

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

2024 Heidi Rittner Australian Pairs

Sponsored by Erin Fernandes, in her mother's name

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

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2024

Venue: Long Beach LBC, 1109 Federation Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803, 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.

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. Collared shirts with sleeves, for example, polo shirts or button-down style shirts. No T-shirts. Players may wear different lengths of bottoms of the same color. No cutoffs.

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: Two-woman team. Three 14-end games shall be played. Australian pairs 2-4-2 format. Open blind draw

Trial Ends: Trial ends before each game, 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.

Time Limits: In each round of play, when the 2nd to last team finishes, there will be no more jacks thrown by the last team.

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.

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.

Restriction of movement of players: In each end the first two bowlers may not visit the head.

At the first crossover, the two bowlers must go to the mat together and may not visit the head.

At the final crossover, the bowler who is bowling second may stay in the head while their direct opponent delivers their first bowl. Both bowlers may go to the head before delivering their last bowl.

If a player does not meet the terms of this law, law 13 (Possession of the Rink) will apply.

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: The number of entries 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. 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.

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.