



ONTARIO LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION

CONDITIONS OF PLAY – 2022

**The following Conditions of Play apply to
District and Provincial Championship play only.**

Clubs may choose to set their own Conditions of Play for club tournaments.

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I. COMPETITIONS

- a. As provided in the bylaws of Ontario Lawn Bowls Association (OLBA), the annual championships, including District Championships, will be organized by a Championship Committee that will enforce the policies and rules established by the OLBA Board of Directors to govern such championships. The Championship Committee will have jurisdiction over all matters that fall within the scope of the Emergency Committee and the Jury of Appeal. The Championship Committee will delegate the management of the District Championships to the District Committee and/or the District Representative in accordance with Section IV of these rules.
- b. These championship rules apply to Fours, Pairs, Singles, Mixed Pairs, Senior Triples, Youth, Novice Combo 4's, Novice Singles, Triples, and Indoor Singles.
- c. Fours, Pairs and Singles, will be played by women and men in separate events. Format: dependent on number of entries.
- d. Senior Triples, Novice Singles and Triples will be played by women and men in separate events on two successive levels: District Championships and Ontario Championships.
- e. Novice Combo 4's is a combination of two (2) formats. One is Mixed Fours. The other divides the Mixed Fours teams into Men's Pairs and Women's Pairs. The Men's Pairs and Women's Pairs are then played as separate events.
- f. Mixed Pairs will be played by a woman and a man: either may skip except in the case of substitution between the District Championships and the Ontario Championship level.
- g. All competitions will be governed by the ***Laws of the Sport of Bowls: Crystal Mark Third Edition (Laws)***, any domestic regulations as set by Bowls Canada Boulingrin (BCB) and these Conditions of Play (CoP).
- h. District and Provincial Championships can be played on rinks that are a minimum width of 3.65 meters (12 ft.).
- i. The use of the word "Championships" with no qualifier or descriptor shall be deemed to include all levels of play, including District and Ontario Championships, except in cases where such interpretation would be unreasonable.

II. ELIGIBILITY

1. Requirements for All Participants

- a. Players entering a District Championship must be available to compete at all succeeding events scheduled in the current year including the Ontario Championships, BCB Championships and World Bowls Championships if the BCB and World Bowls accepts entries in that discipline from OLBA and BCB. Players participating in any District or Provincial Championship knowing they can't attend all Ontario, BCB or World Bowls Championships, if applicable, will be suspended from entry into all Ontario Championship Events for a period of up to twelve (12) months.
- b. Each participant must be a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant or a permanent resident. Participants must be prepared to show proof of eligible status.
- c. Each participant must be a permanent resident of Ontario. Participants must be prepared to show proof of eligible status.
- d. To compete in District Championships in a district, the participant must be a paid-up member in good standing with a sticker from an OLBA club in the District where they are competing (Senior Triples and Mixed Pairs excepted). The sticker must be affixed to the participant's OLBA membership card.

- e. For Senior Triples and Mixed Pairs, one member of the team must be a member of a club in the District they are competing in. Other team members of the team can be from any OLBA club in Ontario.
- f. In Fours, Pairs and Singles Championships, because these are OPEN events, participation requires membership, in good standing, of any club in Ontario. OLBA cards with a current sticker must be presented at the time of registration.

2. Novice Singles and Novice Mixed Combo 4's

- a. Novice eligibility in this section only pertains to District and Provincial play. This may not prohibit a Provincial Novice gold medal winner from competing in any open novice tournament as a novice. Each club will determine their own novice eligibility rules when hosting novice tournaments.
- b. Provincial Novice competitions are limited to those having not more than five (5) years of lawn bowling memberships anywhere in the world (including the current year) and of any type (including crown green) and who have previously not won an Ontario Championship in Fours, Pairs, Singles, Mixed Pairs, Senior Triples, Triples, Novice or participated in a Canadian Championship event.
- c. To participate in the District Novice Singles a player must first qualify at their club or be designated by their club as that club's representative. **Note:** There can be more than one qualifier per club. See "Conditions of Play – 2022 Novice Singles". They must also be registered with OLBA through that club.
- d. Winners of a gold pin at the Ontario Novice Singles Championships will not be eligible to play in future District and Ontario Novice Championships
- e. If a member of a Novice team is found to be ineligible, the entire team will be subject to disqualification.

3. Youth in Novice Competition

- a. The Gold pin winners at the Youth Under 18 and the Youth Under 25 Canadian Championships are not eligible to participate in the Ontario Novice Championships.
- b. Novice experience will not commence until the year following their thirteenth (13th) birthday. Participants do not count any years prior to and including the year of their 13th birthday.

4. Seniors

- a. Senior Triples participants must have reached their 65th birthday in the year of the event and be able to provide proof of age to the District Chair or Convenor of the District playdown.
- b. The convenor of the District Seniors Championships shall confirm the age of eligibility.

5. Youth Under 18

Participants must be a minimum age of twelve (12) by July 2, 2022, and under the age of 18 as of January 1, 2022. **Birth Certificates will be required.**

III. GENERAL RULES

The following will apply to all District and Ontario Championships:

1. Officials

- a. In District Championships, accredited umpires and markers should be used whenever possible. In the Ontario Championships, umpires must be accredited and markers if not accredited, must be trained in their duties as outlined in the **Laws**.
- b. For each District Championship event, should a single umpire be appointed, that umpire will be considered the Head Event Umpire.
- c. Should more than one umpire be appointed for a District Championship, one shall be designated the Head Event Umpire, the other shall be designated the Assistant Head Event Umpire.
- d. At all Ontario Championships, the Head Event Umpire and Assistant Head Event Umpire shall be appointed by the Officiating Chair.

2. Proper Dress

- a. Shoes:
 - i. Shoes must be flat-soled with no separation between the front sole and heel (i.e. flat from toe to heel). Walking shoes and sports shoes are acceptable; sandals with a heel strap are also acceptable, when the back strap is firmly fitted when worn. Flat-soled wedge shoes (i.e. shoes that increase in height from toe to heel) are not acceptable. The width of any heel must be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole.
 - ii. The sole may possess a shallow tread pattern or indented grooves to improve traction without damaging the green. A channel in the centre of the sole is acceptable; protuberances that extend out from the sole are not acceptable. Edges around the sole and around any channel need to be rounded.
 - iii. Brand name lawn bowling shoes that are listed as approved on a current list, published by a member national authority, are generally acceptable. Shoes that have been re-soled to ensure that they comply with the **Laws** of the sport are also generally acceptable. Nevertheless, Bowls Canada Boulingrin reserves the right to disallow any specific shoe.
 - iv. Umpires must use their best judgement and not unduly eliminate members from play unless they have a shoe that would clearly damage the green.
- b. Apparel
 - I. When playing Ontario Championships members of a team must wear the same colour and similarly patterned tops and bottoms. Shirts must have a collar and/or sleeves. Socks are optional. Provincial or Team Canada uniforms are **not allowed** (jackets excluded).
 - II. There is no limit to the size and number of team sponsor's logos on team uniforms at the Provincial level. All uniform advertising and sponsor's logos must be approved by the Championship Committee prior to the event by sending a copy of each logo to the Championship Chair. It should be noted that bowling at the National level, logos must conform to BCB Conditions of Play.
 - III. Participants failing to adhere to the dress code provisions will be warned by the Head Event Umpire to correct their apparel prior to the start of their next game.

- 1) Participants failing to adhere to the dress code after receiving a warning shall be subject to a fine of \$25 per player for each match in which they are not properly attired. Such fines shall be paid to the event Convenor prior to each match in which a fine is payable.
- 2) Event Convenors shall have the authority to waive this requirement in cases of disability accommodation or significant hardship.

3. Absentee players

It is the responsibility of each participant to be aware of the announced start time for each game. The umpire will award one shot against an absent singles player or incomplete/absent team for every ten minutes or fraction thereof and it will be counted as an end played. At the end of a thirty (30) minute period, the game will be forfeited to the opposing team or singles player.

4. Forfeited Game

- a. An umpire, either upon request, or having noted specific infractions of the **Laws** or these CoP will warn the offending player or players. If the umpire then considers that the infractions are both continuing and deliberate, he/she will report to the Emergency Committee for a ruling on forfeiting the game to the opponents.
- b. Any game awarded by forfeit, will have a score calculated by averaging the shots for and against (rounded up or down), from all games played in that round for determining seeding if there is a tie.

5. Financial Assistance

A Club or District may use its own funds to assist players at District or Ontario Championships.

6. Coaches

- a. Each team or singles player may have one coach. Only NCCP Accredited Bowls Coaches will be recognized to provide coaching during the event. Coaches must register with the Event Convenor and must be able to provide proof of their status. They are required to wear a name tag, pin or other item that identifies them as a coach.
- b. Coaches shall conduct themselves in accordance with the requirements of Section 44 of the **Laws**.
- c. Novices are encouraged to have Coaches with them for District and Provincial play as part of the development process.

7. Tobacco, Alcohol, Cannabis, Cell Phone and Verbal Abuse

- a. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes are not allowed on the playing surfaces. Host club smoking policies must be adhered to. This includes competitors, umpires and markers. Should an infraction occur the offending player will be warned. On the 2nd occurrence the offending player will be fined \$100 which is payable immediately to the Convenor. The offending player will not be permitted to continue participating until the fine is paid. This fine is not refundable under any circumstances. On the 3rd occurrence, the player shall be removed from any further play during the event.
- b. No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed during play.
- c. Cannabis is a banned substance in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy and as such, Cannabis is not to be consumed, smoked or imbibed in any form during play.
- d. Verbal abuse of an opponent or official will not be tolerated. Should an infraction occur, the offending player will be warned. On the 2nd occurrence the offending player will be fined \$100 payable immediately. On the 3rd occurrence, the player shall be disqualified from further play during the event.

- e. No electronic communication or entertainment devices, such as 2-way radios, cell phones, music players or other devices that permit communication by wireless signal shall be in a player's possession or used by a player on or around the green during play including trial ends. All players shall be required to place all electronic devices on silent or vibrate if such devices are stored in proximity to the green.
- f. Participants who require an electronic device to accommodate a disability shall be permitted to use such a device and report to the emergency committee indicating their need for its use.
- g. Umpires, Convenors, Markers and other individuals involved in the administration of Championship events may have electronic devices in their possession for carrying out their duties. However, such devices must be set to vibrate or silent. Players who are also acting as umpires, convenors or in other administrative roles may not have proscribed electronic devices in their possession during play.

8. Objects on the Green

- a. No umbrellas (open or folded) shall be allowed on the green during Championship play.
- b. Bowls lifters must not be left unattended on the playing surface at the head end.
- c. In the absence of the Greenskeeper, the Convenor and Head Event Umpire will determine the use of groundsheets. Host club has the final say regarding the use of groundsheets.

9. Bowls

- a. All bowls must comply with the **Laws** and bear a visible, legible stamp confirming approval by World Bowls or one of its predecessor organizations.
- b. Disc, altered, unmatched or coaching bowls are not allowed in Championship competition. Any player found to be using unmatched bowls will be disqualified immediately from the event and will face future sanctions which could include a lifetime ban on competing in any Ontario Championship.
- c. Challenges to Bowls
 - i. Any player who wishes to lodge a challenge to an opponent's bowls pursuant to section 52.4 of the **Laws** must pay a deposit of \$1,000 to the Convenor by cash or certified funds at the time the challenge is lodged.

Exception: A challenge that does not require the set of bowls to be sent to a licensed tester, which is defined as challenging that set of bowls fails to comply with section 52.1.9 of the **Laws** (mismatched set of bowls) or sections 13(a)-(b) of the CoP, will require a deposit of \$50.

- ii. If a set of bowls fails a test, the user or owner of the set of bowls must reimburse the OLBA for all expenses in having the test done. The user or owner of the set of bowls shall be suspended from all OLBA sanctioned play until OLBA has been fully reimbursed.

The Board of Directors of OLBA shall have the discretion to waive or reduce this penalty in its sole and absolute discretion.

10. Substitution

- a. Substitution will not be permitted at a later level for any player who, on entering the District Championships is aware of being unable to play on all dates for the event.

- b. Substitution during any level, or between levels, will be permitted for illness, bona-fide emergency or unforeseen circumstances affecting a player. Affected participants must be prepared to provide medical documentation upon request at the participant's expense.
- c. In a Singles event, any unfinished game will be forfeited, and no substitution allowed.
- d. Emergency substitutions at the District level must be a member of a club from the same District (Senior Triples and Mixed Pairs excepted) and approved by the Event Convenor. A player is only considered a substitute after the first game of the event has begun.
- e. If a substitute is required after the District Championships and before the Ontario Championships, the substitute must be a member of a club from the affected team's District (Senior Triples and Mixed Pairs excepted) and approved by the Championship Committee.
- f. For the Ontario Championships it is the responsibility of each team to nominate a substitute player at the time of registration who is a member of a club within the team's District (Senior Triples and Mixed Pairs excluded). Otherwise, a substitution from any District will be made by the Championship Emergency Committee and any such substitution must be willing to play the Nationals if their team qualifies.
- g. Substitutes may not play in the skip position but may play any other position. After playing any part of more than two consecutive matches any substitute becomes a permanent member of the team and may play any position, including skip.
- h. If, on completion of any playdown level and for reasons other than those outlined in Section III (10b), a winning team or singles player is unable to compete in that event at the next level, then the winner will be replaced by the runner-up, or failing that, by the third-place finisher.
- i. A winning player that has been substituted for and subsequently found to be in contravention of these rules will jeopardize his/her team from continuing and will not be allowed to compete in any remaining Championship events in that OLBA fiscal year and shall be suspended from entry into all Championship Events for up to twelve (12) complete months during the following OLBA fiscal year.
- j. Upon the completion of a District Championship in all events, a substitution of any nature must be reported (with the circumstances and reasons for the substitution) to the Championship Committee Chairperson. The substitute will be allowed to enter the next playdown level, only after approval of the Championship Committee.
- k. At Ontario Championships, substitutes may not have played in any capacity on another team that has competed in and been eliminated from that Ontario Championship.
- l. One (1) substitute will be permitted in Pairs and Triples, two (2) substitutes will be permitted in Fours. In Pairs one (1) player of the original team must remain. In Triples two (2) players of the original team must remain. In Fours, two (2) players of the original team must remain.
- m. When a substitution is made in accordance with Section III (10b), the replaced player may be permitted to re-enter that event one time only.
- n. For the 1st day of their involvement as a substitute, they will be exempt from the dress code.

11. Emergency Committee

- a. The Emergency Committee consists of the Head Event Umpire, Assistant Head Event Umpire or designate as appointed by the Head Event Umpire and any two of the following:
 - i. OLBA representative or designate as appointed by OLBA.
 - ii. Event Convenor or designate as appointed by the Event Convenor.
 - iii. Greens Chairperson or designate as appointed by the Event Convenor.
 - iv. Alternate as appointed by the Event Head Umpire.

- b. Responsibilities of the Emergency Committee
 - i. The Emergency Committee will have the authority to shorten the length of matches, rearrange start times, amend the format and take other measures necessary to ensure the successful conclusion of the event.
 - ii. The Emergency Committee will have the authority to shorten the length of tiebreaker matches to four (4) ends if the weather or other conditions limit the availability of time to complete the tie-breaking process.
 - iii. The Emergency Committee will have the authority to alter the dress code due to weather conditions.
- c. For situations not covered by the Conditions of Play, the Emergency Committee will be the Governing Body for the event.

12. Jury of Appeal

- a. The Jury of Appeal consists of one person from each of the following groups:
 - i. Head Event Umpire, Assistant Head Event Umpire or designate as appointed by the Head Event Umpire.
 - ii. OLBA representative or designate as appointed by OLBA.
 - iii. Event Convenor, Greens Chairperson or designate as appointed by the Event Convenor.
- b. The Jury of Appeal will deal with any matters concerning an Umpire’s interpretation of the **Laws**. No person with a conflicting interest in the original ruling shall be on the Jury of Appeal.

13. Game Stoppages

- a. The decision to terminate a game due to excessive rain, heat index or other unforeseen circumstances will be made by the Emergency Committee.
- b. Games may have to be shortened due to excessive rain, heat index or other unforeseen circumstances. Such decisions may result in games being postponed to the following day at the same venue or on a later date at a venue to be decided on by the Emergency Committee.
- c. Hot weather guide: When the temperature reaches 35 degrees Celsius at the venue, play should be interrupted at 20 minute intervals (at completion of the end in play) for a period of 5 minutes, during which time, drinks should be made available. Any time limit imposed will be waived. When the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius at the venue, play will be suspended. Consideration should be given to all relevant factors, including age and health of players and officials, the level of humidity and amount of shade available at the venue.

Canada’s guide to Humidex Readings

Humidex Reading	Degree of Comfort
20 - 29	No discomfort
30 - 39	Some discomfort
40 - 45	Great discomfort; avoid exertion
46 and over	Dangerous; possible heat stroke

- d. Lightning
 - i. All District Championships and Ontario Championships shall comply with the lightning safety and preparedness standards issued by Environment Canada.
 - ii. At first sound of thunder or observation of lightning, play shall be suspended immediately, and all participants shall be ordered from the greens to find appropriate shelter.
 - iii. Play will not resume until at least 30 minutes have passed since the last sight of lightning or the sound of thunder.
 - iv. Full details of these requirements are available at: https://www.ec.gc.ca/foudre-lightning/57412D67-2F2-4C74-B8B8-E7AF631CFB63/COM-1524-Lightning-FACTSHEET_04_e.pdf

14. Number of Games Played Each Day

No team or singles player shall be required to play more than three (3) games in a single day unless mutually agreed to by all parties. Byes and tiebreakers do not count as games. (The exception being Novice Combo 4's)

15. Practice and Trial Ends

- a. Two trial ends will be allowed at the beginning of any game with the number of bowls that will be used in the game. One trial end in each direction.
- b. Trial ends will commence 15 minutes prior to the game start time and end with the sound of the game start time bell, horn or other appropriate device.
- c. If desired, participants may practice prior to the start of the first game on each day of competition. Practice must be perpendicular to the direction of play for that day. The Convenor for the event will decide which greens will be used for practice. Practice must cease within five minutes of the scheduled opening announcements.
- d. Bye teams may practice as per section 4 (page 18 and 19) in the *Laws*.

16. Game Start Times

- a. All games will start at the same time with the sounding of a bell, horn or other appropriate device at which time trial bowls will cease. The only exception being Open Pairs and Open Singles where number of entries could require staggered start times.
- b. Any player(s) not ready to play at the official start time will forego their right to play trial ends.
- c. The second game each day will start 40 minutes (trial bowls – 25 minutes) after the last two teams have finished play in the first game. The third game each day will start 30 minutes (trial bowls – 15 minutes) after the last two teams have finished play in game two subject to format of play as this may be altered due to number of entries per Championship.

17. Time Limits

- a. End of play will be a signal by bell, horn or another appropriate device by an appointed official. At this time players will complete the current end they are playing.
- b. An end begins the moment the jack is delivered by the 1st player to play in an end.
- c. Any end that is started prior to the end of play signal shall be completed, even if the said end is required to be replayed due to any provision included in the *Laws*.

- d. If a player wishes to leave the rink of play, Law 33.1 will apply. However, if on more than one occasion, then on each occasion after the first, they can do so only with their opponent's and the umpire's permission. The umpire's permission will be granted in consultation with the player's team manager or coach when they are present.
 - i. During such a delay, the other members of the team of the player who has left the green shall all position themselves at the mat end of the rink. The exception being if the skip has left the game for a bathroom break the vice is permitted to direct the head.

18. Game Scoring

During Round Robin play, three (3) points are awarded for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero points for a loss.

19. Length of Games

- a. If during the round robin stage, there is a tie after the required number of ends have been played there will be no extra end played except in the case of two teams playing two out of three. In round robin games all ends must be played. An obvious failure to be competitive will be construed as unsportsmanlike conduct and subject all players on the team or the singles player, to a suspension from competing in District and Provincial Championships for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.
- b. If during the elimination stage there is a tie after the required number of ends, an extra end will be played to determine the winner. A coin toss will determine which team will go first.

20. Deliberate Delay of Play

- a. If an umpire by their own observation or an appeal from the opposing skip or opponent in Singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl or the skip is acting or issuing instructions designed to deliberately delay play:
 - i. In the case of Singles, on the first occasion the umpire will warn the player. If, in the opinion of the umpire, the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender will be awarded four shots.
 - ii. In the case of team play, on the first occasion the umpire will warn the team in the presence of the Skip. If, in the opinion of the umpire, the team commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use for the match (for example, in the case of fours, this would be eight shots).
- b. Any stoppage of play due to time spent in discussion with the offending team or player regarding the application of this rule will be added to the time limit.
- c. If during the end which is in progress immediately before the end time of play is signaled or on completion of that end and before the start of any subsequent end, the umpire as a result of their own observation or on appeal by one of the Skips, one of the team coaches or the Controlling Body, decides that a team is being prevented from playing a further end due to the actions of their opponents, they will notify the teams that they must play one more end even though the end time of play may have been signaled when such notification is given.

21. Re-spotting the Jack

- a. If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank, or rebounds to a distance of less than 18 metres from the mat line, the end must not be declared dead. Instead, the jack must be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a single re-spot position which is two metres from the front ditch and on the centre line.
- b. If the re-spot position is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack must be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, between and in line with that spot and corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl.
- c. All greens must have the prescribed spot marked by chalk or another suitable method.
- d. Re-spot position marks cannot be challenged once play has begun.

22. Bowl and Shoe Inspection

Players will have their shoes and bowls inspected by an umpire who has been appointed to the competition prior to the start of play of the first game on the first day of play. During the event, no other shoes or bowls can be substituted, without first obtaining the approval of the Head Event Umpire.

23. Use of Bowling Delivery Aids

For District and Provincial Championships leading to National Championships, a player must be able to produce a medical certificate that attests to their physical disability. The exception is the Senior Triples Championship. A player must seek approval of their specific bowling aid from BCB. Devices such as bowling arms that are produced by a recognized manufacturer, and used with no customized modifications, will typically be approved.

IV. DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Duties of District Chairs

The District Chair (or designate), assisted by the District Committee will conduct the District Championships in each event and be responsible for:

- a. Scheduling suitable sites and dates in a timely manner, for all District Championships, each of which is to be completed and winners declared by the dates set out by the OLBA. Sites may be altered in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- b. Appointing accredited umpires for each event.
 - i. Umpires appointed to District Championships should not be players if possible.
 - ii. Umpires must be aware that time spent while acting as an umpire in which the said umpire is also a player will not count toward the umpire's mandatory service time.
- c. Accepting entries, ensuring compliance with eligibility clauses, collecting the entry fees for each event, making the draw, conducting the championship and adhering to any plan of operation or guideline issued by OLBA. Informing players, in advance of play, about the rules to be followed and how the winners are to be determined.

- d. Sending a District report by email as soon as possible following completion of each District Championship to the Championship Chair schuknecht@olba.ca and OLBA Treasurer fantin@olba.ca. **The District report must contain the names of all participating players, home phone number, home club as well as name, address, email address and phone number of the Skip of each team.** A copy of the report along with remittance for entry fees collected for all teams in the district, which entered that District Championship, to the OLBA treasurer by cheque or e-transfer. OLBA Treasurer: John Fantin: fantin@olba.ca, phone 519-436-7077, 10 Gladstone Avenue, Box 1093, Tilbury ON N0P 2L0.
- e. District Chairperson collects Provincial Championship entry fee from the District winners and must remit with District fees collected.
- f. The District Chairperson (or designate) and the Umpire will deal with any disputes or interpretations during the District Championships. If a decision cannot be made, see Section III (11).

2. Format

The following must be used.

- a. Two entries: play best two out of three games, the game ends as soon as it is mathematically impossible to win (shots for and against mean nothing). If tied after the required number of ends are played, there will be an extra end played to determine the winner, beginning with a coin toss to determine who plays first.
- b. Three entries: Draw for bye, other two teams play first round. The winner of round one has the bye for round two while the other two (2) teams play. If the 1st game ended in a tie, the team which scored more ends will receive the bye in the second round. In the 3rd round the team getting the bye from round one (1) will play the team getting the bye from round two (2).
- c. Four, five or six entries: Play a full round robin. If there is a bye, draw for bye and any team may only get one (1) bye during the round robin. If there is a tie, see BCB's tie breaking rules. Teams do not have to complete the round robin games as scheduled if the results of those games don't affect the outcome of the Championship.
- d. Seven or more entries: play a modified round robin format. On day one, teams will play each other within their drawn group. The top two (2) teams from each group will advance to day two where single elimination will be used. At the end of round robin play on day one, there may be teams tied in points. If there is a tie, see BCB's tie breaking rules. Teams do not have to complete the round robin games as scheduled if the results of those games don't affect the outcome of the placement of the top two finishers.

3. Tie Breaking Rules

OLBA will follow BCB's tie breaking rules as stated in their Conditions of Play per event.

4. Byes

The draw will be conducted following these guidelines;

- a. For all round robins with a bye the District Chairperson will determine and announce the method used to allocate the bye.
- b. Only one bye is allowed for each team until all competing teams have also had a bye during the round robin.
- c. Teams will not play each other more than once during the round robin stage.

5. Awards

District winners will be presented with District Winner pennants and pins at the Provincial Championship.

V. FILL IN TEAMS – PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Additional teams for the Provincial Championships to bring the total number of teams to 16 are selected in the following manner.

- a. First team – using the runner-up from the District with the highest number of entries in the District Championships for that event.
- b. Second team – using the runner-up from the second District with the highest number of entries in the District Championships for that event.
- c. Remaining teams will be filled through a random draw from all Districts with a second-place team that has not already received an entry.

Note: If two Districts were even in entries for any one event, then the District with the highest number of total entries (women's plus men's) for the event would send a team. If two Districts were still tied in numbers, then the Championship Chair would choose the closest team, geographically, to the host venue. If two spots are available, both teams receive an entry.

VI. ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. General Provisions

- a. Winners of the District Championships will play at the Provincial Championships at locations and dates set by OLBA.
- b. The Ontario Championships will be organized and conducted by the Provincial Convenor (or designate) who will act as the draw master.
- c. The Head Event Umpire will enforce these rules and the **Laws**.
- d. For the Ontario Championships, Skips will draw for opponents and rinks at the host club before the event starts.
- e. Fours, Pairs, and Singles, dependent on number of entries, could be a three-day event. Mixed Pairs, Senior Triples, Triples, Novice Combo 4's, Novice Singles, Indoor Singles and Youth will be two-day events.
- f. Participants advancing to the National Championships may only play Fours or Pairs along with Singles. Players competing in the National Fours, Pairs or Singles will not be allowed to enter the District Championships for Mixed Pairs, Senior Triples, Triples, Novice Combo 4's or Novice Singles.
- g. Players competing in the National Senior Triples will not be allowed to enter the District Championships for Mixed Pairs, Novice Combo 4's or Novice Singles.
- h. Players competing in the National Mixed Pairs will not be allowed to enter the District Championships Novice Combo 4's or Novice Singles.
- i. Players who have competed at the Nationals, in the Majors, (Fours, Pairs or Singles) in the years 2015 through to 2019 are NOT eligible for the Triples event.

2. Entry Information for Open Events

Fours Entry Deadline: May 1, 2022. Cost is \$125 per person (\$500 per team).

Pairs Entry Deadline: May 19, 2022. Cost is \$125 per person (\$250 per team).

Singles Entry Deadline: June 1, 2022. Cost is \$125 per person.

REFUND POLICY: The only refund allowed after the entry deadlines will be in the Pairs because you enter the Pairs event before you know if you win the Fours; If you win the Fours – you are ineligible for the Pairs.

Entries to be sent to OLBA Treasurer John Fantin: fantin@olba.ca, phone: 519-436-7077.

Mail entry form and cheque to:

John Fantin
10 Gladstone Avenue
Box 1093
Tilbury, ON, N0P 2L0.

(e-transfers available)

3. Tie Breaking Rule

Tie breaking rules for Championships will follow BCB tie breaking rules.

4. Awards and Travel Subsidies for Fours, Pairs, Singles, Mixed Pairs and Senior Triples

- a. Gold and Silver medallists in each event along with the 3rd and 4th place finishers in Singles will represent Ontario at the Canadian Championships held in the same year under the auspices of Bowls Canada Boulingrin.
- b. OLBA will be responsible for paying the BCB entry fee of \$100 per person on behalf of each bowler.
- c. For each competition, the Gold and Silver medallists along with the 3rd and 4th place finishers in Singles will be presented with an Ontario uniform consisting of an Ontario jacket and two (2) Ontario shirts. Note: If you have received an Ontario uniform in the last five (5) years, you are not eligible for a new one, unless it is not of the current design. Uniforms may be replaced due to wear or size change before the five (5) years at the discretion of the Championship Chair. There is no monetary reward for uniforms not given out.
- d. Gold, Silver, and Bronze pins will be presented in every event.
- e. Substitute players or teams will each receive a uniform consisting of a jacket and two (2) shirts subject to OLBA restrictions.
- f. Fours: Gold medallists will receive \$500.00 travel subsidy per person, and Silver medallists will receive \$350.00 travel subsidy per person. Bronze medalists will receive \$125.00 each.
- g. Pairs: Gold medallists will receive \$500.00 travel subsidy per person, and Silver medallists will receive \$350 travel subsidy per person. Bronze medallists will receive \$125.00 each.
- h. Singles: Gold medallists will receive \$500.00 travel subsidy per person, and Silver medallists will receive \$350.00 travel subsidy per person. Bronze medallists and fourth place finishers will receive \$125 travel subsidy per person.
- i. Mixed Pairs: Gold and Silver medallists will receive \$250.00 travel subsidy per person.
- j. Seniors: Gold and Silver medallists will receive \$500.00 travel subsidy per person.

5. Awards for Triples

- a. First place finishers will be presented an Ontario jacket, a Gold pin and \$250 each.
- b. Second place finishers will be presented a Silver pin and \$150 each.
- c. Third place finishers will be presented a Bronze pin and \$50 each.

6. Awards for Novice Combo 4's

- a. First place finishers will be presented an Ontario jacket, a Gold pin and \$250 each.
- b. Second place finishers will be presented a Silver pin and \$150 each.
- c. Third place finishers will be presented a Bronze pin and \$50 each.

7. Awards for Novice Singles

- a. All District Novice Singles winners will receive a windbreaker jacket in addition to the District winner's pennant and pin. If you have received a windbreaker you are not eligible for a second one. The exception is for the Youth only who may change in size.
- b. First place finishers will be presented, a Gold pin, an Ontario jacket and \$250.
- c. Second place finishers will be presented a Silver pin and \$150.
- d. Third place finishers will be presented a Bronze pin and \$50.

VII. INDOOR SINGLES QUALIFIER

1. Entries

Entries are open to any player in Ontario who is a member in good standing at any club in Ontario.

- a. The indoor Singles is played in separate women's and men's events.
- b. Gold and Silver medallists are required to travel to Vancouver, BC for the Canadian Indoor Championship that is a qualifier for the World Indoor Championships held in TBA.
- c. Entry fee is \$125.00 per player.
- d. Entries to be submitted before September 1st, 2022.
- e. Entries to be sent to OLBA Treasurer John Fantin: fantin@olba.ca, phone: 519-436-7077.

Mail entry form and cheque to:

John Fantin
10 Gladstone Avenue
Box 1093
Tilbury, ON, N0P 2L0.

(e-transfers available)

Refund Policy: There will be NO REFUND after the registration cut-off date of September 1st, 2022.

2. Awards and Travel Subsidy

- a. Gold and Silver medallists will each receive two (2) Ontario shirts (subject to OLBA restrictions) plus \$500.00 travel subsidy.
- b. OLBA will be responsible for paying the BCB entry fee of \$100 per person.
- c. If Ontario is allowed to send a more than two (2) representatives, third, fourth, fifth place players would also be provided with two (2) Ontario shirts each (subject to OLBA restrictions). The OLBA will also pay the BCB entry fee of \$100 per person but the OLBA will not provide travel subsidy for these additional players.

VIII. YOUTH UNDER 18 CHAMPIONSHIP

1. General Provisions

- a. The Youth Under 18 Championship will be played at a location and on dates set by the OLBA.
- b. Entry is open to any qualifying player who is a member in good standing at any club in Ontario.

2. Awards and Travel Subsidy

- a. Gold and Silver medallists representing Ontario at the Canadian Championships held in the same year under the auspices of Bowls Canada Boulingrin: OLBA will pay the entry fee of \$50.00 for each Gold and Silver medallist entering the National Youth Under 18 event.
- b. Gold and Silver winners will receive \$250.00 travel subsidy for National Championships. If they choose NOT to go to the National Championships the money will NOT be transferred down to the next qualifying competitor. However, they will receive an Ontario jacket and the appropriate pin.
- c. Each player will receive an Ontario uniform consisting of an Ontario jacket and two (2) Ontario shirts. Note: If you have received an Ontario uniform in the last five (5) years, you are not eligible for a new one unless it is not of the current design (this does not apply to youths who have outgrown their uniform at the discretion of the Championship Chair). There is no monetary reward for uniforms not given out.
- d. Pins will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners only.
- e. Those who compete in the Youth Under 18's and win - but are also eligible for the Youth Under 25's and choose to bowl Youth Under 25's **will NOT be eligible for the monies for the win of Youth Under 18.**

IX. YOUTH UNDER 25 CHAMPIONSHIP

The Under 25 portion of the Youth Championship is by DIRECT ENTRY with BCB.

Youth Under 25 athletes will receive NO Travel Subsidy from OLBA and are responsible for covering their own entry fee for the National event. This will be reviewed annually by the OLBA Championship Committee with the intention of holding a Provincial Playdown for the Youth Under 25 athletes with eight (8) or more entries.