

RICHMOND LAWN BOWLING CLUB

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR CLUB COMPETITIONS 2026

Whites, or club shirt with white/beige bottom, or team color (applicable to nomination games only) to be worn as scheduled

- * W.B. Laws of the Sport of Bowls apply, except as modified by these rules.
- * Competition sign-up forms will be posted on notice board three weeks before an event for 14 days. Draws will be made 7 days prior to event and skips notified of team. It is the skips' responsibility to notify team of competition details.
- * Positions within a team must remain as drawn unless a substitute is involved.
- * Enter competitions which you can play on dates given. Games may only be rescheduled by mutual consent.
- * If a game cannot be played on the scheduled date, the skips may arrange another day before the last scheduled game. If one of the teams is unable to play before the above-mentioned date, they shall forfeit the game and give their opponents 3 game points plus 5 shots, or whatever as stipulated in the rules of play in that particular game.
- * Substitutes:
 - Skip must advise the convener of substitution.
 - A fours team may have two substitutes.
 - A triples team may have one substitute only.
 - A pairs team may have one substitute only.
 - No substitutes are allowed in play-off games including the quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals.
 - It is the responsibility of the skip to find an eligible substitute when any member of his/her team is unable to play; but for **club's draw competitions**, if the skip cannot take part in any of the games, the respective Game Convenor will arrange for a suitable substitute.

Substitutes cannot skip. No player can substitute for another team in that same competition, even his/her team has been eliminated in any round.

For **club's draw competitions**, skips are responsible for checking the Handicap Points before the start of each game, if Handicap Points system is applied.

- * If a player is absent 15 minutes after the scheduled time to start a game, the team shall forfeit the game unless a suitable substitute is available within the 15-minute waiting period.
- * No practicing is allowed on the same rink on the day of competition where greens have been drawn.
- * In the event when inclement weather stops a game after 10 ends have been played, the game shall be considered completed, with the win and loss recorded at the last end completed.
- * The Games Committee or Convenor may provide solutions to situations that are not provided for in these Conditions of Play.
- * If a player does not observe the rules and refuses to abide by the rules after being advised of an infraction, the player shall forfeit the right to play in the Club competitions for that current year.

BE A GRACIOUS WINNER AND A GOOD LOSER
ENJOY YOUR BOWLING!