

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

2019 Pairs Playdowns

All games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark, 3rd Edition.

Cell Phones and/or Sound-Emitting Devices: Any such devices must be muted or turned down. Violations shall be considered a violation of rink possession. Law 41.7 is not superseded.

Changes in Scheduling: If an event cannot be conducted in accordance with the published schedule or if a special situation arises, the Tournament Committee may make whatever changes it deems appropriate. In these Conditions of Play, Tournament Committee and Tournament Director are synonymous.

Date Stamps on Bowls: Any bowls that have a clearly legible ALBA, IBB, WBB or WB stamp, date, and serial number are approved for use; however, there will be no inspection of bowls.

Determination of Winners: Three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, zero (0) points for a loss. No limit to plus points.

Disputes: 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.

Dress Code: Teams must match in color of shirts and shorts. Shirts and shorts may be white or colored. Shorts may be no shorter than three inches above the knee.

Eligibility: All entrants must be United States citizens (proof may be required) and a member of Bowls USA.

Footwear: Shoes must be flat-soled and heel-less. This rule will be enforced.

Format: Blind draw to separate into Stars and Stripes. 16 teams or fewer: round robin format. More than 16: double elimination format. Two 18-end games each day BOTH WEEKENDS

as needed to determine winner and runner-up in each group.

Late Arrivals: A penalty of one point and one end played will be assessed for each ten minutes after the official start time. A late arrival time of 30 minutes or more will result in forfeiture of that game. This rule may be waived in extenuating circumstances.

Movement of Players: Appendix A, A.4, Restricting the movement of players during play, as written in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Third Edition, may be invoked for all matches.

No Dead Ends: A jack in motion that passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play must be re-spotted on the 2-meter mark on the center line. If that position is occupied by a bowl, the jack will be placed between the bowl and the mat line without touching the bowl.

Practice Before Tournament: There may be a scheduled practice day prior to the day of the event.

Practice Before Trial Ends: Practice is allowed between 8:00 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. if the greenskeeper has completed setup. All equipment (mats and jacks) to be returned where you found them. Attendance during morning announcements, beginning at 8:45 a.m., is mandatory.

Prize Money/Awards: Winning this event qualifies the Stars pairs winner and the Stripes pairs winner entry to the National Championships to be held at the San Francisco LBC on Sept 21-27. Winners will receive a medal, and minimal prize money may be available.

Smoking: Smoking is prohibited on any greens. Designated smoking areas, if any, will be identified during morning announcements.

Starting Times and/or Time Limits: No time limits. First game starts promptly at **9:00 a.m.**

Tiebreaker: If two teams have the same number of game points, the tiebreaker is a full 18-end playoff game. If three teams have the same number of game points, the team with the greatest amount of plus points sits out while the other two teams play an 18-end playoff game. The winner of the playoff plays the team that sat out. If four teams have the same number of game points, two 18-end playoff games are played with a blind draw for opponent, and the winning teams will play each other in another 18-end playoff game. (These examples may be extrapolated for any additional numbers of teams with game point ties at the end of regulation play.)

Trial Ends: Four bowls in each direction before each game. Trial ends are not mandatory in any game. If one team chooses not to play trial ends, the other team may do so.

Umpires: Prior to start of play, umpires, as available, will be introduced.

Venue: Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club, 1109 Federation Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803,
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