

# UniSport Australia Guideline

## Lawn bowls

### Open

Unisport Australia (UniSport) lawn bowls competitions are conducted in accordance with the [Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Fourth Edition](#) except where these differ from UniSport competition guidelines; in which case the latter shall take precedence. Reference should also be made to the UniSport *Breach of Competition Requirements* guideline for penalties for breaches.

#### 1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 5
- Maximum registered players – 8
- Maximum cross registrations – 3
- Minimum number of players that can take the field without incurring a forfeit – 5

#### 2. Competition format

##### 2.1. Competition rules

- a) The match shall consist of three games: one singles & two pairs.
- b) Singles:
  - i) First to 21 shots or to a time limit of 120 minutes.
  - ii) Played between two players, with each playing four bowls singly and alternately.
- c) Pairs:
  - i) Played to 14 ends or to a time limit of 120 minutes.
  - ii) Played between four players with four bowls each.
  - iii) The format will be 2x2x2x2, not previously stated as 3 bowl.
- d) For both pairs and single games, if the jack is bowled before the bell then complete that end.
- e) The three games will run concurrently on three rinks side by side.
- f) The winning team will be the team with the most number of game wins.
- g) No dead ends will be played. Re-spot the jack on the T and continue end.

##### 2.2. Pool points scoring

Points for each match shall be awarded as follows;

- Winning team: 3 points
- Drawn match: 2 points per team
- Losing team: 1 point
- Forfeited team: 0 points

##### 2.3. Drawn matches

- a) If preliminary matches are drawn at full time, both teams will be awarded two points as per section 3.1.
- b) If progression or medal matches are drawn at the end of normal time, a tie break end will be played:
  - i) Each team can nominate one bowler from the current match to compete in the end.
  - ii) A coin toss will decide who bowls first.
  - iii) The single end will consist of four bowls from each bowler.

##### 2.4. Pool tie breakers

- a) Should teams be level of competition points the following shall take precedence in order to determine their ranking on the ladder:
- b) Shots difference (shots for – shots against)
- c) Head to head result between the teams

#### 3. Team duties

##### 3.1. Team duty requirements for lawn bowls are:

- a) One person from each team competing in the current match will be required to assist with scoring and one person from each team will be required to act as marker for the singles game.

- 3.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.

#### **4. Uniform requirements**

- 4.1. The specific uniform requirements for lawn bowls are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following UniSport uniform requirements:
- i) Teams need to be properly attired in matching uniforms displaying the university's colours.
  - ii) Appropriate flat soled enclosed footwear must be worn at all times (automatic forfeit if playing in bare feet or open footwear, e.g. thongs)

#### **5. Forfeits, delays and abandonments**

- 5.1. A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the scheduled start of play where either team is unable to commence play.
- 5.2. The forfeit score is 25 shots to nil (0).
- 5.3. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by competition management or UniSport), the game shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams. If resolution between the teams is not possible then the competition manager (or their delegate) will make the final decision regarding match format, which will not be subject to appeal. Two thirds of a match is normal in these circumstances with Singles first to 14 and Pairs 9 ends as a guide. Ultimately - discretion remains with the Competition Manager
- 5.4. In the event of a game being abandoned, the UniSport abandonment guideline will be implemented.

#### ***Previous amendments***

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\*All competitions will be held in accordance with the UniSport competition guidelines.