

# CONDITIONS OF PLAY

## 2019 SW Women's Division Open

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

**Fours:** Saturday/Sunday – 4/6 – 4/7

**Pairs:** Monday/Tuesday – 4/8 – 4/9

**Singles:** Wednesday/Thursday – 4/10 – 4/11

**Rain Date:** Friday – 4/12

**Format:** First day of each event -- four 10-end games (fours and pairs), 7 plus/minus points maximum; four 14-point games (singles), no plus point limit. All games must be completed.

On the second day of each event, all (or most) players will return and, based upon results of the first day, be placed into flights. One game guaranteed on the second day (except Championship, which will be two games guaranteed). All games on the second day will be 14 ends except for Singles, which will be 18 points. The final of the Championship flight is 16 ends for pairs and fours. Opposition on the first day will be determined based upon a blind draw.

Ranking after the first day will be done as follows:

1. Win points – 3 for a win, 1 for a tie, and 0 for a loss
2. First tiebreak is the total point difference based upon +/- 7 points per game
3. If two or more teams have the same number of wins and plus points, the tiebreaker shall be as follows: head-to-head results, if any; fewest opponent's points allowed; most ends won; one-end roll-off.

A bye, if necessary, will be considered a game won, and you will receive an average winning score for the round you received the bye in.

**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 Law 41.7 is not superseded.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. Maximum of 10 plus points in any game.

**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:** Team members' shirts and below-the-waist attire must be matching. They may be white or colored. Shorts worn by women may be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Collared shirts are required for all women.

**Eligibility:** All United States citizens must be a member of Bowls USA; all other entrants must be members of a Member National Authority.

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

**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, is 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 Trial Ends:** Practice is allowed between 8:00 a.m. and 8:25 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 8:30 a.m., is mandatory.

**Prize Money/Awards:** The number of entries determines the amount of prize money. The allocation for prize money/awards will be posted at the venue.

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

**Substitutes:** Substitutes must be approved by the Tournament Director. They may not have played in the same event, nor may they skip. Teams are responsible to find their own substitute and are responsible for distribution of any prize money if a substitute is used.

**Starting Times and/or Time Limits:** First game starts promptly at **9:00 a.m.**, with trial ends at **8:45 a.m.** **Time limits:** 1 hr 45 minutes for 10-end games. 2 hr 15 minutes for 14-end games. No posted time limit for singles, but if slow play, one will be instituted. No time limits for the finals in fours, pairs, and singles.

**Tiebreaker:** If two or more teams have the same number of wins and plus points, the tiebreaker shall be as follows: head-to-head results, if any; fewest opponent's points allowed; most ends won; one-end roll-off.

**Trial Ends:** Before the first game only, unless you change greens. 2 bowls each way. 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:** Santa Anita LBC, 405 S. Santa Anita Blvd, Arcadia, CA 91007 626-351-5327