



BOWLS GOLD COAST TWEED “MAX MORRIS MEMORIAL SEVENS” - 2024



GENERAL INFORMATION

Format:

Three Games of Sectional play, as follows

- Pairs - 2x2x2x2 - 18 Ends
- Pairs - 3x3 - 24 Ends
- Triples - 2x2x2 - 24 Ends

Player Eligibility:

- Division One - Pennant Players from Divisions 1-3
- Division Two - Pennant Players from Divisions 4-5
- Division Three - Pennant Players from Divisions 6-7
- Over 60's - Open to all bowlers over 60 years of age.

Any player playing Premier League in the current year (2024) is NOT eligible to participate in this competition. Players from Premier Reserves are eligible to play, provided they have played no more than three (3) games in the Reserves.

Scoring:

2 points/rink win to a max. 6 points. 1 point/drawn rink.

Shots for and against and ends won/lost will also be recorded for countback purposes.

Washed out rounds – points are shared.

Results to be entered into BowlsLink by the Host Club as soon as possible after the completion of the Match.

Sectional Format

4 Sides per Section with a 6-week home and away series, plus Finals.

NOTE: - This is an Open Event – Men/Ladies/Mixed.

Proposed Date(s):

Commencing Saturday 3 February 2024, with Finals 16-17 March 2024.

Entry Fees/Prize Monies:

Club Entry fee will be \$440 per side (including GST), with all Finalists as prizemoney recipients.

Invoices will be sent to Clubs after the Draw is completed.

\$30,000 worth of Prizemoney will be distributed to Clubs at the completion of the event.

Green Fees:

Green Fees for visiting teams have been eliminated.

Schedule:

Games are scheduled for 8:30am trial ends and 8:45am start on Saturday morning, ***however, Clubs may also play Friday evening, Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning or afternoon, provided there is mutual agreement between the opposing Clubs.*** Clubs are encouraged to be proactive and flexible in this area. Please inform the BGCT Match Committee if you agree to a different time/day.



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CONDITIONS OF PLAY



1. Authority
 - (a) All play shall be in the charge of BGCT (the Controlling Body). The controlling body shall have the power to enquire into and adjudicate on any disputes or problems that may occur.
 - (b) Infringement of any of these conditions of play by a Club or player shall invoke disqualification (player), loss of points or game (Club), as is determined by the Controlling Body.
 - (c) Under normal circumstances following the making of the draw, no other GCT District fixture shall interfere with this competition.
 - (d) Matches will be played on **Saturday at 8:45am (EST)**, or at another mutually agreed time negotiated between the two opposing Clubs.
Please inform the District Office of any change of times and/or days.
Trial ends commence at 8:30am or earlier by mutual agreement.

2. Laws

All competitions will be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations in Australia and these conditions of play (Crystal Mark Fourth Edition 2023).

3. Sectional Play shall consist of a number of teams determined by the Controlling Body (dependent on nominations received) in 4 individual divisional disciplines:

Division One	-	Pennant Players from 2023 Divisions 1-3
Division Two	-	Pennant Players from 2023 Divisions 4-5
Division Three	-	Pennant Players from 2023 Divisions 6-7
Over 60's	-	Open to all bowlers over 60 years of age.

4. Scoring in Sectional Play
 - (a) The side scoring the greatest number of shots in each match at the end of play shall be the winner.
 - (b) Two (2) points shall be awarded for each team discipline win, to a maximum of six (6) points/side.
 - (c) In the event of a tied score, each side will be awarded one point.
 - (e) Match points will be recorded, together with shots for and against and ends won.
 - (f) Result Sheets will match the above scoring.
 - (g) **Results through BowlsLink will be the responsibility of the playing Clubs.**
 - (h) Finals Criteria - the side scoring the greatest number of match points and, in the event two or more sides score equal match points, the side with the best shots for and against margin shall be the winner. In the event these are equal, overall ends won will determine the winner.

5. Eligibility
 - (a) In addition to player eligibility described above, any player playing Premier League in the current year (2024) is NOT eligible to participate in this competition. Players from Premier League Reserves are eligible to play, provided they have played no more than three (3) games in the Reserves.
 - (b) There shall be NO movement of players **within a Division** after four (4) rounds of the competition, and NO “downward” movement of any players between Divisions at any time (e.g. Div.1 to Div.3).
 - (c) Players must have played a minimum of three (3) games **within a Section** of a Division, to qualify for the Finals in that Section.

6. Interruptions
(a) If inclement weather, or any other justifiable cause, should prevent play, games so affected shall be declared a draw and the points shared.
(b) In the event of a game or games being stopped, the games so affected shall be declared complete if a total of 44 ends or more have been completed – points awarded on a win-loss basis at the time of stoppage. If 44 ends have not been completed, the game shall be deemed a draw and the points shared.
7. Format
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Pairs - 3x3 - 24 Ends
Triples - 2x2x2 - 24 Ends
8. Penalties; Forfeits; Byes
(a) Any infringement of these conditions will subject a side to a loss of all points for that game. A nil margin or the negative shots margin scored shall be recorded to the offending Club and the match points will be awarded to the non-offending Club.
(b) In the event of a forfeit during sectional play, the side receiving forfeit shall receive maximum game points. The side responsible for the forfeit shall have 2 match points deducted from their total.
(c) In the event of an incomplete side the vacancy may be filled by the side manager and/or captain and if they are not available, the position may be filled by any affiliated male/female member. If (b) or (c) cannot be organised, the game shall be a forfeit.
9. Attire
All players shall wear their Club playing uniform, or whites if no uniform is available.
10. Miscellaneous
(a) The date and commencement of the Max Morris Memorial Sevens season shall be determined by the Board of Bowls Gold Coast Tweed.
(b) The start time for all sectional games shall be as Clause 1(d) and any player arriving late shall be granted 30 minutes grace unless special circumstances are agreed to by the Controlling Body.
(c) The entry Fee for each side is \$440 (includes \$40 GST), or as determined by the Board, payable to BGCT.
(d) the Host Club is responsible for the provision of an Accredited National Umpire (preferably a non-player), whose name shall be announced before the trial ends at the calling of the cards.
(e) Where temporary bowls markings (stickers) are used, it is preferred that all players and teams only use large rings and centre dots on each side of their bowls, however, all bowls in a team event must be marked identically.
(f) Junior players are eligible to participate, however they may be required to sign the Social Media Photography Consent and Release Form, in the event of a live-streamed game.
(g) The Games Director at the Home Club shall act as the BGCT Deputy for the day.
(h) No electronic communications devices (switched on) by players or spectators are to be within 6 metres of the green while a match is in progress.
(i) **Dead ends are replayed**
(j) The Controlling Body retains the right to conduct the event on synthetic, natural, or covered green, or any combination thereof.
(k) There is no limit on the number of trial ends, provided the game begins as scheduled.
(l) The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter and/or amend the Conditions of Play due to unforeseen circumstances that may arise.
(m) All enquiries should be directed to the Match Committee at match@gctbowls.org.au