



## TAYLOR BOWLS SUPER CHALLENGE 2019-20

### CONDITIONS

1. The Taylor Bowls Super Challenge is open to all Metropolitan Bowling Clubs affiliated with Bowls SA and any other club, association or group endorsed by the South Australian Lawn Bowlers League (SALBL) committee.
2. All players participating must be members of the SALBL (Annual membership is \$10).
3. Clubs may nominate teams in any or all of the following divisions; GOLD, SILVER or BRONZE. However, clubs will be limited to one team in any one division.
4. Cost to enter a team is GOLD \$500; SILVER \$250; BRONZE \$150
5. Every club which enters a team in either GOLD or SILVER divisions will be required to take a set of Taylor Bowls (provided as part of the Taylor's sponsorship) at a cost of \$500 to be sold or raffled by the clubs. Clubs entering a team in the BRONZE division may elect to take a voucher to support the competition.
6. The SALBL committee and/or their nominee or nominees shall be the 'Controlling Body' of the Taylor Bowls Super Challenge, having absolute control over ALL phases of the competition and reserves the right to amend the conditions of the event to ensure that the event is completed in an equitable and timely manner.
7. Payments for team and player registrations and Taylor Bowls can be made via direct debit to:  
Bank: Westpac  
Account name: South Australian Lawn Bowlers League  
BSB: 035-048  
Account number: 239993  
Please put your club's name as the reference for all payments

### FORMAT of COMPETITION

8. Competition is Open Gender.
9. Each team shall consist of ten players, in the form of Fours (two bowls), Triples (two bowls), Pairs (2+2+2+2) and Singles (four bowls).
10. In each division a round robin will be played – all teams will play at the same venue each round with each club hosting one round. Where the number of teams in a division exceeds that which can accommodate a full round robin, teams will be divided into regional sections and a full round robin will be played within each section.
11. Matches will be played on Fridays commencing at 6.30pm, or Saturdays or Sundays commencing at 6.00pm. Programming will depend on available dates and preferences of host clubs. All games for the 2018-19 season are scheduled on Sundays.
12. There will be a finals series in each division. The format will depend on the number of sections in each division. The top four teams in **each section** will progress to the finals series.

13. Total prizemoney will again hoped to be in excess of \$25,000. A breakdown of prizemoney allocation will be provided prior to the commencement of the finals, once the number of participating teams are confirmed.

## **RULES OF PLAY**

14. 'Crystal Mark' laws are to apply unless otherwise stated.
15. All players must wear identical uniforms (where possible for opposite gender) and any sponsorship shown on the uniforms shall not conflict with the sponsor of the competition namely Taylor Bowls. (Unless it is the Club's official uniform).
16. Game duration, Fours 18 Ends, Triples 21 Ends, Pairs 15 Ends, Singles 25 Up.
17. There shall be no roll up at the start of each game which will commence at 6.30pm on Friday nights and 6.00pm on Saturday and Sunday evenings unless stated otherwise.
18. Players may practice up until the agreed starting time on their allocated rink. Home clubs are to make sure the allocated rinks have been drawn and are available for practice at least 30 minutes prior to the agreed starting time.
19. A toss of the coin will decide who has the mat for each individual discipline. Every end thereafter the mat MUST be retained by the team winning the end.
20. There will be no dead ends with the jack being re-spotted. In such an event, the following conditions shall apply:
- (i) If the jack by the effect of play leaves the rink of play it shall be replaced in the rink of play on the centre line of the rink so that the portion of the jack nearest to the mat line is 2m from the front ditch, and play continued.
  - (ii) If the spot on the rink to which the jack is to be replaced is occupied by a bowl, the jack shall be placed on the nearest available spot toward the mat line on the centre line.
  - (iii) If the jack rebounds to less than 18m from the mat line the jack shall be replaced as in (i).
21. Scoring: 2 points per rink win (in the event of a draw on any rink an extra end will be played on that rink to determine a rink winner) plus 2 points for an overall win. Total points = 10. (However in the case of inclement weather a rink draw and overall draw is possible and therefore in this special case 1 point per rink draw and/or one point for an overall draw will be awarded.)
22. In the event of an overall tie on matches;
- (i) During the minor round, clubs will select one player each (from the players that have just played), to play a 3 end singles tie breaker to determine the overall result. During the tie breaker, shots count. The managers will toss a coin prior to the tie break to determine which rink to play on and use of the mat.
  - (ii) For all finals, each team will select three players who will each play a 3 end tie breaker. Match ups will be drawn randomly. The team which wins two of the three tie breakers will win the match.
23. In the event of inclement weather or other external factors restricting the completion of games the following number of ends will need to be played to constitute a game:-
- Singles – ends will not apply but the winner will be determined by whoever is leading at the time that the matches are abandoned provided that sufficient ends of the other games have been played in at least two of the other formats.

- Pairs – 8 ends
  - Triples – 11 ends
  - Fours – 9 ends
24. If games are not completed for any reason, the round may be rescheduled, but if this is not possible points will be shared equally between teams and shots will be 79 to each team.
25. A maximum 3 ½ hour time limit will apply for all games. If at the end of 3 ½ hours the match has not been completed, the end currently being played at the time that the finishing bell is rung shall be completed. In the case of a rink having a draw at the completion of the allocated time, a tie breaker end will still be played to provide a winner.
26. To ensure that games are presented as a spectacle and to minimise delays;
- (i) Seconds and thirds are not permitted to visit the head until their second bowl has been played.
  - (ii) In the 'teams' games, Skips are required to change over together and are not permitted to re-visit the head until after they have bowled their 1<sup>st</sup> bowl.
  - (iii) In the 'singles' games, Players are not permitted to visit the head until after they have bowled their 3<sup>rd</sup> bowl. Each player will be permitted 2 "special times" where they can request to visit the head before their 3<sup>rd</sup> bowl.
27. Each team can have one guest player each week, the guest player can be from another club from any location, including interstate and overseas. No notice of a guest player is required. The guest player must be a registered bowler in his/her State or Country. A Guest Player may only play for one Club.
28. Each team may have one substitute player who can take the place of any one of the 10 original team members at any time during the matches. Once a player is substituted they can take no further part in the match.
29. In all disciplines other than singles, the skip (with the endorsement of their team manager) can make one change of positions during the match – to be advised to the opposition skip and opposition team manager prior to the commencement of the end in which the change will take place.
30. Special rules for clubs with more than one team.
- (i) No player is allowed to play more than one match in any round
  - (ii) Once a player has played 3 games in a higher team they cannot play in a lower team.
  - (iii) If 3 or more players who play in the same round in the lower side when their top team has a bye, play more than 3 games in the top team for the rest of the season, the lower team's points will be forfeited for that round and given to the opposition.
31. Each player shall pay a green fee of \$5.00 each round which will be paid to and retained by the host club. (Each Team Manager is to give the Host Club Team Manager \$50.00 in notes at least 15 minutes prior to Commencement time.)

## FINALS

32. The top four teams in each section of each division will contest that division's finals series.
33. The finishing order of teams in each section shall be decided firstly by points, and where points are equal shall be decided by a shots quotient (shots for divided by shots against).
34. Players must have been a team member for **three** games to be eligible to compete in the finals series.
35. Prizemoney will be awarded to the four semi-finalists in each division.
36. The two semi-final winners in each division shall contest a grand final with the winner receiving first prize and the runner-up receiving second prize. The two losing semi-finalists will receive equal third prizes.
37. Finals format
- (i) Where there is one section in a division, the top four teams will contest the semi-finals.
    - Semi-final 1 will be 1<sup>st</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup>
    - Semi-final 2 will be 2<sup>nd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - (ii) Where there are two sections in a division, the top four in one section will be group A and the top four in the other section will be group B. All 8 teams will play in the quarter-finals:
    - QF1 – 1<sup>st</sup> in group A v 4<sup>th</sup> in group B
    - QF2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> in group B v 3<sup>rd</sup> in group A
    - QF3 – 1<sup>st</sup> in group B v 4<sup>th</sup> in group A
    - QF4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> in group A v 3<sup>rd</sup> in group B
    - Semi- final 1 will be winner of QF1 v winner of QF2
    - Semi –final 2 will be winner of QF3 v winner of QF4
  - (iii) Where there are three sections in a division, the top team in each section and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team with the highest number of points shall progress to the quarter-finals. The other eight teams shall play, with the four winners progressing to the quarter finals. For the purposes of determining match-ups, the four teams in the section which includes the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team with the highest number of points (ie the section where two teams automatically advance to the quarter-finals) shall be group A. Of the other two sections, the four teams in the section who's top team has the higher number of points shall be group B and the four teams in the other section shall be group C. Match-ups will be:
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> in group B v 4<sup>th</sup> in group C; winner to play 1<sup>st</sup> in group A in QF1
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> in group B v 4<sup>th</sup> in group A; winner to play 1<sup>st</sup> in group C in QF2
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> in group A v 3<sup>rd</sup> in group C; winner to play 1<sup>st</sup> in group B in QF3
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> in group C v 4<sup>th</sup> in group B; winner to play 2<sup>nd</sup> in group A in QF4
    - Semi- final 1 will be winner of QF1 v winner of QF2
    - Semi –final 2 will be winner of QF3 v winner of QF4(This structure provides that no two teams from the same section will meet in a final prior to the semi-finals).
38. The magnificent Taylor Bowls Super Challenge trophy will be awarded to the winning Club in Gold to be kept in their clubrooms on show for 12 months.
39. All clubs will be invited to nominate to host finals nights once dates have been determined.

## VENUES

40. Host clubs will need to provide up to 16 rinks to host a round. Some special provisions can be made for clubs who are unable to meet this requirement. If your venue is unsuitable or unavailable for any reason during the season another venue can be arranged which will need some advanced notice to SALBL.
41. The host club will be required to have bar facilities open during and after the event, the proceeds of which are to be retained by the host club.
42. The host club will be required to provide either a BBQ or canteen facilities selling such things like Pies and Pasties, hot chips or Hot Dogs. Profit from the BBQ/Canteen is to be retained by the club.
43. The host club is to provide a fully qualified Umpire and fully qualified Measurer for the event. It would be appreciated if the host club could provide a marker for each singles match.
44. The host club is to have match score sheets available for all matches which include rink allocations. Fours matches should be allocated rinks next to singles matches so that players in the fours can act as markers if designated markers have not been made available.
45. **The host club Team Manager must collect the completed team sheets at the end of play and then either:**
  - i) **Scan and email to Ashley Halls – [ashhalls59@gmail.com](mailto:ashhalls59@gmail.com)**
  - ii) **Arrange with Ashley for collection of team sheets the following day**
46. The host club will be required to agree to the conditions outlined in the agreement entered into by the SALBL and the major sponsor 'Taylor Bowls' with respect to advertising, merchandise etc.
47. The host club will be required to have public liability insurance for the matches played at their location. In addition to this the SALBL also has Public Liability Insurance to cover the Taylor Bowls Super Challenge. Nomination fees help to pay for this.
48. It is desirable for each host club to play music from a suitable sound system to add atmosphere and appeal to this unique competition. In particular GOLD should, SILVER is desirable and BRONZE if they want.

## DISPUTES

49. Should there be a question of player eligibility, a dispute regarding the code of conduct of any SALBL 'Taylor Bowls Super Challenge' games or any other of the conditions of play, the decision of the controlling body of the SALBL shall be final.
50. A disputes committee will be formed comprising three members of the SALBL Committee (none of whom shall be involved in any of the clubs involved in the appeal) to officiate on all protests and disputes.
51. All protests and disputes must be lodged within 24 hours of the disputed event in writing to the Secretary or Chariman of the SALBL accompanied by a \$50 fee.
52. If a set of bowls are found to have 'failed' after a challenge during an SALBL game, the points for that rink will be forfeited to the opposition. Other rink points will remain as per results.

## **FORFEITS**

53. In Gold and Silver any Club forfeiting a match will have to pay the host Club a fee of \$200.00 as compensation for any losses which may occur on their hosting night. A club who withdraws from the competition will still be liable to compensate host clubs \$200.00 for each round not played. In Bronze the same will apply but compensation will be \$100.00.
54. Teams which have at least six players may forfeit a rink rather than a whole match. In that case, the forfeiting side will be required to make up the shortfall of green fees for both teams involved in the match. A team forfeiting a rink must notify the opposing team and the host venue prior to midday of match day. Teams which have nine players may choose whether to forfeit the singles match or play three versus four players in the fours match.

## **TAYLOR BOWLS SUPER CHALLENGE OBJECTIVES AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

55. The Taylor Bowls Super Challenge is an innovative and unique competition set up to provide invited participating Clubs a higher level of competition which previously has not been available.
56. As an innovative event, participating Clubs are on display for not only Metro Adelaide, but also for the rest of the State and other States to see and to follow and as such, a certain standard of conduct shall be set and adhered to at all times.
57. Participating Clubs must abide by the laws of the game and the rules formulated for the Taylor Bowls Super Challenge. The rules of the Taylor Bowls Super Challenge have purposefully been kept concise and simple for interpretation. Participating Clubs should not endeavour to complicate what is not complicated.
58. Participating Clubs should avoid conflict at all costs. The Taylor Bowls Super Challenge would encourage players to see the other player's point of view and work through differences of opinion with reference to the Disputes Committee as a last possible option. The Controlling Body of the Taylor Bowls Super Challenge, the SA LBL, shall be the only and final Arbiter on matters in dispute.
59. Participating Clubs shall be positive towards the competition as negativity breeds negativity.
60. Participating Clubs are expected to select not only the best players available but also those who are and who will be worthy ambassadors and promoters of this unique competition.
61. The Taylor Bowls Super Challenge will not tolerate unsavoury, abusive, unruly, or any improper conduct nor will it tolerate any foul language or alcohol abuse or any other conduct which will detract in any way from the success of the competition.
62. The SA LBL acknowledges the support of the sponsors who have made this competition possible.
63. The SA LBL further acknowledges that sponsors expect a return on their investment and value for their sponsorship dollars. Participating Clubs must recognize and acknowledge the sponsor's role in the long-term success of the competition and must use and promote the sponsor's product wherever possible.

## INFORMATION

64. Information and on-going communication about the Taylor Bowls Super Challenge can be found at:

- SALBL website – [www.salbl.com](http://www.salbl.com)
- SALBL Twitter – **SALBL@SALBL1**
- Facebook - [www.salbl.com](http://www.salbl.com) & [The Bowls Blog](#)