



WOMEN'S GAMES BOOK

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GENERAL WOMEN'S RULES GOVERNING COMPETITIONS AND OPEN TOURNAMENTS

All Interclub Competitions and Open Tournaments controlled or organized by BSI Women's Games Chairs are subject to Laws of the Sport of Bowls-Crystal Mark Third Edition

The Women's Games Handbook contains the current local and pertinent information governing all women's competitions and tournaments under the jurisdiction of BSI.

Changes to the handbook are to be made at a meeting held at the end of the bowling season, which all Women members may attend. The voting delegates will be one from each club, i.e. club's women's games chair or her designated representative.

Two weeks notice shall be given to each club with issues brought forth during the season for discussion by each club before the update meeting is held.

The following points should be noted:

1. **SECTION A** - refers to rules, which generally apply to all events.
2. **SECTION B** - lists the Interclub Competitions offered by BSI noting specific rules which govern each event.
3. **SECTION C** - lists the Open Tournaments offered by BSI noting the specific rules that govern each event.
4. That the BSI Women's Games Chair will chair three meetings with ALL Club Women's Games Chairs in attendance.
 - (1) **SPRING**
 - (a) To set up BSI Tournament schedules for the year.
 - (b) Arrange to have all sign-up sheets handed out, picked up Or mailed to each club
 - (c) Business as required.
 - (2) **HOLIDAY WEEK**

Holiday Week involves all clubs to do the various draws.
 - (3) **FALL**
 - (a) To carry out any business or problems arising
 - (b) To bring to an end the summer season.

SECTION A

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL EVENTS

- A1 - **ALL INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS AND OPEN TOURNAMENTS** controlled and organized by BSI are subject to Laws of the Sport of Bowls-Crystal Mark Third Edition.
- A2 - **JURISDICTION OVER GREENS**
BSI has no jurisdiction over any of the greens.
- A3 - **DATES OF PLAY**
Setting dates of play is the responsibility of BSI Women's and Men's Games Committees. Dates of play are currently scheduled yearly at a combined meeting of Women's and Men's Games Committees.
- A4 - **FORMATION OF TEAMS AND LIMITATIONS**
BSI Women are allowed to bowl in Interclub Tournaments during the year for any club they belong to providing all team members are from the same club, the exceptions being the Holiday Week, GH Fours, Women's Competitive Pairs, 2 Bowl 6 Pack, **Rose Bowl, & Simmons,OB Triples** which are Open Tournaments.
In the event of an odd number of entries at a tournament registration deadline that tournament managers have the discretion, as a last resort, to make up an open team to be included in the draw. (Oct Mtg 2013)
- A5 - **ELIGIBILITY OF GUESTS**
It is the responsibility of each club to decide whether a short-term guest member who does not pay club dues is eligible to play in BSI events other than the Open Tournaments.
- A6 - **DRESS CODE**
Players' attire may be in any colour(s), with the exception of umpire's red, as long as all members of the same team are attired the same. Players may wear dresses, skirts, culottes, Bermuda length short or slacks. Footwear must adhere to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls-Crystal Mark Third Edition. Rain gear may be any colour(s). Markers must be dressed all in white or cream. Any issue with dress the tournament director will advise the Games chair, from the players club, to speak to the player. (Feb Mtg 2012)
- A7 - **ENTRY FEE**
Will be \$15.00 per person (**email April 2018**) per event. From the \$15.00 entry fee, the host club will use part of this fee to pay Green Fees, Umpires, Fees to Womens Games, the rest will be used for distribution of Prizes. (**Umpire fees now \$20 session**)
- A8 - **PLACE OF PLAY**
On green(s) of Host Club plus, if necessary, any other available greens.

- A9 - **TRIAL ENDS**
 Trial ends will be reinstated before first game, at change of direction and change of green. Trial ends before the start of all other games would be at the discretion of the teams. Trial ends must be finished before start time of games. (Feb Mtg, 2012)
- A10- **PUNCTUALITY (LATE ARRIVAL)**
 When an entry is late for a BSI game, the following time schedule is used:
 1 to 5 minutes - no penalty
 6 to 10 minutes - 1 point penalty
 11 to 15 minutes - 2 point penalty: 1 end counted as played
 16 to 20 minutes - 3 point penalty: 2 ends counted as played
 After 20 minutes - game forfeited to opponents
 The Games Committee may waive these penalties in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- A11 - **BELL STARTS AND BELL FINISHES**
 Bell starts at: 9:00a.m, 11:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
 Bell finishes : 11.15am 2.00pm and 4.45pm
 2hrs 15mins allotted for each game except playoffs which will be 2hrs 30mins
 (Dec Mtg 2012)
- A12 - **SUBSTITUTIONS DURING TEAM PLAY**
 A substitute must not have already played in the event:-
 must be approved by the Games Committee in charge of the event,
 must be placed as instructed in Laws of the Sport of Bowls-Crystal Mark Third Edition.
- A13 - **FORFEITURE OF PLAYED GAMES**
 If an entry withdraws for any reason, all games played by the entry are forfeited.
- A14 - **POSTPONEMENT OF A GAME DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**
 When a BSI game has to be postponed due to inclement weather, the decision to postpone must be made at the Host Green by the Games Committee in charge of the event.
 The decision to postpone must NOT be made until at least 30 MINUTES after the time set for play to commence. If an entry scheduled to play in the game in question has not reported to the Green of play by the time the decision to postpone has been made, it forfeits the game to its opponents.
- A15 - **CANCELLATION OF AN EVENT**
 Women's BSI events may be cancelled only with the APPROVAL OF THE BSI WOMEN'S GAMES COMMITTEE.
- A16 - **OMISSION OF GAMES IN A ROUND ROBIN**
 All games of a Round Robin must be played if EITHER ENTRY is in contention. If the playing of the LAST game in a Round Robin will not in any way affect the final results of the competition, the game need not be played, provided both skips (team play) or BOTH players (singles play) agree. The decision not to play the last game must be made before

leaving the host green, and must be approved by the Games Committee in charge of the event.

A17 - **VALUE OF PRIZES**

The value of prizes shall be determined by the number of entries. The intent is that the prizes for all tournaments shall be similar in value.

In Pairs and Triples numbers coming back on the second day will be determined by the number of entries, **20 or more entries – 12 teams; less than 20 – 8 teams. (Oct. Mtg .2017)**

All teams returning on the second day will receive money.

A18 - **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Whether trophies and plaques are presented to the winner or are to remain at the host club after engraving, is at the discretion of the host Games Committee. However, all trophies and plaques are to remain on Vancouver Island. All prizes are to be presented immediately following the final game of the tournament. (Dec. Mtg. 2012)

A19 - **ENGRAVING COSTS**

Engraving costs of trophies and plaques shall come from accumulated tournament proceeds remaining after prizes are awarded.

A20 - **REMAINING TOURNAMENT PROCEEDS**

At the update meeting each Fall, a decision will be made of what to do with any remaining tournament proceeds.

A21 - **BURNT ENDS**

All burnt ends will be reset on the Two Meter Mark @ Center.(Mar Mtg 2015)

A22 - **VERBAL ABUSE**

Verbal abuse of an opponent or official will not be tolerated. When profanity is used, the Offending player will be subject to a fine of \$50 for the first offence, and any further occurrence will cause suspension of the player from further games during the current tournament. It is the Responsibility of the Tournament Director to ensure that the fine is paid immediately, before the next round commences. (Oct Mtg 2014)

SECTION B

INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS-CRYSTAL MARK THIRD EDITION WILL APPLY .

PAIRS AND TRIPLES (Exception of Silver Tray, Simmons Triples, OB Triples & Holiday Week)

METHOD OF PLAY

First Day Play:

Three 14 end games:

A game win scores 2 points, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.

(Feb Mtg, 2012)

Second Day Play:

This will be based on game points. To break a points tie between teams, divide the aggregate shots for by the aggregate shots against and if they are tied, ends won would be used.

20 or more Entries – 12 teams, less than 20 entries - 8 teams go thru to the second day of play. (Oct Mtg 2017)

The top 4 will be in 'A' event.

The middle 4 will be in "B" event

The last 4 will be in "C" event.

All ties will be broken by playing an extra end. (Oct Mtg 2014)

THE ABOVE METHOD OF PLAY APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIONS:

Anne Webster Trophy - Triples (Lake Hill LBC)

N.B. The Anne Webster Triples requires a player on the team with 2 years or less experience. Novice Position will be made an open position (Added Oct mtg 2013.)

A Novice can play any position in this tournament. (Oct Mtg 2014)

Lynn McElroy Memorial Cup: Scotch Pairs (Victoria West LBC)

N.B. Choice of who skips first is optional. Skips change every second end.

Player who leads first in initial game leads in ALL games of competition.

Margaret Smith Daffodil Trophy: - Pairs (Central Saanich LBC)

Rose Bowl: (Open) Pairs (Canadian Pacific) (Change of days, now Sunday Day, Mon and Tues Eve. Oct Mtg 2017)

**TOURNAMENTS THAT CHANGED THEIR FORMAT TO 2 GAMES PER DAY. NO SECTION PLAY.
PRIZES BASED ON ENTRIES. (OCT MTG 2017)**

Silver Tray: Scotch Pairs (Oak Bay LBC)

Choice of who skips first is optional. Skips change after seven ends.
Player who leads first in initial game leads in ALL games of
competition(Remove)

Lead and Skips can change positions game to game. (Oct Mtg 2017)

Pilot Project this year for 2017. Two Games Tuesday & Wednesday. (Mar Mtg 2017)

Permanent change as above (Oct mtg 2017)

Simmons Cup:(Open)

-Triples (Victoria LBC)

Changed to 2 games per day Tuesday and Wednesday Oct Mtg 2017)

NEW TOURNAMENT

Oak Bay Triples (Open)

3 Evenings (Pilot 2017 accepted as Permanent Tournament Oct Mtg 2017)

**QUADDIE
METHOD OF PLAY**

Joan Price Quaddie:

-Quaddie (Juan de Fuca LBC) (One day tournament)(Dec Mtg 2012)

Teams of four will break into and play two pairs, triples, singles and fours.
Winners will be decided by total points after all games have been played.
Shots for divided by shots against will be used if points are the same.
Number of Prizes will depend on entries to the event.

BSI SINGLES

FORMAT OF PLAY:

SINGLES will play to 15 Points with a time limit of 1.5 hours, or whichever comes first. (i.e. The winner will be the player to win 15 points).

When the BELL is rung at 1.5 hours, finish the end you are playing.

If the score is TIED then an extra end will be played to break the tie.

If the tie is 14-14 and a bowler wins more points in the tie - breaking end, only the tied points will count.

A game win scores 2 Points, a game loss scores 0 Points.

Winners will be decided by total points after all games have been played.

Shots for divided by shots against will be used if points are the same.

THIS WILL APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

SIDNEY WOMEN'S SINGLES

NOVICE WOMEN'S SINGLES

FLORA MARTIN OPEN (JAN MTG 2014) SINGLES – BURNSIDE LBC- REMOVE (Mar Mtg 2015) now hosted by Sidney and will be called SIDNEY WOMEN'S SINGLES (OPEN) (Mar Mtg 2015)

Sidney Women's Singles Tournament can only be held if there is a minimum of eight entries, WITH NO RESTRICTION ON NUMBER OF CLUBS.(Mtg Oct,2016)

NOVICE WOMEN'S SINGLES TOURNAMENT

- PLACE:** Three or four successive days depending on number of entries.
Venue will Follow the BSI Chair (March Mtg 2017)
Changed to weekend play, Format based on number of entries. (March Mtg 2018)
- TIME:** First Game – Thursday/Friday at 5:00 p.m. with a second game to follow. If one game only, start time will be 6:30 p.m.
This schedule no longer to be used as of the March Mtg 2018
Start of Event. –9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
There will be a maximum of 3 Games per day. (Feb Mtg 2012)
- METHOD** Round Robin format for Novice Competitions. **Format based on number of entries**
March mtg 2018
- OF PLAY:** If 2 players tied at end of Round Robin play, look at head to head.
If 3 or more tied, look at head to head first, if still tied look at shots for divided by shots against the ones that are tied,if still tied then shots for divided by shots against for all games played in round robin play.
Definition of Head to Head, player beats player when they played in Round Robin Play.
- MARKERS:** **EACH CLUB** is expected to provide at least two qualified markers.
- PLAYERS ELIGIBLE:** Members of affiliated Clubs who are new to the game of Bowls and who commenced play after the completion of the Clubs' Novice Singles Competition the previous year, and who has won this year's Novice Singles Competition.
Novice Club Champion or Runner-up will represent their club. If no club singles tournament is held, then no representative will be sent from your club. (~~DELETE~~ Oct Mtg 2016)
CLUB NOVICE TOURNAMENT WINNER TO BE SENT AND/OR IF NO NOVICE CLUB PLAYOFF, THE GAMES CHAIR WILL SEND NOVICE PLAYER OF CHOICE.(MTG OCT,2016)
- FORMAT:** See Singles Rules of Play. (P11)
- AWARDS:** **WINNER** of Competition has name engraved on Novice Plaque plus a keepsake pin or medallion engraved with year won.

SECTION C – OPEN TOURNAMENTS

FOURS (GORDON HEAD LBC)

START TIME: 6:30 p.m. on three consecutive evenings

METHOD OF PLAY: Ontario Draw

AWARDS: MONETARY PRIZE AMOUNTS will be determined by the number of entries and the number of winners immediately following the completion of the Competition.

Top 3-game winner - Trophy

All 3-game winners - Same Monetary Prize

Top 2-game winner - Monetary Prize

Top 1-game winner - Monetary Prize

2 BOWL 6 PACK TRIPLES (COWICHAN LBC)

Start Time 9.30am

Method of Play

Round Robin is played. Each Game use 2 Bowls – 6 Ends.
Maximum Entry 14 teams
2 Spaces allotted for Cowichan Teams.
One Space for Previous years winners.
11 Spaces drawn by lottery.
Attention is paid to having as many clubs represented as possible.

ROSE BOWL

Start Time: 9.00 am (Sunday) 6.45 pm (Monday & Tuesday)

Method Of Play: 3 x 14 end games (Sunday)
1 x 14 end Game (Monday and Tuesday)

Prizes: Based on Number of Entries

SIMMONS TRIPLES

STARTTIME: 9.30AM (2 executive days)

Method of Play: 2 x 14 end games each day

Prizes: Based on Number of entries

NOVICE INVITATION DAY

PURPOSE: To bring together Novice players from each club and to enjoy a social bowling afternoon.

ENTRY FEE: No entry fee.

PLACE OF PLAY: As indicated on the current rotation schedule.

TYPE OF PLAY AND PRIZES: This decision to be made by Host Club Games Committee.

BSI to donate \$25.00 to Club hosting Novice Invitational Day each year.

TEA AND REFRESHMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE HOST CLUB COMMITTEE

ROTATION SCHEDULE

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
LH	VW	CP	VIC	SID	OB	GH	CS	COW	JDF

CAMERON CUP

BSI SPONSORED

SUSPENDED(JOINT GAMES MEETING FEB 2016)

CHAMP OF CHAMPS

MENS AND WOMENS SUSPENDED.

**NOVICE CHAMP OF CHAMPS WILLCONTINUE TO HOLD TOURNAMENTS
(Joint Games Mtg Feb 2016)**

GUIDELINES FOR CLUB GAMES CHAIR

Clubs will be responsible for managing HOLIDAY WEEK (Feb 20 mtg) tournaments.

BSI Presidents Council will be responsible for Men's and Women's Novice Champ of Champs and individual clubs will take responsibility for all other tournaments.

Umpires for Novice Champ of Champs will be paid by BSI Presidents Council (Dec Mtg 2012)

All Inter-Club tournaments to be run by Women's Handbook rules with dates coordinated.

CLUB GAMES CHAIRS

Games Chairs will post sign-up sheets at their club at least 3 weeks prior to tournament.

Games Chair or Individual team at each club will phone/email Host Club Games Chair with entries for each tournament by the Wednesday prior to the tournament.

Games Chair or Individual team will take sign-up sheet and entry fees to Host Club the first day of the tournament. If she or no one from her club is playing at the Host Club, take sign-up sheet and entry fees to overflow green as club hosting tournament will have a representative.

HOST CLUB CHAIR

1. After receiving entries do up the draw. All tournament draws are RANDOM including semi-finals and finals.(Dec Mtg 2012)
Arrange overflow green if needed.
2. Prepare score cards
3. Post draw sheets
4. DAVID MATHIE Head Umpire will arrange umpires for all women's events.
5. Arrange for refreshments
6. Phone/email all Women's Games Chairs who have teams entered the results of the draw. If an overflow green is used inform Chair of where teams are playing.
7. First day of tournament Host Club to receive sign-up sheets and entry fees.
8. Have Handbook available for use of Umpires.
9. Record game results, determine players advancing to Play-offs.
Allot prize money. From entry fees comes prize money, also from entry fees payment of green fees, umpires and BSI. Please refer to Women's Results sheet for breakdown. (Mar. Mtg. 2013)
Host Club Chair will accept entries to tournaments from Games Chairs or Individual Teams. (Nov. Mtg. 2015).

WOMENS GAMES CHAIR ROTATION

YEAR	CHAIR	CO-CHAIR
2018	COWICHAN	?????????
2019	???????	BURNSIDE
2020	BURNSIDE	CENTRAL SAANICH
2021	CENTRAL SAANICH	SIDNEY
2022	SIDNEY	GORDON HEAD
2023	GORDON HEAD	LAKEHLL
2024	LAKEHILL	VICTORIA
2025	VICTORIA	OAK BAY
2026	OAK BAY	VIC WEST
2027	VIC WEST	JUAN DE FUCA
2028	JUAN DE FUCA	CANADIAN PACIFIC?

CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS

1. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, 2015, including appendix A.4 through to and including A.4.3, (see bottom of page) and A.5 in its entirety, shall apply.
2. The General Rules Governing Competitions and Open Tournaments, published in the BSI Women's Games Book. When a tournament is Open, teams can be made up of players who are paid members from any Club.
3. Dress Code – Players' shirts and pants may be in any colour – with the exception of red, which is reserved for the umpires – as long as all members of the same team are attired the same.
4. There will be no smoking on the greens, including no smoking of electronic cigarettes.
5. All games will be 14 ends with the exception of the singles game which will be played to 15 points and/or 1.5 hours. The Two Bowl Six Pack Tournament hosted by Cowichan will also be exempt from the 14 end rule.
6. The day (with the exception of the singles, Two Bowl Six Pack, **Silver Tray and Simmons**) will consist of three 14 end games in a random draw, with a time limit of 2 hours and 15 minutes. There will be a bell start for each game, to be rung at start times of 9:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. There will be a bell finish at the end of each game to be rung at 11:15 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.
7. Trial ends are permitted before the first game, at the change of direction and with a change of green. Trial ends are scheduled at 8:45 a.m. for the first game. Trial ends before the start of all other games are at the discretion of the teams. Trial ends must be finished before the bell start.
8. All burnt ends will be reset on the two meter mark @ center.
9. At the end of Day 1,. **Teams returning to Day 2 will depend on entries. 20 and under 8 teams , over 20 -12 teams. Oct mtg 2017**. The exception to this condition will be singles tournaments, the Two Bowl Six Pack , Joan Price Quaddie, Gordon Head Fours, **SilverTray , Simmons & Rose Bowl**. 2 Points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.
10. Ties among teams that are tied in points will be broken according to:
 - a. The aggregate of shots for divided by shots against;
 - b. If still tied, the number of ends won will be considered.
11. The top 12 teams will play in groups of 4 in a knockout format as follows: there will be a random draw in each group to determine opponents in the semi-finals of each event. **Again depending on Entries**.
 - a. The top 4 teams will be in the "A" event;
 - b. The 5th to 8th ranked teams will be in the "B" event
 - c. The 9th to 12th ranked teams will be in the "C" event
12. Each knockout event will consist of two rounds with a time limit of 2 hours and 30 minutes for each round. There will be bell starts and finishes with start times of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. The winners of the first round will play each other in the second round to determine the winner and runner-up for each event.
13. Prizes will be awarded to all twelve teams.(Nov Mtg 2015) **Prizes now based on entries (Oct Mtg 2017)**
14. If a player plays in the tournament on the Tuesday she cannot come as a substitute on the Wednesday. (Nov Mtg 2015)

Visitations to the head:

Singles game – the opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls. In exceptional and limited circumstances, a singles player can ask the marker for permission to walk up to the head. Pairs game – the leads: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls; and the skips: after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls. Triples game – the leads: after delivery of their third bowl; the seconds: after delivery of their second and third bowls; and the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls. Fours game – the leads: after the second player in their teams has delivered their second bowl; the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl; the thirds: after delivery of their second bowl; and the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.