

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

SWD Women's Vet-Novice Pairs

All games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark, 4th Edition.

Date: Saturday, Aug 26, 2023

Venue: Long Beach LBC, 1109 Federation Dr, Long Beach 562-433-9063

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

Novice Eligibility: 2 Year Novice - A new bowler of a recognized lawn bowling club who has been bowling for 24 months or less.

Covid Novice - A bowler who had not completed her 2 years of novice status by 2020 gets to complete her 2 years starting 2022.

Eligibility will be confirmed before the start of play.

Some examples:

- A player joined in the middle of 2018. They got to play in novice tournaments that year and all of 2019. They lost the first half of 2020 and would get that back and then be done at their "join date" in 2022. Two total years of playing as a novice.
- A player joined in the middle of 2019. They got to play in novice tournaments for the rest of 2019, but that's it. We start the clock again for all of 2022 and the first half of 2023 and then they are done being a novice at their "join date" in 2023.
- A player joined in the middle of 2020 or 2021. These are the pandemic years, so they didn't get to play at all in any tournaments. They should get two full years, which would be all of 2022 and 2023 and then they are done being a novice.
- A player joins in 2022 or beyond. They get to play in normal tournaments as before for two years as a novice since they are playing a full schedule.

Time: Announcements at 8:45 a.m.; games start promptly at **9:00 a.m.**

Dress Code: Team members' shirts and below-the-waist attire must be matching. They may be white or colored. Shirts must have collars and sleeves.

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.

Format: Three 10-end pairs games. A and B green. Open blind draw. Lunch after the **second** game.

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

Time Limits: No time limits. First game starts promptly at **9:00 a.m.**

Determination of Winners: Three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, zero (0) points for a loss. Maximum of 7 plus points in any game.

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.

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 Fourth Edition, may be invoked for all matches.

No Burnt 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.

Prize Money/Awards: There will be prize money awarded on each green -- dependent on the number of entries. The number of entries also determines the amount of prize money. The allocation for prize money/awards will be posted at the venue.

Practice Before Tournament: There is no scheduled practice prior to the day of the event.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Smoking: Smoking is prohibited on any greens. 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.

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.

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