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## LAWN BOWLS RULES (OPEN)

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These championships are conducted in accordance with the current Bowls New Zealand Laws and Regulation ([www.bowlsnz.co.nz](http://www.bowlsnz.co.nz)) with the following exceptions and competition clarifications:

### 1. TEAM SIZE

- 1.1 There are no limitations on the number of pairs a University can enter into the competition.
- 1.2 The competition shall be an open pair's competition. Each team will consist exclusively of two players with no reserves.

(An open competition means teams can be made up of any possible combination of players, for Lawn Bowls this would be; two men, two women or a man and a woman)

- 1.3 Sides (a University) may have one non-playing manager and one non-playing coach.

### 2. MATCH CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Games will be three-bowl pairs.
- 2.2 Games will consist of two sets of 8 ends with no time limit. The winner of each set will be the team with the highest number of points. Drawn sets will count. If at the end of two sets the game is drawn the winner will be decided by a three-end tiebreaker. The side which wins two of the tiebreak ends will be the winner

### 3. POOL AND ROUND ROBIN POINTS

- 3.1 Points for each pool or round robin match shall be awarded as follows:

Winning Team:	4 competition points
Drawn Match:	2 competition points
Losing Team:	1 competition points
Forfeiting Team:	0 competition points (see forfeits section below for more details)

## 4. RESOLVING DRAWN SITUATIONS

- 4.1 All drawn games will be resolved using the tiebreaker situation described in section 2.2.
- 4.2 At the conclusion of either pool or round robin play team standings will be determined by number of competition points, in drawn situations teams will be separated using the following criteria (applied in order):
- (a) Total number of sets won;
  - (b) The differential amassed by each team during the tournament

## 5. FORFEITS

- 5.1 A forfeit will be declared ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start of play time where either team is unable to play.
- 5.2 The forfeit score shall be two (2) sets to nil (with the average differential for the round applied to both teams) with zero competition points rewarded to the team that forfeits.
- 5.3 Penalties for forfeiture of playing commitment are outlined in the USNZ Event Bond Policy.
- 5.4 If a team is found to have played an unaccredited player any matches this occurred in will be recorded as a forfeit. The forfeit score or actual completed match score will be recorded; whichever is higher.

## 6. PRESENTATION

- 6.1 At the completion of the championship gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the first three pairs. A trophy (if existing) will be awarded to the university that wins the competition:
- Open Champion
- 6.2 Event points will be allocated to the Lawn Bowls competition as per the USNZ Awards and Points Scoring Policy – Team sports: Points allocation formula

## 7. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 General USNZ Uniform Requirements
- Each competitor shall wear the uniform of their university
  - All required safety and protective equipment for that sport must be worn
  - A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
  - Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped
- 7.2 Sport Specific Uniform Standards – The uniform requirements for each sport should be as per the National Sporting Organisations standard's with the following minimum requirements;
- Lawn Bowls** – Trousers, Skirts (optional - Women), Polo's,
- Players must wear flat-soled shoes

## 8. DUTY REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1 The duty requirement for **Lawn Bowls** will be:
- There is currently no duty requirement for Lawn Bowls
- 8.2 Penalties for not fulfilling the officiating requirement are outlined in the USNZ Event Bond Policy.