

## **2024 - Cal 5's - CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

All games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark, 4th Edition.

**Date:** Saturday April 13, 2024

**Venue:** 455 Cliff Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92651, 949-494-1811

**Eligibility:** All United States citizens must be a member of Bowls USA; all other entrants must be members of a Member National Authority.

**Starting Times:** First game starts promptly at **9:00 a.m.**, with trial ends at **8:45 a.m.**

**Dress Code:** Team members' shirts and below-the-waist attire must be matching. They may be white or colored. Collared shirts with sleeves, for example, polo shirts or button-down style shirts. No T-shirts. Players may wear different lengths of bottoms of the same color. No cutoffs.

**Practice Before Trial Ends:** Practice is allowed between 8:00 a.m. and 8:25 a.m. if the greenskeeper has completed setup. All equipment (mats and jacks) to be returned where you found them. Attendance during morning announcements, beginning at 8:30 a.m., is mandatory.

**Format:** Five women per team, playing 2-bowl Triples, 3-bowl Pairs, Singles, and Fours.

Blind draw for opponents.

**Game one:** Fours (14 ends) and Singles (18 points)

**Game two:** 2-bowl Triples and 3-bowl Pairs (14 ends)

**Game three:** 2-bowl Triples and 3-bowl Pairs (14 ends)

Games have been arranged so that no team plays the same opponent twice. Each skip to play both a Pairs and a Triples game.

**Trial Ends:** Before each game, two bowls each way. Trial ends are not mandatory in any game. If one team chooses not to play trial ends, the other team may do so.

**Time limits:** Two and a half hours for all games (except singles). Trial ends are included within the time limits. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust the time limits after the first game.

**Determination of Winners:** Three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, zero (0) points for a loss. Maximum of 10 plus points in any game.

**Tiebreaker:** If two or more teams have the same number of wins and plus points, the tiebreaker shall be as follows: head-to-head results, if any; fewest opponent's points allowed; most ends won; one-end roll-off.

**Movement of Players:** Appendix A, A.4, Restricting the movement of players during play, as written in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Fourth Edition, may be invoked for all matches as follows:

*Fours game:*

the leads, after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl

the seconds, after delivery of their second bowl

the thirds, after delivery of their second bowl

the skips, after delivery of each of their bowls

It is permissible for the thirds to stand in the head with the skips while the leads and seconds deliver their bowls. When a player at the head walks up to the mat to deliver their first bowl, their direct opponent can remain at the head until that bowl has come to rest before walking up to the mat to deliver their own first bowl.

*Triples game:*

the leads, after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl

the seconds, after delivery of their second bowl

the skips, after delivery of each of their bowls

When a player at the head walks up to the mat to deliver their first bowl, their direct opponent can remain at the head until that bowl has come to rest before walking up to the mat to deliver their own first bowl.

*Pairs game:*

the leads, after delivery of their second and third bowls

the skips, after delivery of each of their bowls

When a player at the head walks up to the mat to deliver their first bowl, their direct opponent can remain at the head until that bowl has come to rest before walking up to the mat to deliver their own first bowl.

*Singles game:*

the opponents, after delivery of their third and fourth bowls. (This restriction is lifted if there is not a marker for the game.)

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a Singles player can ask the marker for permission to walk up to the head, or a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier than described above.

**No Burnt Ends:** A jack in motion that passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play must be re-spotted on the 2-meter mark on the center line. If that position is occupied by a bowl, the jack will be placed between the bowl and the mat line without touching the bowl.

**Prize Money/Awards:** The number of entries determines the amount of prize money. The allocation for prize money/awards will be posted at the venue.

**Practice Before Tournament:** There is no scheduled practice prior to the day of the event.

**Footwear:** Shoes must be flat-soled and heel-less. This rule will be enforced.

**Changes in Scheduling:** If an event cannot be conducted in accordance with the published schedule or if a special situation arises, the Tournament Committee may make whatever changes it deems appropriate.

**Date Stamps on Bowls:** Any bowls that have a clearly legible ALBA, IBB, WBB or WB stamp, date, and serial number are approved for use; however, there will be no inspection of bowls.

**Disputes:** The umpire's decision is final in all circumstances except those relating to the meaning or interpretation of a law, in which case there will be a right of appeal to the Controlling Body.

**Late Arrivals:** A penalty of one point and one end played will be assessed for each ten minutes after the official start time. A late arrival time of 30 minutes or more will result in forfeiture of that game. This rule may be waived in extenuating circumstances.

**Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited on any green. Designated smoking areas, if any, will be identified during morning announcements.

**Substitutes:** Substitutes must be approved by the Tournament Director. They may not have played in the same event, nor may they skip. Teams are responsible to find their own substitute and are responsible for distribution of any prize money if a substitute is used.

**Cell Phones and/or Sound-Emitting Devices:** Any such devices must be muted or turned down. Violations shall be considered a violation of rink possession. Law 41.7 is not superseded.

**Umpires:** Prior to the start of play, umpires, as available, will be introduced.