




## Conditions of Play for Provincial Playdowns & Sanctioned Tournaments

### Section 1: General Tournament Conditions


1. The conduct of the Provincial Playdowns and Sanctioned Tournaments is the responsibility of the **Bowls Program Committee** of the **Lawn Bowls Association of Alberta** identified as **LBAA** in the rest of this document.
2. Each event shall be open to eligible LBAA members with tournament dates and deadlines for entries to be established by the Bowls Program Committee and approved by the LBAA Board of Directors. Tournament entry fees are proposed by the Bowls Program Committee and the Finance Committee and approved by the LBAA membership.
3. All play shall be conducted under World Bowls (WB) rules as adopted by Bowls Canada Boulingrin (BCB), unless otherwise stated in BCB's or LBAA's Conditions of Play.
4. **Provincial Playdowns** are: the "Majors", which are women's & men's pairs, triples and fours; the senior women's & men's Triples, mixed pairs, women's & men's outdoor singles and the women's & men's indoor singles.
  - a. The winners of all the playdowns are expected to represent AB at the Canadian National Championships, further called the Nationals, to follow later in the same season. The only exceptions are for the Outdoor Singles...winners may decide not to participate in the corresponding national event and therefore the next highest placed player will have the option of attending on behalf of Alberta and be provided with funding as set forth by the LBAA Finance committee. As the Canadian Outdoor Singles Championship is an 'open event' any AB player may register and compete even if they did not participate in the provincial playdown event. 
  - b. Players that win a Provincial competition and fail to participate in the National event (except for reasons of illness, injury or an unexpected personal matter) may have future sanctions imposed on them. As stated in point 4.a above, there is an exception for players competing in the provincial outdoor singles playdowns.
  - c. In the years Alberta hosts a national event and receives an automatic 'B' team entry, the silver medalists must also be willing to participate in the relevant event.
  - d. Once a player wins a Provincial "Majors" Playdown event (pairs, triples or fours), that player is ineligible to enter any other Provincial "Majors" Playdown event during that year. The same stipulation applies to silver medal teams in the years that Alberta hosts a national event and has been given an automatic 'B' entry. However, a player may enter any other Provincial Playdown

event during the year. Example: a player who wins the women's Fours may not enter the women's Pairs (both "Majors"), but may enter any or all of the other Provincial Playdowns. (Mixed Pairs, Senior Triples, Indoor & Outdoor Singles)


**5. The Sanctioned Tournaments** are the Junior Singles, the U25 Singles, the Medicine Hat Memorial Triples, the Visually Impaired Singles, the Northern & Southern Alberta Novice Pairs, and the Northern & Southern Alberta Open Triples.

**6. LBAA recognizes that the National Junior** girl's and boy's Singles and the **Under 25** are 'open' events. The Junior girl's & boy's Singles and the under 25 women's & men's Singles tournaments scheduled each year by the bowls program are held to give opportunities for applicable members across the province to play singles in the same format as the National event. LBAA is committed to providing funding assistance to qualified Alberta players that register in these "Open" National Championships. For further information, see the LBAA financial policies regarding funding players to these respective national events.

**7. Novice Pairs** shall be limited to those having **not more than three years** of lawn bowls experience/membership (including the current year) for both the Southern Alberta and Northern Alberta Novice Pairs. Novice players, including junior aged players, who previously have won a medal in any Alberta Championship Playdown or have won a gold medal in a previous Novice Pairs Tournament are not eligible to enter. Novice experience will not commence until the year following one's thirteenth birthday.

**8. Open Triples Teams** shall be limited to only one player per team having played in a National championship (excepting any Open event) at any time in the previous three years or having won a Provincial Playdown in the current year. Each team must also have at least one player with less than five years' experience. It should be noted that the intent of this tournament is to give opportunity for relatively new bowlers to gain experience playing with some experienced bowlers. "Open" for this tournament means there will be no gender or age restrictions on any player entering these tournaments and the only restrictions are those above. 

**9. The Medicine Hat Memorial Triples** is an event particularly geared towards social bowlers. Any participants that have recently won medals in Provincial Playdowns or attended National events should play on teams with novice players to make teams even to facilitate competitive games for all the teams. The format for this tournament is flexible and will be finalized by the drawmaster and LBAA office. The preference is for one day of three randomly drawn opponents for each team and then based on those results the teams are placed in divisions and play for top spots in each division the second day.

 **10. The Visually Impaired Bowler's Singles Tournament** will be run in cooperation with the Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind (ASRAB). This event will be open to bowlers with visual classifications of B1 – B4. As this is an inaugural event for 2017, the exact format of the tournament will be determined based on number of entries received and the format used at past events.

**11.** The playdowns and sanctioned tournaments will be guided by the annually prepared Tournament Format document. Some flexibility is permissible for the Junior and U25 Tournaments as the number of entries may dictate the use of more appropriate formats. The Medicine Hat Memorial Triples and the Visually Impaired Singles are exceptions and stated in point 9 and 10 above.

**12.** Draws for the playdowns and most tournaments will be completed at the LBAA office using a reputable online random draw program. Results of draws will be posted on the website as soon as possible once the draw is completed but no less than three days before the tournament start date.

**13. Bowls** of any color, as well as colored dimples and rings, are permitted to use in tournaments. Bowls stamped ‘coaching’ and miss-matched bowls are not allowed. Bowls used in Provincial tournaments that lead to participation in National Championships must display visible legible stamps, which comply with the Laws of the Sport. The date of the bowl is not applicable for provincial or national competitions.

**14.** Use of delivery aids, such as bowling arms, are permissible in all LBAA sanctioned events; for use in Provincial events leading to a National event players are responsible to follow the proper protocol as outlined in Appendix A.

**15.** Where this document or the LBAA Tournament Format documents are silent on an issue, the latest edition of the Conditions of Play from Bowls Canada Boulingrin will apply at the discretion of the Tournament Drawmaster.



## **Section Two: Player/Team Conditions**

### **Residence**

- 1.** All players must have their principal residence in the Province of Alberta as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they participate in the Alberta Provincial Playdowns.
- 2.** If a player moves during the course of the year and they have not participated in a provincial playdown in another province, they may apply to participate in Provincial Playdowns following the regulations set out in the BCB Consolidated Conditions of Play.
- 3.** Players participating in the Indoor Singles Playdown that go on to represent AB at the Canadian Indoor Singles Championships must be a Canadian citizen or possess a valid Canadian Permanent Resident card.

### **Affiliation**

- 1.** All players must be members in good standing of an LBAA affiliated club before the entry deadline for an event.
- 2.** If the LBAA office receives notice in writing or by email that a member is not in good standing with Bowls Canada Boulingrin, and therefore not eligible to compete in any Canadian Championship, then the member will not be allowed to participate in the provincial playdowns.
- 3.** Members of pairs, triples, & fours teams do not need to be members of the same affiliated club.

## Conduct

1. All players entering Provincial Competitions must agree to abide by the policies governing participation and comply to the procedures and guidelines for directing the tournaments. See Appendix B for further details on the LBAA Player's Code of Conduct.
2. Players that represent Alberta in National events also have the responsibility of being aware of the Bowls Canada Boulingrin 'Code of Conduct and Ethics' for players and agree to abide by it.

## Age of Participants

1. **Juniors** shall be those up to and including eighteen (18) years of age as of January 1st, of the year of the event. Any player turning 19 any time in the current 2017 year is not eligible to play in the 2017 Juniors.
2. To be eligible to enter the National **Under 25** Singles, entrants must have reached their 18th birthday by the start of the Canadian Championship event but must not reach their 25th birthday by the start of the corresponding World Junior Championship event. (NOTE: in Canada players under 18 are considered Juniors but on the World Bowls stage players under 25 are considered Juniors)
3. **Senior Triples:** The minimum age for competing is 60 years of age. Players must have reached their 60th birthday in the year of the championship.

## Dress Code

1. All players entering a Provincial Playdown or Sanctioned Tournament shall adhere to the following dress code on the green.
  - a. All participants must wear clean, appropriate and well-maintained clothing.
  - b. Shirts to be predominately white or team colors.
  - c. Skirts, slacks or shorts to be predominantly white or team colors.
  - d. All members on a team are to dress alike in their predominantly white or team colors.
  - e. Hats, visors, outer wear and rain gear may be of any color or style and need not be uniform for all members of the team.
  - f. Only approved footwear shall be permitted. Flat soled shoes (walking shoes) and running shoes that have no separation between the front sole and heel (flat from toe to heel) that possess a shallow tread pattern or grooves less than a quarter inch deep are acceptable foot wear. The width of any heel must be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole. Sandals with a heel strap are also acceptable, as long as the back strap is firmly fitted when worn.
2. Exceptions to 1 b. 1 c. and 1 d. above will be made for the Novice, Medicine Hat Memorial Triples and for the Open Triples Tournaments. Teams are encouraged to 'match' but are not required to.
3. Each player shall be held responsible for adhering to the dress code during a competition. Failure to comply will result in a warning from the Umpire. If a dress code infraction is repeated by the same player in a subsequent match then, after review by the Emergency Committee, this second infraction may result in forfeiture of the match to the opposing team.

## Substitutions

1. Once the playdowns begin, in the event of illness or any other unforeseen circumstance, substitutes may be allowed, once approved by the Emergency Committee, as follows:
  - a. One substitute will be permitted in pairs and triples and two substitutes will be permitted in fours. The one substitution in triples and pairs may be filled by two individuals at different times. ie In pairs one member of the original team must remain and in triples two members of the original team must remain. The two substituted positions in fours may be filled by three different individuals. ie two members of the original team must remain.
  - b. For a substitute to be eligible to play in the tournament, he/she must meet the following requirements:
    - i. be a member in good standing of a club affiliated with LBAA,
    - ii. meet the age restrictions, if any, for the tournament,
    - iii. and must be of the correct gender for the team.
    - iv. If the tournament is a “Majors” Playdown, the substitute may not have qualified to represent AB at the National event through another “Majors” Playdown tournament in the same season.
    - v. The substitute may not have played in any capacity on another team that has competed in the tournament.
  - c. Any member of the Emergency Committee may become a substitute, but must first resign from his/her duties in the tournament and may not be reinstated in any such capacity for the remainder of that tournament.
  - d. The substitute player may not be the sole drawmaster or umpire.
  - e. Substitutes may not play in the skip position but may play in any other position. After playing any part of more than two consecutive matches any substitute becomes a member of the team and may play in any position, including skip.
  - f. The original player may return to the team if he/she has not missed more than any part of two matches.
  - g. Substitutes may only play continuously. ie. If a substitute is replaced by the original team member or by another substitute, then the substitute may not play again in the competition.
  - h. In Pairs and Triples, any original team member who has not withdrawn or any substitute that has become a team member after playing in any part of more than two consecutive matches and has not withdrawn will be considered to be a final team member. In Fours, any original team member who has not withdrawn or any substitute that has become a team member after playing in any part of more than two consecutive matches and has not withdrawn will be a final team member. In the event that any substitute has not completed any part of more than two matches then the last of the team members to be substituted, even if previously withdrawn, will be considered to be part of the final team.
  - i. For the first day of their involvement in the tournament, substitutes will be exempt from the dress code.
2. a) Any individual that has earned the right to represent Alberta in a National event but cannot do so, (illness, injury or unexpected personal matter) will be substituted with the approval of the LBAA Board of Directors respecting the guidelines set out by BCB for substitutes.
  - i. In all cases, any substitute for a National event must have participated in at least one Provincial Playdown that same season.
  - ii. In the case of a team event, the substitute will be nominated by the remaining team member(s) for approval by the LBAA Board of Directors.

b) Final team members will be awarded all benefits accrued to members of that team including the right to represent the Province at National events if applicable.

### **Section 3: Play Conditions**

1. Competitors may **practice** before competition begins and during the period between games prior to the commencement of the trial ends, if time permits, and the practice does not interfere with greens maintenance or officials' preparation for the next game. Practice should be in the opposite direction of the scheduled game.

2. Any team receiving a bye can practice on a rink identified by the Drawmaster as one on which they are not scheduled to play on that day if they don't interfere with tournament games.

3. Skips can transfer the duties of marking the score card described in law 40.1.7 to another member of the team. However, they must make sure that these duties are transferred to players whose positions, in order of play, are the same in each team. If the skips cannot agree on who should keep the score card, then the skips in both teams must keep the score card as described in law 40.1.7.

4. Players must play without undue delay.

#### **5. Deliberate Delay of Play**

- a) If the Umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from the opposing skip or the opponent in singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl or the Skip is acting or issuing instructions designed to deliberately delay play:
  - i. In the case of Singles, on the first occasion the umpire will warn the Player. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, the Player commits the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender will be awarded as many shots as are bowls in use for the match –in the case of Singles, this is four shots;
  - ii. In the case of Team Play, on the first occasion the umpire will warn the Team in the presence of the Skip. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, the Team commits the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use for the match (for example, in the case of Fours, this would be eight shots).
- b) Any stoppage of play due to time spent in discussion with the offending team or player in regards to the application of this rule will be added to the time limit of the game.

#### **6. Time Limits**

- a) There will be a time limit set for games as stated below, commencing when the signal for the start of the game is given. At the conclusion of this time another signal will be given at which point an end in progress must be completed but no new end may be commenced. The definition of an end in progress is that the jack has been delivered by the first to play in that end. Note: a dead end is not a completed end.

**Playdown round robin and Swiss tournament games – 3 hours**

**Juniors Singles and U25 Singles games - 2¼ hours**

**Novice Tournament games and Open Triples tournament games – 2½ hours**

- b) There are no time limits for Outdoor and Indoor Singles.
- c) There is no time limit for any tie break/playoff/medal round games for all tournament formats.

## **7. Restrictions on the Movement of Players during Play**

- a) After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:
- Singles Game: The opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls  
Pairs Game: The leads: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls; and  
The skips: after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls.  
Triples Game: The leads: after delivery of their third bowl;  
The seconds: after delivery of their second and third bowls; and  
The skip: after delivery of each of their bowls.  
Fours Game: The leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl;  
The seconds: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl;  
The thirds: after delivery of their second bowl; and  
The skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
- b) In exceptional and limited circumstances, a Singles player can ask the Marker or his opponent for permission to walk up to the head, or a skip can ask the opposing skip if a player may walk up to the head earlier than described in the paragraph above. Good sportsmanship among players is expected.

## **8. Forfeited Game(s)**

- a) It is the responsibility of each player to be aware of the start time for each game. The umpire shall score one shot against an absent player or team after every five-minute period that they are late and it shall be counted as an end played. At the end of twenty minutes the game shall be forfeited to the opposing player or team.
- b) An umpire, either upon request, or having noted specific infractions of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls or these Conditions of Play, will warn the offending player or players. If the umpire then considers that the infractions are both continuing and deliberate, the umpire will declare the game forfeited to the opponents.
- c) For implications of forfeited games and points awarded see point 3 of section "Tournament Notes regarding Concluding Team Placements" on page 8.

## **9. Agreement to End/Concede a Game**

- a) All matches, before tie break and playoff rounds are scheduled, must be played to the full number of ends required with the following exception:
- i. Skips may agree to end a game after a minimum of 10 ends have been played. The point differential of the score must be 15 points or greater. The winning team's shots will be reduced so that the differential is 15 shots. i.e. if the real score is 25-4, the adjusted score will be 19-4
  - ii. If neither team has any mathematical possibility of finishing in a spot that qualifies them to enter the playoff stage of the tournament, and both teams agree, then they may call the game after any number of completed ends. In this case, both teams are given zero match points with zero shots for and against.
- b) During the playoff stage of the tournament, skips may agree to end the game at any time with no minimum ends played being required.

## 10. Agreement to Not Play a Game

- a) During the round robin and Swiss tournament games (before playoffs), all matches must be played with the following exception: If neither team has any mathematical possibility of finishing in a spot that qualifies them to enter the playoff stage of the tournament, and with the prior approval of the Drawmaster, then both teams may mutually forfeit their match prior to its start. In this case, both teams are given zero match points with zero shots for and against.
- a) In the playoff stage of the tournament, a third or fourth placed team, preparing to play for Bronze, may request not to play. See point 6 of the section “Tournament Notes regarding Concluding Team Placements” below in Section 4 for further details.

## 11. Team Withdrawal During a Tournament

- a) A team will be considered to have withdrawn from a tournament if:
  - i. the team notifies the drawmaster that they are unable to continue due to illness/injury and no substitute player(s) can be found.
  - ii. the team unilaterally terminates a game/matches without the prior authorization of the drawmaster, or
  - iii. the team misses more than any part of two games/matches.
- b) The team will not receive a placement in the tournament and the implications for the games played and not played are explained in the next section, “Tournament Notes regarding Concluding Team Placements”.

## Section 4: Tournament Notes regarding Concluding Team Placements

Note: All references to ‘team’ below also refers to a ‘player’ for a singles tournament.

**1.** The drawmaster should rank all entries, as far as possible, and make this part of their final report. LBAA requires, that at minimum, winners be established for first through third place; and if the number of entrants is eight or more, for fourth place; as follows: first through third for award presentation at the conclusion of Provincial events and potential “B” team entrant at the applicable Majors' event; and up to and possibly including fourth for points assigned by the Athlete Development Committee. (see explanation of points system on the LBAA website) For the Provincial Indoor and Outdoor Singles it is mandatory to rank all participants and include this in the final Drawmaster report.

**2.** In the event that a team, in a round robin format for entries of 5 - 6 teams, wins all its games, the team would be declared the first ranked finisher without a playoff game for gold/silver. Ranking will be used to determine all other final placements unless there is a tie for second place amongst one or more teams; see Tournament Formats for further tiebreak and/or playoff games in this case.

**3.** When a team **forfeits** a single game/match, during the round robin or Swiss tournament games, the opponent will be awarded match points for a win and will be credited with shots for/shots against equal to the average of all other winning results recorded during that appropriate round in the whole event (not just a single pool). The team in default will receive shots for/shots against equal to the average of all losing results recorded during the appropriate round in the whole event (not just a single pool).



4. When a team has **withdrawn** from an event, all remaining scheduled opponents, including an opponent of a commenced and uncompleted match, will, subject to the conditions of point 5 below, be awarded match points for a win and will be credited with shots for/shots against equal to the average of all other winning results recorded during the appropriate rounds in the whole event (not just a single pool). The team in default will not receive a placement in the tournament.

5. If a **team has withdrawn** from the event for any reason, then the following shall determine the **impact on the remaining teams**:

- a) Scheduled “byes” are not considered as scheduled matches when determining whether one half or more scheduled matches have been fully completed.
- b) For **withdrawal** during a **round robin tournament**, including round robin tournament with pools, if the team withdraws **before one half of its scheduled matches have been fully completed**, then all previously played match results will be considered un-played and all results from those previously played matches will not be counted in any way. All remaining scheduled un-played matches, likewise, will be considered as un-played, and those matches will not be counted in any way.
- c) If a team **withdraws** during the **round robin tournament**, including a round robin tournament with pools, **after one half or more of its scheduled matches have been fully completed**, then all previously played match results will stand as played. All remaining scheduled un-played matches will be considered “Forfeited” matches. The impact on the scheduled opponents is explained in point 3 above.
- d) For **withdrawal** during a Swiss Tournament, the team will be dropped from the final standings and no further matches will be scheduled with that team. All results of matches previously completed against the withdrawn team will stand as played.

6. **Placement of teams** eligible for playing for **third place/bronze** medal:

- a) If both teams wish to play for third place, then, upon a mutual decision of both teams and the Drawmaster, a lesser number of ends (minimum 4 ends) may be played to determine the third place finisher.
- b) If an eligible team does not wish to play a match for third place but their opponent does wish to play, then this team may forfeit and will be awarded fourth place. The opponent that wishes to play would be awarded third place by default.
- c) If neither eligible team wishes to play for third place, then they both will be awarded fourth place and no third place award will be given. Under no circumstances will a random coin toss or similar methods be used to determine a third place finish. If third and fourth place are not decided on the green, then it must be a mutual decision between the affected players and the Drawmaster must be notified of the decision for inclusion in the official report submitted to LBAA. The Drawmaster shall use the ranking system to determine who finished third and fourth and include this in their official report.

## Section 5: Officials of the Tournaments

### Game Officials

1. Accredited Umpires and Markers should be used whenever possible.
2. Officials shall adhere to the dress code except for required team wear.

3. It is preferred that the Drawmaster and Umpires shall not be competitors in the Playdown they are officiating. If a drawmaster is a competitor all effort will be made to have two drawmasters: a male competitor for the women's side and female competitor for the men's side.
4. The Emergency Committee members are considered Officials.
5. All officials must adhere to the LBAA Code of Conduct Policy; see Appendix A for details related to behavior during the tournament.

### **Emergency Committee**

1. An Emergency Committee shall be formed for each event to rule on issues that may arise. The committee will consist of the Drawmaster(s), the Greenskeeper/Club Representative, the Head Umpire and a LBAA Bowls Program Committee member or member of the LBAA Board of Directors as possible.
2. If an Emergency Committee member is also a competitor in a particular tournament, then they may need to withdraw from decision making if they have a conflict of interest in a particular matter.
3. The Emergency Committee has the right to:
  - a. Deal with any disputes that may arise.
  - b. Determine when stoppage in play is necessary due to local conditions including:
  - c. The right to cancel play for the remainder of the day or weekend,
  - d. Alter the length of games if necessary to make up for lost time.
4. In case of inclement weather which prevents the conclusion of a tournament, the Emergency Committee will use the ranking system to use to determine the medal winners. See Appendix C: Electrical Storms and Appendix D: Hot Weather Guidelines.

### **Coaches**

1. A certified bowls coach may accompany a team or individual. The coach must be at least a Trained Club Coach or an In-Training/Certified Competitive Coach. The designated Coach must report to the Umpire PRIOR to the commencement of any level of provincial play. The coach will not cause any contravention of the rules of the game and must not disrupt the flow of the match. The Coach is permitted to give advice to his/her team, or player in a Singles match, from beyond the limits of the rink of play BUT only when their player or team are in possession of the rink.
2. When seeking advice, the player(s) may step off the green should he/she desire.

## Appendix A

### Delivery Aids

1. For all Canadian Championships, and for provincial playdowns leading towards a national championship, a player must seek approval of their specific bowling delivery aide. Devices such as bowling arms that are produced by a recognized manufacturer, and used with no customized modifications, will typically be approved. Manufacturers are encouraged to provide a sample device for testing by BCB to assist with the approval process.
2. For most Canadian Championships, and for provincial playdowns leading towards a national championship, a bowler must be able to produce a medical certificate that attests to their physical disability. The exception is the Canadian Senior Triples Championships, which are intended for bowlers 60 years and over. If a bowling delivery aide enables a senior bowler to continue to play competitively, this should be encouraged at the Senior Triples Championships.
3. A form to apply for use of delivery aids is available from the LBAA office or website.
4. If a player that uses a delivery aid will be participating at a Bowls Canada Boulingrin National event they must complete the BCB required forms as well.

See BCB's *2016 Consolidated Condition of Play* as well.

## Appendix B

### Behavior during Sanctioned Events

1. Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is prohibited within the property of the host club except in clearly marked designated smoking areas. The carrying of cigarettes, cigars or pipes, even if unlit, on the playing area or the surrounds is prohibited. Should an infraction occur, the player will be given a warning by an umpire. Upon a further occurrence, the Head Umpire will require the offending player and his/her team to forfeit the match. Should the smoking policy of the host club differ from that described in this paragraph, the most stringent policy will apply.
2. Cell phone use by players during a match is prohibited. All players shall be required to place their phones on silent or vibrate. Should an infraction occur, the player will be given a warning by an umpire. Upon a further occurrence the offending player and his/her team, at the discretion of the Head Umpire, may forfeit the match.
3. Umpires and drawmasters shall not commence their duties in an intoxicated state and they shall not consume alcoholic beverages until their duties are complete for the day.
4. Players shall not consume alcoholic beverages during play.
5. Event winners may be required to sign a waiver form stating that they are not users of prohibited substances as specified by Sports Canada. All competitors should be aware that, should they represent Alberta at a Canadian Championship, they must comply with the BCB Anti-Doping Policy.
6. All players, coaches, team managers and officials must make themselves aware of, are bound by, and must adhere to all LBAA Code of Conduct and applicable Policies. All are available on the LBAA website.
7. As per the “LBAA Code of Conduct Policy”, the Draw Master/Event Chair and/or Head Official may remove a competitor from the game or competition area for what he/she considers to be abusive or unacceptable behavior. The Drawmaster/Event Chair and/or Head Official is/are also authorized to suspend a Competitor for a portion of the remainder of the competition if he/she deems this action necessary. This ruling can be based in relation to behavior on or off the greens.

This action will generally, but not exclusively, only become necessary should there be “Major infractions” of the LBAA Codes and Policies or repeated infractions of smoking and/or cell phone prohibitions as described above.

“Major infractions” are described in the LBAA “Discipline and Complaints Policy” and are repeated hereunder as follows:

- a) Repeated Minor Infractions;
- b) Intentionally damaging LBAA property or improperly handling LBAA monies;
- c) Activities or behavior that interferes with a competition or with any athlete’s preparation for a competition;
- d) Incidents of physical abuse;
- e) Pranks, jokes or other activities that endanger the safety of others, including hazing;
- f) Deliberate disregard for the bylaws, policies, rules, regulations and directives of LBAA;
- g) Conduct that intentionally damages the image, credibility or reputation of LBAA;

- h) Behavior that constitutes harassment, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct; or
  - i) Abusive use of alcohol, any use or possession of alcohol by minors, use or possession of illicit drugs and narcotics, or use or possession of banned performance enhancing drugs or methods.
8. All violations to any LBAA Tournament Rule, LBAA Code or Policy, or any of the LBAA Conditions of Play shown herein, may subject any or all offending players on a team or the offending singles player, to sanctions, suspensions, or other penalties, imposed at the discretion of the LBAA Board of Directors. Violations shall include but are not limited to:
- a) Failure to play or complete any match, except as provided within these Conditions of Play or in the Tournament format document;
  - b) Failure to attempt to be competitive;
  - c) Un-sportsmanlike conduct;
  - d) Disrespectful comments or behavior directed towards others; or
  - e) Non-compliance or violations with/of the bylaws, policies, procedures, rules, regulations. LBAA Code of Conduct and directives of LBAA;

All incidents occurring during LBAA Sanctioned events must be reported to the LBAA head office in accordance with the LBAA Discipline and Complaints Policy”, in writing, within 28 days of the violation. Notification of the circumstances of the incident may come from any LBAA member.

The LBAA Board of Directors may apply the following disciplinary sanctions singly or in combination, for major infractions:

- a) Verbal or written warning;
- b) Require a verbal or written apology;
- c) Expulsion from LBAA;
- d) Other sanctions as may be considered appropriate for the offense.

The investigation of any violation(s) shall be dealt with, and any penalties imposed or not imposed, as per the LBAA Discipline and Complaints Policy. Penalties imposed could be but are not limited to:

- a) Immediate suspension and removal from the current event;
- b) Suspension from playing in future LBAA Sanctioned events and Provincial Playdowns to be held during the current season;
- c) Suspension from playing in future LBAA Sanctioned events and Provincial Playdowns to be held in a future season or seasons;
- d) Removal of the player(s) active LBAA Membership status.

## Appendix C

### **Electrical Storms – When Should We Clear the Green? An Action Advisory**

(Taken from BCB's Conditions of Play)

#### **Background**

- The BCB National Officiating Committee has created these guidelines as action steps in the event that an electrical storm develops while players are on the green. As Alan Webster of Environment Canada, who is also a lawn bowler, stated during the consultation process, “I have always believed there should be more care taken with an approaching thunderstorm than has been in the past”.
- The following guidelines have been developed following a consultative process and a literature review, to assist officials and players to reach an informed decision as to when play should be interrupted and the green cleared.
- However, it should be recognized that, as with many natural phenomena, electrical storms do not always follow a predictable progression. With lightning activity in the general area of the green, players and officials should always be on the alert for any unusual occurrence.

#### **General**

Thunder can be heard at a maximum distance of about 11 km (7 miles) while lightning can be seen 96 km (60 miles) away at night. Sound travels at an approximate average speed of 1 km in 2.5 seconds (1 mile in 4 seconds). With the storm at the limit of audible range it will take approximately 28 seconds for the sound of thunder to follow the flash of lightning.

#### **Procedure**

- At this point it is time to take notice and to start tracking the storm.
- Count the number of seconds between seeing the second flash of lightning and hearing the associated thunder. If the interval is less than that for the first incident, then the storm is headed your way.
- If the speed of approach is rapid, i.e. there is a considerable reduction in the time between the “sight” and the “sound”, clear the green immediately.
- If the speed of approach is relatively slow and subsequent time measurements indicate that there is no change in the speed of the storm it is time to issue a warning not to start a new end pending further developments but otherwise play may continue.
- When the time interval between “sight” and “sound” is 12 seconds the storm will be about 5 km (3 miles) away. All play should be terminated immediately and the players instructed to leave the green.

#### **Points to remember:**

- Link the thunder to the corresponding lightning flash.
- Should there be multiple successive lightning flashes and you have started counting from the first flash, the first sound you hear may be that from the last flash. This could give the impression that the storm is further away than it actually is.
- When multiple lightning flashes are detected, the situation should be treated as one requiring the exercise of extreme caution. These are storms showing signs of being dangerous and they should be given greater consideration, even if still distant.

- If the lightning is directly overhead, either within a cloud or between clouds, the interval between “sight” and “sound” can still exceed 12 seconds. Since such storms can produce occasional cloud to ground lightning strikes, ignore any reference to time frames, stop play and leave the green immediately.

On leaving the green, the players should move inside a safe structure. A safe structure is one consisting of four walls and a roof and which is electrically grounded. Do not seek shelter in a work shed - such structures do not usually meet these criteria. An enclosed vehicle such as a car, van or bus with the windows rolled up is an excellent alternative.

NOTE: One important qualification to the foregoing - Any player who feels uncomfortable being outside with lightning present should feel free to leave the green without fear of penalty or repercussions.

Vigilance is required even as the storm leaves the area. Environment Canada’s standard for the end of a thunderstorm is 15 minutes after the last roll of thunder. In many instances, should the storm be accompanied by rain, it will take longer than that for the green to dry out sufficiently to permit play to resume. However, should there be any doubt regarding whether or not the storm has moved completely out of the area, the wait should be extended to 30 minutes.

Each Club and each Provincial or Area Organizing Committee should set up a chain of command under this Protocol that identifies who is responsible for actively looking for signs of threatening weather. This individual, generally the umpire (if one has been appointed), will notify the chain of command when the storm is deemed dangerous. Further, the chain of command should identify who is responsible for stopping play and instructing players to leave the green. This will generally be the Tournament Director/Drawmaster.

## Appendix D

### Hot Weather Guidelines (an edited & shortened BCB version)

#### Background

- The BCB National Officiating Committee has created these guidelines as steps to take in extreme hot weather to protect the health of players and maintain the quality of play.
- The following guidelines are meant to assist players, officials and event hosts in mitigating the effects of hot weather and deciding when to suspend play on the green.
- These guidelines are based on temperature readings from the local weather station, but it is recognized that local conditions on the green may vary. Setting up a thermometer at the venue, out of direct sunlight, will assist in determining a truer location temperature.
- Consideration has also been given to using Humidex readings in these guidelines. The Humidex is an index used to describe how hot the weather feels to the average person, by combining the effects of heat and humidity.

#### General preparedness

- Players, officials and spectators should be encouraged to wear hats or other head protection.
- Water and/or other drinks shall be readily available.

#### Procedure

- When the temperature reaches 35 degrees Celsius at the venue, play/competition should be interrupted at 20-minute intervals (at the completion of the end in play) for a period of 5 minutes, during which time, drinks should be made available. Any time limit imposed on the interrupted match will be waived.
- When the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius at the venue, play/competition will be suspended.
- The “weather watcher” will be the Duty Umpire(s) while the individual responsible for interrupting or suspending play will be the Drawmaster or the Emergency Committee. Consideration should be given to all relevant factors, including the age and health of players and officials, the level of humidity, and the amount of shade or shelter available at the venue.

#### Other considerations

- Health Canada has produced a chart to describe the effects of the Humidex. The Humidex readings, as outlined below, indicate the effect on the average Canadian.
- Compounding the problem of high Humidex readings is that matches last about 3 hours, with multiple matches per day, during which players are fully exposed to effects of heat & humidity.

Humidex Reading	Degree of Comfort
20 - 29	No discomfort
30 - 39	Some discomfort
40 - 45	Great discomfort; avoid exertion
46 and over	Dangerous; possible heat stroke