**2019 WORLD BOWLS CHALLENGE**

**CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

Unless otherwise stated below the current version of the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls shall apply.

**Disciplines**

Mixed Triples-2 bowls each player

Mixed Pairs-3 bowls each player

Men & Women Pairs-3 bowls each player

Men & Women Singles-4 bowls each player

**Announcement of Selections for each Discipline**

The Coach of each side shall jointly formally announce the names of their selected players and their initial playing positions for each match for a discipline within a reasonable time ahead of the start of that individual discipline to be agreed with the event management bearing in mind broadcaster and management requirements and no announcement of their selections shall be made to any other parties prior to such formal announcement.

**Format**

Each match will consist of two sets of 5 ends each set.

All 5 ends to be played in each set.

There shall be no dead jacks. Where the jack leaves the boundaries of the rink it shall be re-spotted in the centre of the rink 2m from the front ditch. However, on the last end only of each set the skip in a team or singles player due to play may each nominate to kill the end once only and the end shall be replayed. If the end is killed on the last end of the set without such nomination the jack shall be re-spotted as above.

**Start of Play and Start of Second Set**

Start of Play-The Team/Singles Player winning the toss at the start of the match shall be entitled to choose whether they wish to place the mat, deliver the jack and the first bowl of the end or nominate their opposition to do so.

Start of the Second Set-The Team/Singles Player winning the first set shall play first in the second set. Should the first set be drawn, the winner of the last scoring end of the first set shall play first in the second set.

**Movement of Players**

Pairs & Triples Matches- The Leads and Seconds shall not be entitled to visit the head until after their last bowls are delivered. The Skip may visit the head after each bowl delivered.

Singles Matches-Except in exceptional circumstances and allowed upon request to the Marker, players may only visit the head after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.

**Substitutions and Changing Order of Play**

After the end of the first set and before the start of the second set the Team Coach or their nominated Deputy can elect to change the playing order of any of the players who played in the first set AND/OR elect to substitute one eligible player only to play in any position. Only players who have not played in the same discipline in the same session of play can be used as a substitute. Where a discipline is played across two sessions of play a player who only played one set in the first session of the same discipline may be used as a substitute in the second set of the same discipline in the second session of that discipline. As an example, a player who only played one set in session 1 of the Men Pairs can be used as a substitute in session 2 of the Men Pairs.

No player may play more than 2 sets in any discipline.

There shall be no substitutions in the Singles and Mixed Pairs disciplines other than in exceptional circumstances agreed by the Tournament Director and the Controlling Body.

**Scoring in each discipline**

Pairs & Triples Matches-2 match points for a win, 1 match point for a draw

Singles Matches-4 match points for a win, 2 match points for a draw

A Team/Singles player will win a match by either winning both sets or winning one set and drawing the other.

A Team/Singles player will draw a match by either winning one set and losing the other set or by drawing both sets.

A set drawn shall count as half a set won.

**Overall Challenge Trophy Scoring**

The overall trophy winner will be decided as follows:

1. The team with the highest number of match points shall be declared the winner
2. Should match points be equal, the team recording the highest number of sets won shall be declared the winner.
3. Should match points and sets won be equal, the team recording the highest sets difference shall be declared the winner.
4. Should match points, sets won and sets difference be equal, the team recording the highest shots difference over all matches played shall be declared the winner.
5. Should 1)-4) above all be equal then the overall result shall be declared a draw and the trophy shall be shared.

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