

TIBC2026: CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Tasmanian International Bowls Classic

EVENT DATES: SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026 AND SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026

**QUALIFYING DATES: NORTH - SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2026 | NORTH WEST - SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2026 |
SOUTH - SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026**

1. ENTRY CONDITIONS

The tournament is open to any male or female player. The field will consist of 36 players in total. All players must be an affiliated bowler with a State or Territory Association that is affiliated to Bowls Australia as defined in the Bowls Australia Constitution, or affiliated to an international body that is a member of World Bowls.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Entry in the qualifying events is open to any female or male registered bowler.
- b. Players who have received and accept an official Direct Entry Invitation from the Tournament Committee are eligible to compete in the event.
- c. Players who qualify through regional pre-qualifying events in the North, North West and South as held prior to the main event.
- d. Players must adhere to the terms and conditions specified.

3. DIRECT INVITATIONS

There will be a determined number of registrants who will be invited for direct entry into the main tournament. The number of Direct Invitations will be determined by the number of registrants after closing, taking into account the framework in Point 4 below. Invites will be at the sole discretion of the organising committee. Two (2) invitations will be at the discretion of the major sponsors.

Direct Invitations are decided by the committee after all registrations are received. The committee considerations include profile, resume, past support of the event, demeanour and support for sponsor peripheral events.

4. QUALIFYING ENTRIES

There will be regional qualifying in the North, North West and South of Tasmania. These qualifying events will be held as follows:

- NORTH - Longford Bowls Club - Sunday 30 August 2026
- SOUTH - Kingborough Bowls Club - Sunday 13 September 2026
- NORTH WEST - Burnie Indoor - Sunday 6 September 2026

5. ENTRY FEES

- a. Direct Entry Players entry fee is \$100.
- b. Qualifying Entrants will be required to pay an entry fee of \$30. For successful qualifiers, a further \$40 is payable upon acceptance of invite.
- c. All entry fees are non-refundable.

6. FORMAT

- a. A Match Manager and umpire will be present throughout the tournament.
- b. Dead ends apply.

7. WITHDRAWALS

If an invited player withdraws from the event, the Committee will make all efforts to replace the player with another player of similar profile, providing that player has not attempted to qualify in any region prior to the event.

If a player who has gained entry via qualifying withdraws from the event, the next best qualifier from that region will gain entry as the first alternate. In the event that the first alternate is unavailable, then the second alternate and thereafter will gain entry into the event.

If any player withdraws on the day of the event, the Committee will replace the player with the best option available at the time.

8. MARQUEE PLAYER SUBSTITUTION

Where a marquee player is unable to participate due to circumstances beyond their control — including but not limited to flight delays, illness, or other travel disruptions — the Tournament Committee reserves the right to substitute that player with a replacement of suitable standard, at the Committee's sole discretion. No refunds or adjustments to entry fees will be made as a result of a marquee player substitution.

9. ARRANGEMENT OF THE GAME

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to allocate the same rink to a player more than once on the same day.

10. FIRST TO PLAY (LAW 15.4)

The opponents should toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the options described in Law 18.2.2.

11. ALTERATIONS TO THE FORMAT AND LENGTH OF THE GAMES

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

12. START OF THE GAME

A signal will be given at the start of each session. Any player arriving after the starting time shall lose the right to play trial ends. Any player arriving at the green more than 15 minutes after the official starting time shall forfeit the game and the points that would be awarded for a win plus 60% of the points awarded for the average number of ends played in all games for that round.

13. RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY

Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head after delivery of their third and fourth bowls. In exceptional and limited circumstances, the player can ask the marker to walk up to the head earlier than described above. If a player does not meet these terms, Law 35 will apply.

14. DELAYING PLAY

If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips or the opponent in singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl:

- a. On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player.
- b. If the player commits the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as complete and the opponents of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent.
- c. If the player offends a third time, the game will be forfeited to the opponent.

15. SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

Substitute players are not permitted.

16. ATTIRE

- a. As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, including Domestic Regulation 5. Footwear must adhere to Appendix A2. Attire must adhere to Appendix A3 and the BA logo policy. This policy is available on the Bowls Australia website www.bowlsaustralia.com.au.
- b. Failure to adhere to the BA Logo Policy will result in the offending player being given a verbal warning by the convening match umpire which will be lodged and recorded with the Tournament Director. The offending player will then be provided up until the forfeit time of their subsequent game to comply with the BA Logo Policy. Failure to comply by this deadline will result in the offending player being disqualified and the game forfeited to their opponent.
- c. All players will wear any form of sponsorship material that is supplied by the sponsors of the event, if any.
- d. All players to wear club gear or clothing bearing the BA logo.

17. TRIAL ENDS

Trial ends are permitted but must be completed by that game's official starting time.

18. STAMP ON BOWLS

All bowls used during the event must carry a registered World Bowls stamp of either the current year or of a future year. Random checking of bowls may occur prior to the commencement of games. Bowls Australia's bowls testing policy is available on the Bowls Australia website www.bowlsaustralia.com.au. Players requiring bowls testing shall be liable for the cost of the test.

19. MARKING TOUCHERS

In all Bowls Australia events, as per the Laws of the Sport, only chalk can be used to mark touchers. We highly recommend the use of spray chalk.

20. JURY OF APPEAL

The Tournament Committee shall be appointed for the purpose of deciding upon any points not provided in the Conditions of Play, for dealing with any appeals from decisions made by umpires and/or the Tournament Committee, and generally for the purpose of exercising overall authority on behalf of Bowls Australia. In the event of an appeal during the playing of the event, such appeals shall be made in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, and shall be directed to the Match Manager.

21. PRIZE MONEY

A breakdown of the prize money is available upon request. Any player that is disqualified or forfeits a prize money round is ineligible to receive their prize money. Limited exceptional circumstances, forfeits only, can be applied for through written application to the Match Manager.

22. OTHER LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

- a. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the program as deemed necessary to complete the event satisfactorily.
- b. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to use any photographs taken during this event for further promotional requirements.
- c. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter any part of the Conditions of Play as deemed necessary.