



Bowls Canterbury Programme 2022-23 Notes

Reviewing the Bowls Canterbury programme has been difficult trying to balance everyone's ideas and requests. However, we are confident that the changes to the programme will positively reflect on bowls in our region.

After careful consideration we have put together this programme for the next two seasons.

It is impossible to satisfy everyone, but please read the programme notes carefully to understand what has driven some of the changes.

A very strong theme across submissions received was that the programme was very cluttered and "too busy."

Although several events have been removed, it was a near-impossible task to squeeze in games on weekends or on national/provincial holidays.

We ask that clubs and individuals be mindful of what they are choosing to enter so not to overload themselves or their clubs.

Interclub

Due to the late notification of the Aotearoa Bowls tournament in Christchurch on Waitangi Weekend, we have had to move Interclub. This has unfortunately resulted in a double header on the 18th February.

There was a strong consensus that all interclub should be a consistent seven (7) rounds in sections of eight (8) with no double headers. Another strong theme in the submissions was there should be no interclub scheduled for Saturday afternoons.

To accommodate this request Saturday Interclub will start slightly earlier in the season and will all be played in the mornings.

Pre-Christmas games can commence later if a green is not ready for a 9am start (frost.) This is at the greenkeeper's discretion. If a green is still unusable, play may move to an artificial green.

When travelling is involved, games may also start later by mutual arrangement.

In the future a minimum of 16 entries will be required for an Interclub event to go ahead.

To ensure that we have sections of eight (8) without BYEs, clubs may be given the opportunity to change to another competition to even up the entry numbers.

The Handbook

Full playing details and revised Conditions of Play for any new/changed events will be outlined in the 2022/23 Handbook.

Artificial Greens

Will be assessed by the Greenkeepers Association pre-season and given a rating.

These will only be used for Centre Events if needed and will be based on ratings given by the Greenkeepers Association.

Artificial Greens can be used for Interclub – especially for those weeks near the start of the season where natural surfaces may not yet be ready for play (this will be at the discretion of the club greenkeeper)

Centre Events

Centre events will be played out as far as possible in Post Section play. Events not completed will be played on a Finals Day.

If any Under 5 player involved in Finals Day and is in the Zone 5 Development Tournament team arrangements will be made to play these finals on another day.

Centre Singles

Will now be played in **sections of three (3)** and will become self-marking. This eliminates the need to bring a marker to section play and will also require less greens. Details and Conditions of Play will be in the Handbook.

Green Closures

Greenkeeper/Green Superintendent to notify Meg by 7:20am at the latest so the info line can be updated and give clubs time to find alternative arrangements.

National Interclub Sevens

Divided in to Division 1 and 2. Clubs may nominate which Division their sides are entered in to. Only enter one team can be in to Div 1. No restriction on entries in to Div 2.

nb. Under 5's Sevens has been put back in to the programme after feedback from the draft programme.

Any Combination (AC)

There were a lot of requests for more mixed/gender neutral events. We have introduced some AC events into the Interclub programme and hope that smaller clubs will find this beneficial when trying to field teams.

AC Pairs 6pm (3 Bowls)

Sections will move as a group rather than on a home/away basis. Time limit will be 2 ¼ Hours.

AC 8's Post Christmas

Will compete for the Manning Cup

Under 5's Pairs (2-4-2)

This will now be a Pre / Post Christmas competition.

Bowls3Five Open

Will now be played Tuesday evenings. This is a Bowls NZ qualifying event.

There will now be 7 rounds (1 game per night) plus the playoffs and finals.

Over 60s Mondays

Thank you for your feedback on this matter. After further consultation with the Bowls Canterbury Greenkeepers Association, we are confirming that play will commence at 1pm on Mondays. This will allow greenkeepers to have Monday Mornings to work on their greens.

The Over 60's competitions will be graded into divisions rather than sections.

Once draws have been completed, it is expected clubs will grade their teams into their appropriate divisions. An adjustment may be made after round three if a team has been placed in the wrong division.

Please note that starting to grade a competition takes time to get right, but as this was a common theme in the submissions, eventually this will make it a fairer competition.

Post-Christmas Over 60's Sevens & Women's Premier Sevens

Will now be two pairs, one triple.

Prize Money for Interclub

Prize money will no longer be paid out for Interclub events, as a result there will be a reduction in entry fees.

Canterbury Selection Day

Has been shifted to Sunday 13th November so it does not clash with Show Day.