

# Regulation 10

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Pursuant to the Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc. constitution and the Bowls New Zealand Regulation 2 - Substitute Players, this regulation has been adopted by the Board as a Regulation of Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc with effect from 17 April 2024.

### Status of Regulation

This Regulation is made in accordance with the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Bowls NZ Regulations which permits the Centre as a "Controlling Body" to impose special conditions on the composition of Teams and Team Members. This Regulation replaces the BCM Regulation 10 – Substitutions and Replacements dated 18 October 2021.

### 1. Definitions

- 1.1 The words and phrases used in this Regulation shall have the same meaning as defined in the Domestic Regulations of Bowls NZ, unless otherwise specified in these Regulations.
- 1.2 **Original Team:** An original team shall consist of the players whose names are entered on the team's score card at the start of the first game of the tournament. Please note special definition for 'original team', for Champion of Champions events, refer clause 5.
- 1.3 **Approved:** Approved means the approval of the Tournament Director.
- 1.4 **Centre:** Centre means the Board of Bowls Counties Manukau 2010 Inc.

### 2. Substitutions:

- 2.1 A substitute may be permitted into a team at any stage during a game throughout the course of a tournament.
- 2.2 A substitute is a player who is either temporarily or permanently replacing an absent team member during a game or tournament.
- 2.3 Requirements in introducing a substitute:
  - a) The substitute must play in any position other than skip, and the other members of the team can rearrange their position as necessary.  
If the tournament is a graded event, a substitute graded skip can play as skip. The Tournament Director may approve a team member to play in a higher graded position but under no circumstances shall a team member play in a lower graded position.
  - b) The Tournament Director shall determine if the request for a substitution is valid. A valid reason includes but is not limited to; illness, a bereavement of a close family relative, Jury Service duty, work commitments, Centre or Bowls NZ commitments. Other exceptional circumstances may also be considered.
  - c) A substitute shall not be permitted if a team member enters another tournament scheduled to be played at the same time.

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- d) If a player for which the substitute was replacing later becomes available, the player shall, with the consent of the Tournament Director, rejoin the team in the same position at the completion of any end. Wherever possible, the original player should return to the team before another player is appointed as a substitute.
- e) A substitute team member must be approved when a player has qualified or been selected for a Centre or Bowls NZ tournament.

### 3. Limitation of Substitutions:

- 3.1 No substitute is permitted in any Singles game except that in a "Sides Match" a substitute player may be permitted.
- 3.2 A Triples or Pairs team may only contain one substitute at any one time during a tournament.
- 3.3 A Fours team may contain up to two substitutes at any one time during a tournament.
- 3.4 A substitute approved by the Tournament Director shall, where possible be:
  - i. A player of playing ability equal to or less than the team member who is being substituted [therefore, the team not becoming a better team in terms of playing ability, than the original team];
  - ii. A player who has not already participated in the tournament;
  - iii. A player who satisfies the eligibility requirements for team members stated in the Conditions of Play;

**Note:** The Tournament Director has full and final say as to the approval of a substitute.

### 4. General:

- 4.1 The awarding of trophies or other acknowledgement of winning a tournament to a substitute in the winning team shall be the prerogative of the Centre.
- 4.2 If the tournament leads on to a pathway event, the Centre shall decide if the substitute will be approved to play in that tournament. The criteria outlined in clause 2.3 b) and clause 3 above should duly considered in determining the approval.
- 4.3 If no eligible substitute is available, the team will be deemed a defaulting team and will forfeit the game to their opponents.
- 4.4 If a player has to leave the green during the course of a Singles game due to illness or some other reasonable cause and they cannot return within 10 minutes, the player will be deemed to be a defaulting player and will forfeit the game to their opponent.
- 4.5 For games that have a time limit no time extension will be granted beyond 10 minutes because of an interruption due to a player leaving the green.
- 4.6 The Tournament Director, when receiving the request to approve a substitute player may seek guidance from the BCM Events Committee before he/she finally decides.

### **5. Centre Champion of Champions Events:**

- 5.1 The Team Members of the team that wins a Club Championship are regarded as the 'original team' and as such shall be nominated by the Club for entry to the Champion of Champions Event.
- 5.2 Any substitution change in the 'original team' prior to the commencement of the event shall be subject to the approval of the BCM Events Committee.  
A submission notification to the Events Committee would be by way of an email to [bcmsecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:bcmsecretary1@gmail.com) or phone call to the BCM Board Secretary.
- 5.3 If an Original Team Member of a club championship team is unable to continue playing in that team, their substitution will be considered using the criteria outlined in clause 2.3 b) in determining the approval.
- 5.4 For any substitute player the provisions of Clause 3 (Limitations of Substitutions) also apply.