

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

2024 Singles Playdowns

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

Dates: Saturday and Sunday June 8/9, AND Saturday and Sunday June 15/16, 2024

Venue: Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club, 1550 Crown Drive, Corona del Mar, CA 92625, 949-640-1022

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

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

Dress Code: Collared shirts with sleeves, for example, polo shirts or button-down style shirts. No T-shirts. 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: Blind draw to separate into Stars and Stripes. Winners of Stars and Stripes from 2023 (if present) would be preset as either a Star or Stripe so that those two players would not play against each other in this year's playdowns. 16 teams or fewer: round robin format, two 21-point games each day. 17-24 entries: round robin format, three 16-point games each day as needed, two 16-point games each day when possible. More than 24 entries: double elimination format, 21-point games each day. BOTH WEEKENDS may be used as needed to determine winner and runner-up in each group.

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

Time limits: No time limits.

Determination of Winners: Three (3) points for a win, zero (0) points for a loss. No limit to plus points. All ends shall be played as plus points can matter in a tie-breaker.

Tiebreaker: If two players have the same number of game points, the tiebreaker is a full 21-point playoff game. If three players have the same number of game points, the player with the greatest amount of plus points sits out while the other two players play a 21-point playoff game. The winner of the playoff plays the player that sat out. If four players have the same number of game points, two 21-point playoff games are played with a blind draw for opponent, and the winning players will play each other in another 21-point playoff game. (These examples may be extrapolated for any additional numbers of players with game point ties at the end of regulation play.)

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 centerline. 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: Winning this event qualifies the Stars singles winner and the Stripes singles winner entry to the National Championships to be held in Milwaukee, WI between Sept 9-14. Playdowns winners will receive a medal, and minimal prize money may be available.

Practice Before Tournament: There may be a scheduled practice day 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.

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.