

HBC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2023-2024

1. You must be a financial bowling member of Heathmont Bowls Club.
2. Entries can only be accepted on the Official Entry Form on display in the club rooms. When signing your entry you acknowledge that you understand and accept the conditions as stated below.
3. All entry fees are to be paid on the first day of competition prior to commencement of play.
4. For team games it is the responsibility of the Skip to ensure that all entry fees are paid as a team. No individual player payments will be accepted for team games excepting Drawn Fours.
5. For Singles events, players with byes in the first round must be available to mark in the first round.
6. For Singles events, the loser of the first round must be available to mark in the following round.
7. Rounds with *specified playing days* will be marked as such on the draw sheets, the club website and in the club Program Book. If a player believes they will be unavailable for the **specified dates** they should not enter the competition. If a player subsequently becomes unavailable on a specified date the Championship Committee may modify the date **BUT** that would only occur in *extreme and unforeseen* situations. It is the player's responsibility to either make themselves available or forfeit the game.
Note: Protection is limited and in accordance with Bowls Victoria - Rules for Competition and **FORFEITS WILL APPLY. Games postponed due to protection must be played within 14 days of the scheduled date. Also refer Para 10.**
8. It is up to the players and/or teams to arrange playing dates, times and rinks for 'completed by' rounds.
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9. 'Completed by' dates mean the round must be completed on or by the date and time specified on the draw sheet and it is the responsibility of the players and/or teams to arrange markers, playing dates, rinks and playing times for these games.
10. If players and/or teams have not or cannot decide the outcome on or by the 'completed by' date then both teams and/or players will forfeit the game. However, if a player or team has made every reasonable effort to arrange the game by the 'completed by' date and has advised the Championship Committee accordingly, the Championship Committee reserve the right to award the game to a player or team by walkover.
11. Late players and/or teams are allowed 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time to commence play. After that time, the game will be forfeited and the player and/or team in attendance will be declared the winner.
12. Games will be played on both the grass and synthetic greens.
13. All games will be played according to Bowls Australia Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Bowls Victoria Rules for Competition.
14. Men's Singles and Men's Pairs championships are only open to male affiliated members of Bowls Victoria.
15. Women's Singles and Women's Pairs championships are only open to female affiliated members of Bowls Victoria.
16. Mixed Pairs championships are only open to male/female combinations of Bowls Victoria affiliated members.
17. Minor Singles championships are open to Bowls Victoria affiliated members who have not previously won a Singles Championship (Open or Minor) at this or any other club and who did not play more than 3 games in Heathmont 3 or higher in the previous year Saturday Pennant season.
18. All other championships are open to Bowls Victoria affiliated bowling members.

The Championship Committee, in conjunction with the Bowls Committee, reserve the right, if necessary, to alter any of the Conditions of Entry **BUT** that would only occur in an *extreme and unforeseen* situation.