



## CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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This event is authorized by Bowls USA. All games will be played in line with the 2015 Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, and in accordance with the National Championships Rules and Regulations. The Controlling Body reserves the right to change or alter the program to successfully carry out or finish the event per law 55.3.4.

1. The venue is Bell Lawn Bowls Club located at the corner of Hutton Drive and Boswell Boulevard in Sun City, AZ.
2. The inclusive dates and times of this event are Wednesday, Nov 2 through Saturday, Nov 5. All games start at 9:00 AM and 1:15 PM. Note: No game may start earlier than the stated game time.
3. Practice prior to the event will be available Sunday, Oct 30, and Monday, Oct 31, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Tuesday, Nov 1, 8:00 AM to Noon. There shall be no practice bowls prior to trial bowls on each day of the National Championships.
4. Player registration/Bowls inspection: Tuesday, Nov 1, 9:00 AM to Noon. Serial number, stamp, and date must be legible on all bowls. Shoes must be flat-soled and heel-less.
5. The format of play is round robin; Singles games will be 21 points; Four-bowl Pairs, 18 ends. All pairs games that are tied after 18 ends must play a one-end roll-off.
6. 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 20 meters 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 on the 2-meter mark.
7. A dead end is not counted as a completed end even if all the bowls required to be played have been played. If the bell rings signaling the end of play, and if the end in progress is declared a dead end, the end must be replayed per law 20.
8. Trial ends may be played prior to each game, starting at 8:45 AM and 1:00 PM. Pairs: two bowls in each direction prior to every game; Singles: four bowls in each direction prior to every game. Note: No practice is permitted prior to trial ends.
9. The winner of each game shall be awarded three (3) points, zero (0) points for a loss.
10. Pairs games must be completed within three-and-three-quarter hours, trial ends excluded. Singles games: no time limits. If it is determined that a team or singles player is deliberately engaging in slow play, Appendix A.5 as stated in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls may be invoked by the Tournament Director\*.
11. Restriction of Movement of Players: Pairs Leads: after delivery of their third and fourth bowl; Skips: after delivery of their second and third bowl. When a Skip walks up to the mat to deliver their first bowl, their direct opponent can remain at the head until that bowl has come to rest before walking up to the mat to deliver their own first bowl. Singles: after delivery of their third and fourth bowl.

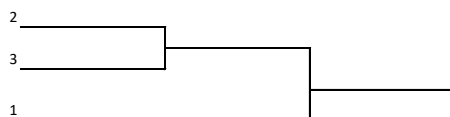
*In exceptional and limited circumstances, a Singles player can ask the Marker for permission to walk up to the head, or a Skip can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier than described above.*

12. All scorecards must be signed by the opposing skip or Singles player at the end of each game and turned in to the Tournament Director/Scorekeeper by the winner.
13. A penalty of one point and one end played will be assessed for each ten minutes after the official start time. A late arrival of 30 minutes or more will result in forfeiture of that game. This rule may be waived in extenuating circumstances.
14. Cell phones are not permitted on the greens.
15. Smoking is prohibited on the property at Bell Lawn Bowls Club, and the consumption of alcohol is prohibited during the course of play, during lunch, or between games.
16. The Controlling Body has the authority to make changes that are deemed appropriate in the event of inclement weather, unforeseen circumstances, and/or any substitutions, if necessary. Decisions will be within the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Bowls USA Domestic Regulations.
17. Disputes will be resolved by the committee of Jackie Tucker, Kottia Spangler-Moore, and Tony Santos. All decisions shall be final.

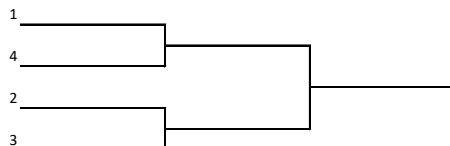
*\* The four, five, and six minutes in A.5 are amended to six, seven, and eight minutes.*

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

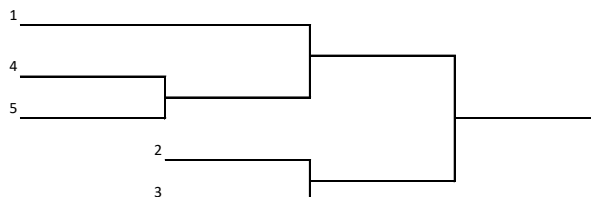
3-WAY TIE



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7-WAY TIE

