



CHAPMAN TROPHY 2024

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. ALLOCATION OF EVENT

NQDLBA shall call for nominations from clubs within the Townsville region.

2. CONTROL & CONDUCT OF THE EVENT

- a.* The Match Committee shall be the controlling body for this event and reserves the right to alter the conditions of play, abandon any competition due to inclement weather or any other legitimate reason if deemed necessary. Subject to these rules and conditions, the controlling body has the power to inquire into and adjudicate any dispute or interruption as they occur.
- b.* All matches shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 4th Edition and these Conditions of Play.
- c.* A disputes committee shall comprise of a NQDLBA Match Committee member or her nominee and the Umpire’s Co-Ordinator or his nominee.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- a.* The Competition is open to Townsville clubs whose female members must be a financial member of BQ, NQDLBA and the club they are representing.
- b.* Players under suspension or expulsion are ineligible to play.

4. NOMINATIONS

- a.* It is a condition of entry for this event that players are familiar with and accept the ‘Conditions of Play’.
- b.* Nominations must be received by the NQDLBA Secretary.

5. THE DRAW

- a.* The draw will be conducted by the Match Committee.
- b.* Matches are played on the official playing day of each host club.
- c.* Dates shall not be altered without permission of the Match Committee.

6. GREEN FEES

Green fees shall be subject to the host club.

7. THE PLAY

- a.* Play in all matches shall commence punctually in accordance with the times set out on the draw.
- b.* All players shall report to the host club 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.
- c.* Trial ends will be completed prior to the scheduled starting time.
- d.* Play shall be straight through: there will be no break for afternoon tea.
- e.* Should the event be delayed by inclement weather or any unforeseen circumstance, the Match Committee will advise of any new arrangements and the clubs involved shall make themselves available to play when called. Failure to comply could invoke the ‘play or forfeit’ rule.
- f.* The host clubs shall appoint the necessary officials who will be under the control of the Match Committee.



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CONDITIONS OF PLAY

8. THE COMPETITION

The Competition shall be known as the Chapman Trophy.

9. COMPOSITION OF SIDES

- a. A Chapman Trophy side shall consist of eleven (11) players, comprising four teams - two pairs, one triple & one four.
- b. Eligible substitutes (if required) may be prearranged with the host club.
- c. Up to one (1) substitute per team is allowed.
- d. A substitute can play in any position except that of skip.
- e. Players cannot play more than once in a discipline in each round.

10. MODE OF PLAY

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| a. 2x4x2 PAIRS | 16 ends |
| b. 3 BOWL TRIPLES | 18 ends |
| c. FOURS | 18 ends |

11. DURATION OF PLAY

No time limit shall apply.

12. START TIMES

- a. Morning games – 8.30am with no break.
- b. Afternoon games – 1.00pm with no break.

13. PAIRS & RINKS DRAW

- a. Team captains are to be at the host club 45 minutes before the event to participate in the draw.
- b. The pairs draw shall be a blind draw by the team captains on the day.
- c. The rinks shall then be drawn from 4 rinks provided by the host club.

14. TRIAL ENDS

Host club to allow time for trial ends prior to the start time.

15. SCORING/RESULTS SHEET

- a. Clubs provide their own scorecards with players names on each card.
- b. The Match Committee will provide clubs with an official results sheet to be completed on the day.
- c. Scoring as per the results sheet: 1 point for a draw, 2 points for each winning game of pairs, triples, and fours; and the total margin.
- d. The overall winner is the club with the highest points; if equal, highest total margin.
- e. The completed results sheet must be forwarded to the NQDLBA Secretary within one week of the return match.



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16. PROVISION OF MARKER AND UMPIRE

- a. The host club shall provide a non-playing nationally accredited umpire where possible, or a competent person who is familiar with the 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls' – Crystal Mark 4th Edition and the Chapman Trophy Conditions of Play.
- b. The umpires kit shall contain a copy of these Conditions of Play.

17. ADVERSE WEATHER INTERVENTION

- a. If the match cannot commence due to weather conditions, green fees are to be refunded to the players.
- b. If the match is postponed due to impending bad weather the Match Committee is to be notified asap; and the match shall be rescheduled.

18. CONSTITUTED MATCH

- a. For interrupted or intermittent play only; a time limit of 3 hours 30 minutes will apply.
- b. In the event of interrupted play, a combined minimum total of thirty-five (35) ends shall constitute a match.

19. RETRACTABLE SHADE COVERS

Shade covers are to be used wherever possible; Host club and umpire to decide on movement of covers. Common sense to prevail.

20. RAFFLES

Host clubs are permitted to conduct two (2) raffles per day.

21. TROPHY

The NQDLBA will reimburse the winning club for trophy engraving within three months of receiving such.

22. ATTIRE

Attire shall be club Uniform with a BA logo; players must be similarly attired.

23. SMOKING REGULATIONS

- a. Smoking on the green is not permitted during the progress of the game and players must abide by the rules of the host club as to the designated smoking areas.

24. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All electronic communication devices located within six (6) meters of the green whilst a match is in progress **SHALL BE SWITCHED OFF**. These include mobile phones, pagers, iPad, iPod, radios etc. Special dispensation may be given to "on call" emergency personnel by the umpire after consultation.

25. SOCIAL MEDIA

To assist in ensuring that interactions between players and officials are harmonious the following will be included in the Conditions of Play as permitted by Appendix A.1.4.15. Bowls Queensland Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures.

- a. *No player shall use social media to make derogatory comments about NQDLBA, any official, the event or any other player for the duration of the competition. Any infringement of this Condition shall render the offender liable to disqualification from the event.*