

2019 OPEN OVER 50's CHALLENGE

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Musgrave Hill Bowls Club

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. Authority and Control

(a) The competition shall be in the charge of and under the control of the Bowls Gold Coast-Tweed Events Committee – GCTDBA By Law 3 (b).

The BGCT Events Committee has the power to enquire into and adjudicate decisions, in the event of a dispute or problems, to make, alter or add to the conditions it deems necessary, under all circumstances and its decisions shall be final.

(b) Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Domestic Regulations and these Rules and Conditions of Play shall apply.

2. Sectional Structure

(a) The competition shall consist of sections of 8 (number determined by sides entries received).

(b) Each side shall consist of three (3) teams – a fours, a triples and a pairs. (9 players).

(c) Clubs with two or more sides are to ensure that each of their sides are of an equitable standard to maintain the integrity of the competition.

3. Eligibility, Interchanging Players

(a) Players shall be 50 years or over on or before the round they first play. Affiliated members of GCTDLBA will also be eligible to participate in open teams.

(b) A player must play three (3) matches in a side in a section to qualify for that section to be eligible to play in the major trophy final.

(c) There shall be no lateral movement of players after Round 3 where clubs have two or more sides.

4. Fees

(a) Club nomination fee of \$110 (incl gst) per side payable on invoice prior to commencement of competition.

(b) Mat fees shall be \$8.00 per player per round of which \$7.00 shall go to the host club and \$1.00 to the pool for the prizemoney to go to the best performed side of the day. Clubs to supply own scorecards.

5. Duration of play

All sectional and post sectional games shall be 21 ends for the fours and 2 x 2 pairs and 25 ends for the 2 bowl triples.

In the event of a game or games being stopped in sectional play and 42 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 42 ends played the result shall be deemed a draw and points awarded evenly.

6. Scoring

(a) The winner of each rink shall be awarded two (2) points.

(b) In the event of a tied score on a rink, each side on that rink shall be awarded one (1) point.

(c) The side scoring the greatest number of rink points shall be the winner.

(d) A maximum of six (6) rink points shall apply in any sectional game.

(e) Match points shall be recorded together with shots for and against and also the margin. Result sheets to show total shots scored by each side.

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

(g) In the event that two (2) or more sides are still equal the controlling body will divide the total shots scored against the side into the total of shots it has scored. The side with the highest result 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.

7. Finals – Post Sectional

(a) Major trophy shall be decided by play off between the section leaders at the completion of all sectional play at Musgrave Hill Bowls Club.

Final Prize Money:

Winning side in Final – Shield plus \$800

Runner Up side in Final - \$400

3rd place team - \$200

4th place team - \$100

(b) Clubs who finished in Sections from 3rd to 8th position to compete at Musgrave Hill Bowls Club for minor prize as for sectional play.

8. Attire

The dress (attire) regulation set down by Bowls Gold Coast-Tweed shall apply i.e. approved club shirts or white shirts.

9. Artificial Devices

A bowling arm cannot be introduced after a game has commenced – bowlers should finish the game as they started. We make no exception on the basis that if a new injury occurred that necessitated the use of a bowling arm then a substitute should be introduced. The BA policy remains unaltered.

10. Miscellaneous

(a) The Games Controller at the Host Club shall assist the DBA Events committee representative.

(b) He shall appoint a non playing umpire or measurer for the days play.

(c) The Events Committee retains the right to conduct the event on synthetic, natural or covered greens or any combination thereof.

(d) Host Club shall email the results to DBA office immediately after completion of each round – info@gctbowls.org.au.