

LLB CHAMPION of CHAMPIONS RULES

The Champion of Champions is ONE competition comprising several disciplines

1. All games will be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Third Edition.
2. The LLB Dress Code will be strictly adhered to with any necessary action taken as detailed in the LLB Constitution Rule 3.
3. These Rules are effective as of **5th June 2020** and supersede any dated previously.
4. The LLB will stage annually competitions in disciplines as decided by the LLB Committee. All member Clubs that wish to be represented in the Championships **MUST** conduct and complete the relevant disciplines as in Rule 7 at least 21 (twenty one) days before the date on which the Champion of Champions is scheduled to start. The closing date for entries will be 21 (twenty one) days before the start date of the Championships.
5. The venue for the Championships will be decided by the LLB Committee from the Clubs willing to host and organise the whole event.
6. The Championship Committee shall comprise the Competition Secretary, Umpire of the day and the Co-ordinators of the venues used
7. The Club Champion(s) in each relevant discipline qualify to enter the Championships as their Club's representative(s) even if they leave that Club before the Championships start, providing they are still a fully paid-up member of another Club for the duration of the Championships. All entrants must be federated.
8. Entrants **MUST** be available for the duration of the Championships. Failure to do so will mean that they will **NOT** be able to enter the Championships in **ANY** discipline the next time they qualify. Extenuating circumstances should be referred to the LLB Committee.
9. Entrant(s) should report to the Controllers of their venue of play 30 minutes **BEFORE** the scheduled start time. Any entrant(s) who arrive 15 minutes **AFTER** the scheduled start time will automatically be disqualified from the event.
10. Any team withdrawing **BEFORE** the competition starts cannot return to the event (even if the same day) Failure to notify withdrawal by any player/team to the Competition Secretary, in writing, those withdrawing player(s) will not be allowed to participate the following year (if applicable).
11. **ALL** changes to a team **MUST** be notified to the Competition Secretary, in writing, prior to turning up at the venue (except in exceptional circumstances ie the original player becomes ill just before play). Failure to comply - the team will **NOT** be allowed to play and will be disqualified.
12. If a club notifies that they have a replacement(s) at the time of **ENTRY** that change **MUST** stand. Any changes to the replacement will be considered an additional replacement.
13. Should any Club Champion be unable or unwilling to compete in the Championships replacement(s) shall be allowed as follows:

Ladies' Singles (4 wood)	NO replacement
Men's Singles (4 wood)	NO replacement
Ladies' Pairs	ONE replacement
Men's Pairs	ONE replacement
Mixed Pairs	ONE replacement

Mixed Triples
Mixed Fours

ONE replacement
TWO replacements

Such replacements

- (a) **MUST** maintain the mixed nature of the discipline (where necessary)
- (b) **MUST** come from the original Club of entry for the discipline required.
- (c) **MUST** come from the losing finalists in the relevant discipline.
- (d) In changing Clubs and having already played in any Champion of Champions disciplines at their previous Club, they cannot be a replacement/substitute in any of those disciplines for their new Club.
- (e) No one player may become a Replacement or Substitute in more than one discipline.
- (f) No one who is already in two or more disciplines can be a replacement.
- (g) If a replacement(s) is used for one match and the original player(s) is available to play in the next round the original player(s) **MUST** return to the team. If a replacement(s) plays 2 consecutive matches in any one discipline then that replacement(s) becomes the substantive player. The original player(s) may be used in that team as a replacement(s) provided the quota of replacements has not been used. The team entered into the draw is the substantive team - **NOT** the team who played first.

A Replacement MAY Skip: a Substitute may be allowed as detailed for a Replacement but cannot Skip

It is the responsibility of the Club to submit their Club Champions in each discipline to the person delegated by the LLB and advise of the eligibility of any Replacement/ Substitute. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification in that discipline.

- 14. It is the responsibility of the Competitors to appraise themselves of the changes in the playing schedule which is subject to continuous development at the sole discretion of the CofC Scheduler. The Competition Secretary of each Club should be informed of any late changes, who will then notify the bowlers concerned.
- 15. No one person or team should be allowed to play on the same rink twice in one day. in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Section 1 item 3 and Domestic Regulations 57.1.1.1
- 16. Practice will be allowed at the Host Venues at the stipulated times prior to the start of the Competition. Once the event has commenced anyone practising at the Host Venues will be disqualified. With the exception of (12)
- 17. If a player or team that has not yet played is due to meet a player or team that has already played on the same day, the player or team that has not yet played can practise provided (a) the Controlling Body gives approval (b) there is enough time available without delaying the Competition (c) the Controlling Body allocates the rink on which a player or team can practise (where possible they should allocate the same rink as the player or team have already played on).
- 18. The Host Club is the Controlling Body which comprises of at least 3 responsible members. the names being published at the event.

Definition

REPLACEMENT - is a change of player **BEFORE** the match has started

SUBSTITUTE - is a change of player **DURING** the match.

Amended: 5th June 2020 by online voting as AGM could not take place due to coronavirus