

APPENDIX "A" – Condition of Play

11th Asian Lawn Bowls Championships 2015 Brunei Darussalam

CONDITION OF PLAY

Dates: 24th January – 1st February 2016

Venue: Lawn Bowls Complex, Hassanal Bolkiah Sports Complex, Berakas.

Controlling body:

- Asian Lawn Bowls Federation (Bowls Asia)
- Organising body: Brunei Darussalam National Lawn Bowls Association
- Tournament Director: Pg Hj Md Salleh Chuchu (BJ)

General Rules

All matches shall be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (crystal mark third edition). All bowls utilized in play must be registered with the umpires prior to play and must bear a valid World Bowls Stamp (with the number 16 or later).

The Controlling body reserves the right to alter the format and/or time of play to suit local unforeseen circumstance, giving as much notice as practical.

Each competing countries shall register at least 5 members (or up to 10) per men and ladies team. However, the host country will only bear the cost for five players, manager / coach per team.

Championship Discipline

- Singles: Four Bowls per player, 21 shots up
- Pairs: Three bowls per player, 16 ends
- Triples: Two bowls per player, 16 ends
- Fours: Two bowls per player, 16 ends

Pairs and Triples competitions are held at the same time. After the competition of all the Pairs and Triples matches, Singles and Fours competitions are then held, also at the same time. All matches are played continuously. It is requested that all players/teams be ready for play at their assigned rinks at least 15 minutes before the schedule start time.

Entry conditions and eligibility

To be eligible to competes as a player or substitute in the championships, team members including team manager may represent either their country of birth or the country in which he/she has resided for a minimum period of 2 years prior to the championship.

Composition of Sections

Teams competing in a discipline are grouped into two sections and competing in a round robin format. The grouping of each discipline will be based on the previous individual discipline ranking in the 10th Asian Lawn Bowls Championships 2014.

Section A	Section B
1st	2nd
4 th	3rd
5th	6th
8th	7th
9th	10th

New Entrants in the discipline participated are positioned by random draw.

No re-draw after the fixture was issued. If any team withdraws after the fixture was issued, their space will be a bye.

Format of Play

Any team arriving at the green more than 15 minutes after the official start time shall forfeit the game.

If a game is forfeited, the non-offending side will be awarded two match points and a net total of shots that is equal to the average net total of shots scored by the winners of all other matches played in the same round of the same section.

If any team is disqualified completely from the competition during the sectional play stage, all of the completed match results for and with the disqualified team will be expunged.

Substitution

The player whose name appears on the scorecard for the first game shall play throughout the Fours, Triples, Pairs and Singles competitions. A substitute may be utilized in any of the following ways:

- (a) The Manager of the team may him/herself substitute
- (b) The Manager of the team may call upon a registered player from his/her National Team who is present at the venue to substitute
- (c) The Organising Committee of the Host Country may be requested to provide a substitute.

It's understood, however, that a substitute in terms of the foregoing may be utilized only if the jury of appeal is satisfied that the player to be substituted is genuinely unable to play. Refer to Law of the Sport of Bowls (current edition)

Player in the Pairs, Triples and Fours may change playing position before commencement of each match but not change disciplines.

When an accredited player in a single event is unable to play in any round subsequent to the first round in which he/she is accredited owing to illness, sudden indisposition or reason acceptable to the Jury of Appeal, his/her place shall be taken by an alternative player from his/her team, playing in the same series. The replacement single player to be replaced in the team affected by a substitute player as set out in the section – Substitution (a), (b) and (c)

If a competitor in a Single game is unable to complete any game already commenced, his/her opponent shall, at the completion of the event, be credited with games points, the average net shots margin of all matches completed by the player defeated by default. The player receiving the points for the forfeit shall also be awarded the average net shots margin of all matches in that round of the competition.

Time Limit

A time limit of 2 hours will be applied in all sectional and Play Offs matches and 2.5 hours in the Semi-Final and Final rounds.

A horn, whistle or similar method will be used to signal the start of each round of matches and will again be used to signal the end of the time limit in each round. Any end in progress when the final horn, whistle or similar device sounds must be completed.

There will be **NO Trial Ends**

Alteration to the Format & Length of Games

- a) The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the format, times of play and green to suit local unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as is practical.
- b) Where a programme is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Jury of Appeal may amend the format and length games to achieve a result or postpone the event where an outcome cannot be achieved.

Jack re-spot

No dead end. See Law 56.5.3

Jack will be re-spotted with the nearest point of the jack to the mat at a spot on the rink which is two metres from the front ditch and on the centre line. Play should continue.

If the spot is partly covered by a bowl, the jack should be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink without touching a bowl.

Tossing for Opening Play

Skips in team match or opponents in singles should toss a coin.

The winner of the toss should choose whether to:

- place the mat and deliver the jack and the first bowl; or
- Tell the opposing player to place the mat and deliver the jack and the first bowl
(The opposing player cannot refuse).

Restricting the movement of players during play

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

Singles:

After delivery of their third and fourth bowls

Pairs:

The leads: after delivery of their last bowls; and

The skips: after delivery of the second and third bowls

Triples:

The leads: after delivery of their last bowls; and

The seconds: after delivery of their last bowls; and

The skips: after delivery of each of their bowls

Fours:

The leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second Bowls, and

The seconds: after delivery of their second bowls; and

The thirds: after delivery of their second bowls; and

The skips: after delivery of each of their bowls

Delaying (Slow) Play

The Controlling Body is empowered to invoke regulations for dealing with slow play as it considers appropriate.

Players are required to play without undue delay and in a manner which does not prevent their opponents from being able to complete the requisite number of ends within the time limit prescribed by the Controlling Body. The following conditions will apply in cases where players fail to meet this requirements.

- 1) The Umpire, on appeal by one of the skips or one of the team coaches that their team is being prevented from playing all their bowls within the time prescribed for the game due to the actions of their opponents, or on appeal by the Controlling Body as a result of its own observation, will notify the offending team that they are being “put on the stopwatch” on completion of any end in progress.
- 2) When notification has been given, the offending team will be required to deliver all their bowls in each of the remaining ends within a four minute time period. Timing will be undertaken by a technical official specifically allocated for that purpose.
- 3) In each end, timing will start as soon as the jack has been properly delivered and centred (if the offending team is the first to play in an end) or as soon as the non-offending team’s first bowl has come to rest (if the non-offending team is the first to play in an end). Thereafter, timing will continue whenever the offending team is in possession of the rink, and will stop when the offending team’s last bowl of the end has been delivered.
- 4) No timing will occur during any interventions by the Umpire (for example, to check a short jack or a line bowl) or any interventions by a team coach.
- 5) A skip can call for a maximum of two time-outs during the period in which timing is being carried out.
When a time-out is called, the time allowed to complete an end will be extended from four minutes to five minutes.
- 6) The timing official will advise the offending team when the time remaining in any end reaches one minute
- 7) At the end of the four minutes and five minutes period the offending team will forfeit any bowls remaining to be delivered in that end. The non-offending team will, however, deliver their remaining bowls to complete the end.

Signing of Final Score Card

The Final scorecard shall be signed by both players and the finishing time recorded. The players should return the signed scorecards to the Umpire on the green at the conclusion of each game. All scorecards shall be checked and signed by the Umpire. The scores in the scorecards are final.

Winners of Sectional Play

The ranking of the nation teams in each section of a discipline is decided as follows:

- The team with the highest game points in descending order;
- In the event of a tie on game points for any position, the team with the bigger “shots difference” will be the higher-ranked nation;
- In the event of a tie at this stage then the result of the game played between the nation teams will decide the higher-ranked team; and
- In the event teams are still tied, then the team scoring the most shots in the competition will be the higher-ranked.

Semi-Final and Final Matches for Sectional Play

The Top of each section will go forward to the Semi Final while the 2nd and 3rd placings in each section will be randomly drawn out to play off for the remaining two places in the Semi Final.

For pairs, triples or fours, if the score is draw after 16 ends, an extra end will be played to determine the winner. See Law 28.

Overall team Position and Awards for Sectional Play:

1st Position: Winner of the Final – Gold Medal

2nd Position: loser of the Final – Silver Medal

3rd / 4th Position: Losers of Semi Final – Bronze Medal

(Position is determined by the relative performance of the losers of the Match in accordance to criteria stated below)

5th – Last Position: Final position of teams sharing same position in each section for the Disciplines is determined in sequence by best of:

- a) No. of Game points;
- b) No. of “shots difference”
- c) No. of “shots for”
- d) No. of End won

Or if still undecided, by toss of coin.

Nation Ranking Points in Each Discipline:

- Nation ranked 1st (gold medallist) in each discipline will receive a number of ranking points equal to the number of nations taking part in that discipline
- Nation in 2nd position (silver medallist will receive 1 ranking point less than the 1st position
- Nations ranked in subsequent position will receive 1 ranking point less than the preceding position and so on down the position table. Nation ranked last will receive 1 ranking point.
- Additional 1 point will be awarded to gold medallist

Stoppages Due to Inclement Weather

When the program cannot be completed due to inclement weather or any other local condition, the Jury of Appeal may permit an event to be concluded upon a less number of the game without completing the remaining fixture and thereupon the event shall be decided upon the number of points (and if necessary shot aggregate) gained by each team provided that each team plays the same number of the game. The Jury of Appeal is given specific power to decide fair means of awarding point for abandoned games.

Jury of Appeal

A Jury of Appeal shall be appointed for the purpose of deciding upon any points not provided for in the Condition of Play, for dealing with any appeals arising from decisions made by umpires and/or the Tournament Committee, and generally for the purpose of exercising overall authority on behalf of Asia Bowls. Three Officials of Asia Bowls if whom the most senior shall be the Chairman, The President or nominee of the National Association in whose territory the tournament is conducted, provided always that a Team Manager may not be a member of the Jury of Appeal.

Should there be any issue as to those to be nominated to serve on the Jury of Appeal; the decision of the Chairman made from those available shall be final and binding. In the event of equality of vote on any matter be decided by the Jury of Appeal, the Chairman shall have a casting vote, in addition to a deliberate vote.

Irregularities Not Provided For

Any irregularities not providing for in the Condition of Playing any of the Competition hereinafter referred to, will be decided by the Jury of Appeal. The Organising Committee reserves the right to alter the times of play and greens/risks to suit local unforeseen circumstances, giving reasonable notice.

Trophies

Challenge Trophy

The nation which is ranked top in the medal table (medals awarded to "U25" Boys and Girls Singles disciplines is not counted) is the Overall Champion of the tournament and is awarded the Challenge Trophy. The ranking in the medal table is determined as follow:

- The nation awarded the most Gold Medals;
- In the event of a tie on the number of gold medals, the nation awarded the most Silver medals;
- In the event of tie at this stage, then the nation awarded the most Bronze medals; and
- In the event where all medal tallies are still tied, then the Organising Committee will decide

Men Overall Trophy and Ladies Overall Trophy

A nation's men/ladies team which accumulates the highest number of ranking points in all four discipline (note: no ranking points is awarded to 'U25' Boys and Girls Single discipline) is awarded the men/ladies Overall Trophy.

- In the event two or more countries are tied on ranking points, the trophy is awarded to country with the highest "Shot Difference"-the difference between "shots for" and "shots against" in all the 4 disciplines of the competition.
- In the event of two or more countries still being tied on "short difference", then the country scoring the highest number of shorts in all 4 disciplines takes the trophy.
- In the event where all the above tallies are still tied, then the Organising Committee will decide.