player playing four bowls);
the opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.

Pairs game (each player playing three bowls);
the leads: after delivery of their third bowl; and
the skips: after delivery of their second and third bowls.

Triples game (each player playing two bowls);
the lead: after delivery of their second bowl; and
the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

Fours game (each player playing two bowls);
the lead: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl;
the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl
the third: after the delivery of their second bowl and
the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

2x4x2 Pairs game (each player playing a total of 4 bowls);
the lead/skip: after delivery of their second bowl; and
the seconds and third: after delivery of their fourth bowl
the skips/lead: after delivery of each of their bowls.

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier than described above. Similarly, in a singles game, a player may also visit the head.

14. **CELL PHONES**

14.1 Use is not permitted by players on or alongside the greens during play. It is preferred that cell phones are switched off or turned to silent. The use of a cell phone by players whilst their game is in progress is not permitted.

14.2 Players are required to be respectful of players on the green when using a cell phone at other times.

15. SCORE CARDS

Score cards: These 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 both singles players or in instances of teams, by both skips and handed into the Umpire(s).

16. DELAYING PLAY

- 16.1 Players are reminded of their obligation to keep the game flowing at 'good pace'. This means that visits to the head must be no longer than reasonably expected given all circumstances. Players going to the head must, at least, walk to and from the head at a 'brisk pace'.
- 16.2 Players when crossing over should be wary of the requirements to avoid any unnecessary delays and be aware of any games on corresponding rinks.
- 16.3 Any player or team deemed to be delaying play shall be dealt with in terms of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

17. VARIATION OF CONDITIONS

- 17.1 In the event of inclement weather or other extraordinary circumstances the Tournament Director may vary the conditions by reducing the number of ends and/or limiting the time of any game, or reducing the number of games but any decision must be made before commencement of a game otherwise the Laws of the Sport of Bowls applies.
- 17.2 Unless otherwise notified all players should report to their designated venue on time.

18. LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS

- 18.1 **Late Arrivals:** As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
- 18.2 The event will be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls in all other circumstances not covered in this Regulation.

19. ENTRY FEE

- 19.1 An Entry Fee of **\$15:00** will be charged for each person in all disciplines unless otherwise amended by the Centre Board.
- 19.2 **Withdrawals and Refunds of Entry Fee.** Notification of any withdrawal must be conveyed to the Centre Events Committee, acknowledged by them, 3 days before the event to qualify for a Refund. Notification, regardless of circumstances, outside these requirements will mean that **NO REFUND** will be made.

20. MARKERS FOR SINGLES EVENTS

- 20.1 For qualifying Centre events and for first round of Post Section play it shall be the responsibility of the host Club, in consultation with the players' clubs and the Centre's Events Committee to provide personnel to undertake the duties of marking

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the game/s of singles. On some occasions these markers may be required to mark in round 2 of Post Section play.

20.2 For Round 2 and subsequent rounds **players who have lost their preceding match are required to mark** in the next proceeding round or rounds and **must report** to the Tournament Director immediately **after the game** has concluded. Should their services be required and requested, and the player fails to undertake these duties then the particular details shall be reported to the Centre's Events Committee for the Events Committee to address the issue. It should be noted that if warranted, the matter could be regarded as a misconduct or disciplinary matter.

20.3 The Duties of a marker are described in this document in Appendix D

21. **PRIZE POLICY**

21.1 Prize money for selected Centre events will be determined at the sole discretion of the Board of Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc.

21.2 The Board may, at their discretion, amend the Prize policy as they see fit.

21.3 All players reaching the finals of a Centre Championship event will receive a Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. certificate.

22. **MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP**

The Marketing and Sponsorship arrangements for the Tournament (including signage) will rest with the Board of Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. who will also be responsible for keeping the Events Committee informed.

23. **EVENT DRAW**

23.1 The Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. Board, or their appointed nominee, shall be responsible for arranging and producing the Draw for the event.

23.2 The event draw shall be forwarded to the Tournament Director and posted on the Centre's website once it has been done. Every endeavour shall be made to have the draw published 1 week prior to the event.

23.3 **Entries Closing Date** – will be as shown in the Centre Handbook, the BCM Web page or on notices promoting the event. Entries received after this date shall be at the discretion of the Events Committee and will generally only be accepted to prevent a bye.

24. **SUBSTITUTES AND REPLACEMENTS**

24.1 Substitutes and changes to original team members will be allowed in limited circumstances in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc.

24.2 The Controlling Body may require documents or evidence to support any applications.

25. **CLOTHING**

Players' footwear and clothing must comply with the provisions of Bowls New Zealand Regulation.

26. **SMOKING and ALCOHOL POLICIES**

To avoid misunderstanding the smoking, vaping and alcohol policies **will be as per** the host club's Smoking Policy and Alcohol Policy.

27. **UMPIRES**

The Events Committee will be responsible for ensuring that Umpires are allocated to venues for the tournaments, and advise the Tournament Director.

28. **IMAGES**

Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. reserves the right to use any image of any player or team obtained at its events in any future publicity opportunities and or on the Centre's website.

29. **GREENS**

29.1 Green or greens will be allocated by the Centre Board in consultation with the Events Committee and key personnel including the Green Keepers.

29.2 The Events Committee, will notify Clubs of greens and the number of rinks to be used for section as well as post-section play.

29.3 Greens regardless of whether they are a natural surface or artificial surface, shall be used for Centre events provided they meet the standard assessment for greens as promoted by Bowls NZ.

30. **MISCONDUCT**

Any breach of conduct will be dealt with under Regulations 3 of the Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. Regulations. Details are available on the Centre's website.

31. **APPEALS**

31.1 **Appeals against Decisions of Umpires - Introduction**

The Laws of the Sport of Bowls provides that "the Umpire's decision is final in all circumstances except those relating to the meaning or interpretation of a law, in which case there will be a right of appeal to the Controlling Body".

Appeals Procedure

- 1) **Right of Appeal:** Any player who wishes to appeal a decision of an umpire in a game may do so, only if such appeal relates to the meaning or interpretation of a law in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
- 2) **Timing of an Appeal:** Any such appeal must be lodged with the Tournament Director within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the game.

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- 3) **Players Appeal Procedure:** The appeal must be in writing headed “Player Appeal against Umpire’s Decision”, outlining all the relevant facts and aspects of the matter, signed by the player and accompanied by an appeal fee of fifty dollars (\$50).
- 4) **Tournament Director’s Role:** On receipt of the appeal, the Tournament Director shall as soon as practicable:
 - Notify the Umpire that he or she is required to submit a written report (“Umpire’s Report”) on all the circumstances leading up to and including the decision in the game which is subject to the appeal and forward it to the Events Committee within 24 hours of such notification.
 - Forward the Player’s Appeal notification to the Events Committee.
- 5) The Events Committee shall refer the matter to the Centre Board and if the Board deems it appropriate to establish a Jury of Appeal to review and determine the matter.
- 6) **Jury of Appeal:** If the Jury of Appeal considers the appeal relates to the meaning or interpretation of the law in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, it shall consider the Player’s Appeal, the Umpire’s Report and any other evidence it considers appropriate, as soon as practicable. The Player and the Umpire shall be given a reasonable opportunity to make submissions on all the evidence which the Jury of Appeal proposes to take into account. The Jury of Appeal shall then determine whether or not the appeal is upheld or dismissed.
- 7) **Decision of the Umpire in Error – Appeal Upheld**
 - If the Jury of Appeal determines that the Umpire’s decision was in error (whether partly or whole) it shall order the appeal upheld, and immediately inform the Tournament Director and Events Committee, who in turn shall immediately notify the Player and the Umpire of the decision.
 - If the result of the game in which this erroneous decision was made affected a subsequent draw, game/s, tournament results or other decision prior to the Jury of Appeal’s decision, then the result of the game which gave rise to the appeal shall not be altered. However the Events Committee must notify the Player, the Umpire and their relevant Clubs of such decision so they are aware of the meaning or interpretation to be given to the relevant Law in the future.
 - If the result of the game in which this erroneous decision was made will not affect, or has not affected, any subsequent draw, game/s, tournament results or other decision by the time the Jury of Appeal delivers its decision, the Jury of Appeal shall make such adjustments to the score of the game and/or the tournament in which the game was held or any other tournaments, and/or order any other further action it considers appropriate, to rectify the result.
 - If the Appeal is upheld. The appeal fee shall be refunded to the player.
- 8) **Decision of Umpire Correct – Appeal Dismissed**

If the Jury of Appeal determines that the Umpire’s decision was correct, it shall dismiss the appeal and immediately inform the Events

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Committee who in turn shall immediately notify the Player and the Umpire of the decision.

9) **Status Pending Decision**

Pending the decision of the Jury of Appeal being determined and delivered, the decision of the Umpire shall be valid.

31.2 Appeals against Deliberate Non- Sporting Action

- a) The Laws of the Sport of Bowls provides that “If an opponent, the Manager in a side game, the Umpire or the Controlling Body decides that a player has deliberately committed an act designed to give them or their team an unfair advantage, they can appeal to the Controlling Body”.
- b) Any appeal shall be dealt with under Rule 23.1 (a) of the Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. Constitution.

APPENDIX A: RESTRICTED CENTRE EVENTS:

5 Years and Under

- A Player, whilst being a Full Playing Member of an affiliated club to Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. shall be considered to be “**5 Years and Under**” players only for the first 5 seasons that they are a member of a Club.
- A Player who has been a full playing member of a Bowling Club in another country shall count the number of years they have been such a member, in that country, to determine their eligibility for this event.
- Should there be any doubt a player may apply to the Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. Board for determination of status.

Over 60 Years

- A Player, whilst being a Full Playing Member of an affiliated club to Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. shall be considered to qualify for this event if they have attained the age of 60 years by the date of the qualifying tournament in any one season.

APPENDIX B: UMPIRES DUTIES

1. As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Duties of an Umpire).
2. Become conversant with the playing conditions, Conditions of Play and Regulations governing the Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. championships and tournaments. See Regulation 8.
3. If bowls are challenged the Umpire shall refer the challenge to the Tournament Director.
4. Attendance at greens should be half an hour prior to the start.
5. Review the charts being used for each green during the event.
6. Check the Umpires equipment. If using the Club's equipment, ensure that everything likely to be required is available and in good order. String measures and calipers should be available for measuring in ditches. Familiarise yourself with the use of the Boundary liner and Boundary scope.
7. Check that all pegs/markings on the green are correctly placed and that the rinks are in accordance with Bowls New Zealand Regulations.
8. **Score Cards:** [To check]
 - 8.1 Identified by Skips name. This is the first name of the team. Ensure Rink Number and Round Number are in allocated boxes.
 - 8.2 Position of names on card to correspond with chart.
 - 8.3 If two singles players or skips are of the same name, identify by initials and club.
 - 8.4 Print all names on the scorecards is in BLOCK LETTERS.
 - 8.5 At the conclusion of games, as each completed card is handed to the Umpire to check that they are correctly filled in, including finish time, and signed by both Skips or Opponents and that the winner's name has been circled.

APPENDIX C: RECORDERS INSTRUCTIONS (For Multi Club Events)

1. Each Club with more than one green in use for the Centre Bowling Championships will require the services of a Recorder reporting to the Tournament Director. Attendance at the greens should be half an hour prior to the start.
2. The Charts for each green covering the event will be delivered direct to the club/s.
3. The Recorder will maintain one chart (size A3, if possible) suitably displayed for the information of players and spectators.
4. The second chart (size A4) will be used to record results for transmission to the Tournament Director.
5. **Score Cards:**
 - i) Identify by Skips name. This is the first name of the team. Print Rink Number and Round Number in allocated boxes.
 - ii) Position of names on card to correspond with chart.
 - iii) If two singles players or skips are of the same name, identify by initials and club.
 - iv) **Print** all names on charts and scorecards in BLOCK LETTERS.
 - v) Hand scorecards for the current round to the Umpire for distribution to players and markers.
6. **Results:**
 - i) Receive completed and checked score cards from the Umpire. Should any cards appear to be incorrect, return to them to the Umpire for investigation and verification – including finishing time of the game.
 - i) Record individual scores against each opponent or team.

e.g:	Smith W	20/16	all in black/blue
	Jones L	16/20	all in red
7. **Advising Tournament Director** – (Report results as soon as possible).
 - i) When chart is completed for each round, advise Tournament Director.
 - ii) Reading from the top of the chart and going down the recorder will give the name and team number of all **WINNERS** and their scores.
 - iii) Reading from the top of the chart and going down the recorder will give the name and team number of all **LOSERS** and their scores.
8. At the end of play secure all score cards in order and sections, place in a secure repository, as they could possibly be referred to at a later time.

APPENDIX D: MARKERS DUTIES

1. **In the absence of an Umpire, the Marker should:**
 - i. Make sure that all aspects of play are carried out in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls;
 - ii. Check, before the game starts, that the rink of play is correctly set up. If there are any issues to notify the Tournament Director.

2. **The Marker should:**
 - i) Centre the jack.
 - ii) Check that the jack is at least 23 metres from the mat line after it has been centered.
 - iii) Place a jack that comes to rest less than 2 metres from the front ditch as described in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
 - iv) Stand to one side of the rink, behind the jack and away from the head.
 - v) Answer any specific questions about the state of the head which is asked by the player in possession of the rink.
 - vi) When asked, tell or show the player in possession of the rink the position of the jack.
 - vii) When asked, tell the player in possession of the rink which bowl or bowls the marker considers to be shot.
 - viii) When authorized by the Controlling Body, signal to players and spectators (using the appropriate number and colour shot indicators or some other suitable method) which bowl or bowls the marker considers to be the shot.
 - ix) Mark all touchers with chalk and remove the chalk marks from non-touchers as soon as they come to rest.
 - x) If both players agree, remove all dead bowls from the rink of play.
 - xi) Mark the position of a jack and any touchers which are in the ditch as described in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
 - xii) Not move, or cause to be moved, either the jack or any bowls until the players have agreed the number of shots scored.
 - xiii) Measure any disputed shot or shots when asked to do so by either player. If the players are not satisfied with the markers decision, the marker should ask the umpire to do the measuring. The Umpires decision is final.

When each end has been completed, the Marker should:

- i) record the score on the score card;
- ii) tell the players the running totals of the scores; and;
- iii) remove from the rink the mat used during the previous end, if necessary.

When the game has been completed, the Marker should make sure that the score card:

- i) contains the names and signatures of the players;
- ii) contains the time at which the game was completed; and;
- iii) is dealt with in line with the Conditions of Play.