

# CONDITIONS OF PLAY

## SWD Southern California Rinks Championship

All games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark, 3rd Edition.

**Date:** Saturday-Sunday March 23-24, 2024

**Venue:** Santa Monica LBC 2439 Wilshire Blvd, Santa Monica CA. 90403

**Starting Time:** First game starts promptly at **9:00 a.m.**

**Dress Code:** Team members' shirts and below-the-waist attire must be matching colors. They may be white or colored. Collared shirts with sleeves, for example, polo shirts or buttondown 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.

**Day 1 Format:** Three 14-end games. Two bowls. 10 plus/minus points maximum. All games must be completed. Lunch after the first game.

If there are eight teams or less a two day round robin will be played.

A bye will be considered a game won and the team will receive plus points as an average winning score for the round the bye was received in, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point.

**Determination of Day 2 Seeding:** Ranking after the first day will be done as follows:  
Win points – 3 for a win, 1 for a tie, and 0 for a loss.

1. First tiebreak is the total point difference based upon +/- 10 points per game
2. Head-to-head results, if any
3. Fewest opponent's points allowed
4. Most ends won
5. One-end roll-off

**Day 2 Format:** 14-end games, except for the Championship final which will be 16 ends.

Single elimination bracket, with teams seeded as 1v8, 4v5, 3v6, 2v7. Optional consolation bracket for first game losers. Lunch after the first game.

**Trial Ends:** Three bowls in each direction before all games. 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:** No time limits, but the Tournament Director may change this depending on the day's events.

**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 Third Edition.

**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 greens. Designated smoking areas, if any, will be identified during morning announcements.

**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 start of play, umpires, as available, will be introduced.