BOWLS GOLD COAST-TWEED
2026 SUMMER NINES INTER CLUB COMPETITION

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. Authority

(a) All play shall be in the charge of BGCT (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 the 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 fixture shall interfere with or interrupt this competition.

(d) Matches will be played on **Saturdays at 8.45am (EST)** or at a mutually agreed time negotiated by the two Clubs.

2. Laws

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

3. Sectional Play shall consist of five (5) Sections - Blue, White, Purple, Orange & Green - of six (6) sides, playing five (5) rounds. A side will consist of 3 teams of triples. Matches consist of 24 ends - 2 bowl triples.

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. A maximum of 2 match points shall apply in all sectional games.

(b) Two (2) match points shall be awarded for a side win.

(c) In the event of a tied score, each side shall be awarded one (1) match point.

(d) Match points shall be recorded together with shots for and against and also the margin.

(e) Results sheets to show total shots scored by each side and margin and to be kept by Clubs until the completion of the Event in case of any disputes.
Results for each round to be entered in *BowlsLink* by the Host Club immediately after the completion of each match.

(f) Ladder Criteria

(i)The side scoring the greatest number of match points.

(ii) In the event of two (2) or more sides scoring equal match points the side scoring the highest net margin of shots will be the declared winner.

(iii) In the event of two (2) or more sides scoring equal number of match points and shot margins are also equal, the Controlling Body will divide the total shots it has scored against the side into the total shots it has scored. The side with the highest results will be declared the winner, if these proportions are equal the best performed side in the game/games between these sides shall be the winner.

5. Weekend Finals Play

Saturday 21st November - Venues – TBA

3 games of 15 ends with lunch taken after the 2nd game.
Two trial ends allowed prior to first game only.

The five (5) Sections winners, along with the three (3) best Section runners up will play in the Finals Weekend. The Sections Winners will be ranked 1-5 according to their results. The Runners Up will be ranked 6-8 according to their results.

Section 1

Ranked Teams 1, 3, 6 & 8.

Game 1 – Ranking 1 vs Ranking 8	Ranking 3 vs Ranking 6
Game 2 – Ranking 1 vs Ranking 6	Ranking 3 vs Ranking 8
Game 3 – Ranking 1 vs Ranking 3	Ranking 6 vs Ranking 8

Section 2

Ranked Teams 2, 4, 5 & 7.

Game 1 – Ranking 2 vs Ranking 7	Ranking 4 vs Ranking 5
Game 2 – Ranking 2 vs Ranking 5	Ranking 4 vs Ranking 7
Game 3 – Ranking 2 vs Ranking 4	Ranking 5 vs Ranking 7

Winner of each section to be decided as per clause 4(f).

Green fees per player will be $20.00 on Saturday, which includes a light lunch.

Sunday 8th December – Grand Final – Venue – TBA

1 game of 24 ends
Winner of Section 1 vs Winner Section 2

Prizemoney for Finals

Breakdown of prizemoney (final placings on wins, margins shots scored)

Grand Final Winner	$1200
Grand Final Runner up	$600
Section Runners Up	$350 (x2)
Section 3rd Placed	$200 (x2)
Section 4th Placed	$150 (x2)
TOTAL PRIZEMONEY	**$3,200**

6. Eligibility of Players

Clubs are responsible for the eligibility of their players.

(a) All players must be affiliated with BGCT.

(b) (i) All players having played **Pennant Division 4 or lower in 2026 are eligible. (*some dispensation may be allowed at the discretion of the Match Committee*)**

(ii) All players who have not played any pennant games are eligible, provided they are classed as Division 4 and lower.

(c) **NO lateral movement of players after Round 3.**

(d) A player must have played at least two (2) Sectional games to be eligible to play finals.

7. Interruptions - Play not commenced/commenced and not completed.

(a) If inclement weather or any other justifiable cause should prevent the commencement of a round or game, the games so affected shall be deemed a Draw and the points halved.

(b) In the event of a game or games being stopped and incomplete in Section Play, the game or games so affected shall be deemed complete if 51 ends or more have been played - points to be awarded on a win-loss basis. If the game or games are stopped and incomplete with less than 51 ends played the result shall be deemed a draw and one (1) match point each shall be awarded.

8. Penalties, Forfeits, Byes

(a) Any infringement of these conditions will subject the side to a loss of all points scored for that game. A nil margin or the actual negative shots margin scored shall be recorded to the offending Club for the game or games involved. The match points will then be awarded to the non-offending Club.

(b) Forfeits - Allocation of points - Sectional Play

In the event of a forfeit during sectional play or in a game in progress during sectional play, the Side receiving the forfeit shall score the match points and the average of the winning margins scored by the other Sides in that round in that section. A Side responsible for a forfeit shall lose two (2) match points.

9. Incomplete side / Late Arrivals

Should a side be a player short at the commencement of play the vacancy can be filled by -

(a) The eligible side manager or side captain.

(b) If an eligible club member is not available an affiliated male/female member may act as a replacement.

If (a) or (b) cannot be organised the game shall be forfeited to the opponents.

Note: Two (2) teams, as part of the side cannot play and constitute a game.

10. Attire

All players shall wear their Club playing uniforms.

11. Miscellaneous Items

(a) The date and commencement of the Summer Nines season shall be determined by the Board of Bowls Gold Coast-Tweed.

(b) The starting time for all Sectional games…Refer Condition 1(d).

The two (2) trial ends should be completed prior to the starting time.

In the case of a late arrival of a side or player of a side only 30-minute grace is allowed, unless special circumstances are agreed to by the Controlling Body.

(c) The Entry Fee for each side is $100 plus GST ($110) as determined by the Board.

(d) (i) Mat Fees - Sectional Play – No Mat Fees payable from visiting sides during sectional play.

(ii) Finals Play – refer Clause 5.

(e) The Home Club is responsible for the appointment of an Accredited National Umpire ‘non player’ (preferable) whose name shall be announced before play commences.

(f) Junior bowlers who are members of an affiliated Bowls Gold Coast-Tweed Club are permitted to play. (Clause 6 to apply).

(g) The Games Controller at the ‘Home Club’ shall act as BGCT Deputy for the day.

(h) No electronic communication devices (switched on) by players or spectators are to be within six (6) metres of the green whilst a match is in progress.

(i) Dead ends to be replayed.

(j) Artificial Devices - Refer BA policy

(k) The Match Committee retains the right to conduct the event on synthetic, natural or covered greens or any combination thereof. The Match Committee also retains the right to alter these “Conditions of Play” if required.

(l) For all enquiries, please contact Match Chair Viv Barnard on 0418 982 338 or Operations Manager Robbie Allan on 0402 144 870.