

International Island Games Association

The Sports and Sports By-Laws

PART 1 – GENERAL

This Section applies to all of the approved Sports as listed below.

Section 1 - The Sports

1.1 The Approved Sports are:

- Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bowls – one from Indoor Bowls, Outdoor Bowls or Ten Pin Bowling
- Cycling
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Judo
- Sailing - may also include Sailboarding
- Shooting
- Squash
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Volleyball - may also include Beach Volleyball

1.2 For clarification Sailing and Sailboarding are not separate sports.

1.3 For clarification Volleyball and Beach Volleyball are not separate sports

1.4 'Bowls' shall include Indoor Bowls, Outdoor Bowls and Ten Pin Bowling but only one discipline can be held at a Games.

Section 2 - The Responsibilities of the Host Island Organising Committee

2.1 The IIGA retains overall control of the Games.

2.2 The Organising Committee shall ensure all sports operate under the IIGA Constitution Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict they shall also operate under each Sport's International Federation Rules.

- 2.3** The Host Island Organising Committee (hereafter called 'the Organising Committee') shall provide medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment
- 2.4** The Organising Committee shall ensure that each sport in the Games is overseen by a Technical Committee.
- 2.5** The Organising Committee shall be responsible for appointing all Sports Technical Officials for the Games
- 2.6** The Organising Committee shall appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Sports Director who shall be responsible for ensuring that each sport is properly administered.
- 2.7** The Organising Committee shall appoint suitably qualified and experienced Coordinators for each sport; who will, in partnership with the Host Island's Sport Governing Body, be responsible for arranging the competitions and ensuring that all necessary venues and facilities meet with the requirements of the IIGA Guidelines and Sports By-laws. Any doubt that exists as to the suitability of any venue or facility must be reported immediately to the Executive Committee by the Organising Committee.
- 2.8** Each Sport Coordinator shall arrange a suitable date, time and venue for both the Pre-Competition and Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meetings.

Section 3 - Sports Team Managers Meetings

3.1 Arrangements

- 3.1.1** Each Sport Coordinator shall be responsible for:
- Notifying all of the competing Member Islands Team Managers, the Chairman and/or Secretary of the Technical Committee and the General Secretary of the IIGA of the date, time and venue of the Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers meeting 2 weeks before the Opening Ceremony of the Games.
 - Ensuring that the date, time and venue of the Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting are confirmed during the Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting.
- 3.1.2** The Meeting shall be chaired by the Chairman of that Sport's Technical Committee.
- 3.1.3** The Secretary to that Sport's Technical Committee shall act as Secretary for the Meeting

3.2 Attendance – those entitled to attend are:

- A maximum of 2 representatives of each of the competing Member Island Sports Teams
- The Technical Committee including any Co-opted Members for that sport.
- An Observer from the Sport's International Federation (if appropriate).
- The Senior Official responsible for conducting the event

- The Host Island Sport Coordinator.
- The future Host Island Sport Coordinator
- The IIGA Officers and Executive Committee Members.

3.3 Voting Rights

3.3.1 1 vote only per Member Island present

3.3.2 The Chairman shall have the casting vote if required.

3.4 The Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting

3.4.1 Suggested agenda:

- 1 If the Chairman of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.
- 2 If the Secretary of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.
- 3 The Chairman should: -
 - Introduce:
 - Member/s of the IIGA Executive Committee (if present)
 - The Technical Committee Members including any co-opted Members
 - Host Island Sport Coordinator
 - Observer from the International Federation (if present)
 - confirm those voting Members present
 - confirm the Programme and Order of Events
 - clarify the Rules e.g. seeding
 - notify meeting of withdrawals etc.
 - explain the procedures to be followed
 - confirm arrangements for training and warm-up
 - medal presentations
 - explain the appeals process
 - take questions from the floor
- 4 Appoint of a Jury of Appeal
- 5 Any Other Business
- 6 Confirm the day, time and place of the Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting.

3.5 The Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting

3.5.1 Suggested agenda:

- 1 If the Chairman of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.
- 2 If the Secretary of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.
- 3 The Chairman should: -

- Introduce:
 - Member/s of the IIGA Executive Committee (if present)
 - The Technical Committee Members including any co-opted Members
 - Host Island Sport Coordinator
 - Observer from the International Federation (if present)
- Confirm those voting Members present
- 4 Approve the Minutes of the last meeting (if available)
- 5 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 6 Review all aspects of the current Games:
 - pre-Games information
 - entries
 - programme
 - officiating
 - results service
- 7 Agree an outline Programme for the next Games
- 8 Formulate recommendations, if any, for the next Organising Committee
- 9 Review the sport specific IIGA By-laws and forward any proposed amendments to the Technical Committee.
- 10 Elect a Technical Committee to serve until the conclusion of the next Games. Contact details for the Chairman and Secretary to be noted in the Minutes of the meeting.
- 11 Any Other Business
- 3.5.2 The Sports Coordinator for the next Games should, if possible, be present at this meeting.
- 3.5.3 Within 2 months of the Closing Ceremony of the Games
 - Minutes of both the Pre-Competition and Post-Competition Sports Team Manager Meetings should be sent to the General Secretary of the IIGA, the Sports Coordinator of the next Host Island, to each Member Island that participated in the sport, and to any new Member Island
 - **The General Secretary of the IIGA must be informed of the names and contact details for both the Chairman and Secretary of the newly elected Sports Technical Committee**

Section 4 - The Sports Technical Committees

4.1 Meetings

The Technical Committee may meet at such times as is deemed necessary during the course of the Games.

4.2 Appointment

Each Sports Technical Committee:

- Will be elected at the Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting and serve until the conclusion of the next Games.
- Shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Sports Team Members, preferably from different Member Islands.
- Shall have either a permanent Chairman or Secretary to ensure continuity.
- Include a representative from both of the future Host Islands (if applicable).

4.3 Roles & Responsibilities

4.3.1 Each Technical Committee shall:

- Oversee the Technical arrangements for their sport during the Games.
- Ensure that all sports shall operate under the IIGA Constitution, Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict they shall also operate under each Sport's International Federation Rules.
- Each Technical Committee may co-opt non-voting persons to act as advisers.

4.3.2 In the period between the Games the Technical Committees will act in an advisory capacity for the Executive Committee, the next Host Island Organising Committee and Sport Coordinator.

4.3.3 Any proposed amendment to the Sports By-laws must be forwarded by the Technical Committee to the General Secretary of the IIGA no later than 6 months before the Games at which the changes will come into effect for approval by the IIGA Executive Committee.

Section 5 – Jury of Appeal

5.1 The Jury of Appeal for all sports will:

- Be appointed at the Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting.
- Consist of a panel of 5 Members, preferably from different competing Member Islands, plus a non-voting Secretary.
- Have no more than 40% of the Members from 1 Member Island.
- Require a minimum of 3 Members, plus the Secretary, to hear an appeal.
- A Member of the Jury of Appeal cannot participate in an appeal which concerns a competitor from the same Member Island.
- Permit the official International Federation Delegate/Observer of the sport or event to attend if present at the Games but not have a vote.

Section 6 Protests and Complaints

6.1 Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Referee and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court. The Court will not deal with any protests or complaints made against a referee or other official regarding placing, fouling or other facts of the competition save for exceptional circumstances.

PART 2 – SPORTS SPECIFIC BY-LAWS

Section 6 - The Sports By-laws

Bowls (Indoor and Outdoor) By-laws

Section 1 - Competition Rules

The competition shall operate under the IIGA Constitutional Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict with the aforesaid IIGA Rules and Regulations shall also operate in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (the Laws) under the relevant member National Authority through a controlling body with clearly publicised conditions of play and licensed by World Bowls.

Section 2 – General

2.1 Island Representation

2.1.1 Individual Competition

Singles

Men A maximum of 1 competitor per Member Island

Women A maximum of 1 competitor per Member Island

2.1.2 Pairs

Men A maximum of 2 competitors per Member Island

Women A maximum of 2 competitors per Member Island

2.1.3 Triples

Men A maximum of 3 competitors per Member Island

Women A maximum of 3 competitors per Member Island

2.1.4 The minimum number of entrants is 1 per Member Island.

2.1.5 The maximum number of entrants is 12 to consist of 6 men and 6 women per Member Island

2.1.6 Team Competition

Dependant on entries an overall Team competition and a Mixed Pairs competition may be included.

2.2 Age of Competitors

2.2.1 The minimum age limit for competitors will be 13 years on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

2.2.2 In respect of competitors under the age of 18 years competing Member Islands must make arrangement for them to be correctly supervised and comply with all relevant child welfare legislation of their own Island and that of the Host Island.

2.3 Officials

2.3.1 To be appointed by the Organising Committee

2.3.2 The competition will be controlled by the Umpire and/or a Marker both of whom shall be suitably qualified.

2.4 Events**2.4.1 Individual - Mens and Women's**

Single

Pairs

Triples

2.4.2 Mixed Pairs (dependent upon entries)**2.4.3 Team Event (dependent upon entries)****2.5 Training**

2.5.1 Arrangements for any Pre-Games training/practice shall be made at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

2.5.2 Competition venues should be made available to the competing Member Island Teams for training a minimum of 2 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

2.6 Draws

To be undertaken by the Host Island in conjunction with the Technical Committee

2.7 Venues

All venues chosen by the Organising Committee must meet the green, ditch and banks requirements specified under the Laws.

Any other dimensions should be approved by the Technical Committee.

2.8 Equipment

2.8.1 Each competitor shall provide their own bowls but all other equipment shall be provided by the Host Island. The mat, jack, bowls and measures must comply with the Laws including the requirement for all bowls to display an in date World Bowls Stamp from Licensed Manufacturers and Testers.

2.8.2 Lockers to be provided for the storage of players personal effects

2.9 Clothing

2.9.1 The regulation of WB concerning clothing and advertising on clothing will apply; provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.

2.9.2 Competitors to wear white or other colour polo shirts with their Member Island's name printed on the back as approved by the controlling body.

2.9.3 Men to wear team coloured trousers/bottoms and women to wear team coloured trousers/bottoms or skirts. Grey, brown or white smooth bowling shoes to be worn.

2.9.4 All competitors from the same island team shall wear the same colour/design of clothing for a game.

2.10 Medical

The Organising Committee shall provide sufficient medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

2.11 Medals

If there are two groups, the winner of each Group will play for the Gold and Silver Medals with the runner up in each group receiving a Bronze medal. Any other number of Groups will be determined by the number of entries as decided by the host island, as well as the medal play-offs required.

2.12 Protests and Complaints

Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Director of Bowling and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court.

2.13 Banned Substances and Drug Testing

All competitors in every event shall be subject to Section 9 of the Operational Guidelines of the IIGA.

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3.1 Appointment – See Section 4.2 - page 5

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4.1 The Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting – See Section 3.4 - page 3

4.2 The Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting – See Section 3.5 - pages 3 & 4

4.3 Jury of Appeal – See Section 5 - pages 5 & 6

Section 5 – Competition**5.1. Disciplines**

- Singles: Four bowls, 2 sets of 9 ends with 3 end tie break, or time limit of 2 Hours. In set play the winner of the first set shall play first in the second set.
- Pairs/Mixed Pairs: Three bowls per player, 13 ends, or time limit of 2 Hours
- Triples: Two bowls per player, 13 ends, or time limit of 2 Hours

5.2. Substitutions

- The players participating in the first tie shall be regarded as the official selection
- Between each round players may alter playing positions
- During play, if it is agreed that a substitute is required, the substitute should play in any position other than skip, and the other members of the team can rearrange their positions as necessary
- Once it is agreed that a substitute is required during play the substitute must be ready to play within 15 minutes or the tie will be forfeit.

5.3. Continuous Play/Slow Play

- Singles:
 - A player may visit the head only after delivery of their third bowl.
 - In very exceptional & limited circumstances, such as at a key point in the game, a request to visit the head earlier in the end may be made to the marker. At this stage, both players will be entitled to visit the head, but this must be together and without undue delay and thereafter both must return to the mat end together. No other visits to the head will be permitted.
- Pairs/Mixed Pairs:
 - The leads will not visit the head, nor the skips leave the head during the delivery of all lead bowls.
 - The changeover in Pairs between both the leads & the skips shall be at the same time and without delay.
 - The skip may only visit the head after the delivery of their second bowl.
 - No other visits to the head will be permitted.
- Triples:
 - The leads will not visit the head.
 - The second will not visit the head and both seconds must go to the mat end at the same time.
 - The skip may only visit the head after the delivery of their first bowl.
 - The changeover in players after seconds play shall be at the same time and without delay.
 - No other visits to the head will be permitted.

Slow Play

- At the halfway point of all games players must have completed a minimum of 50% of the required ends. Failure to have completed the ends, may result in the Umpires

putting offending player/team on the shot clock whereby the player/team must deliver all their/their teams bowls within a 2-minute period. For the avoidance of doubt the use of the term team in this context refers to a particular pair/triple/rink on an allocated rink, not the whole national team. Failure to abide by the enforced slow play time limit shall result in that side having the remainder of their bowls declared dead.

5.4. Competition Format

- Twenty four sessions over 5 days consisting of:
 - 7 Sessions of Men's Singles and 5 Sessions of Women's Singles
 - 7 Sessions of Men's Pairs and 5 Sessions of Women's Pairs
 - 5 Sessions of Mixed Pairs
 - 7 Sessions of Men's Triples and 3 Sessions of Women's Triples
- All changes to team format must be notified to the Technical Official at least 30 minutes prior to the round of which the change will occur

5.5. Scoring

- 3 points is awarded for winning each individual discipline
- 1 point is awarded for a drawn game

5.6. Time Limits

- A time limit of 2 hours (including trial ends) will apply to all matches for all disciplines
- Start of Play: Play will commence with the sound of a horn or bell or an announcement signalling the start of time.
- End of Play: When the time limit is reached a horn, bell or an announcement will be made. If an end is in progress when the time-limit is reached, that end must be completed. The start of an end is determined by the delivery of the jack by the first player in that end
- Should a match not be completed, then the score stands as at the completion of the end in play and the player with the highest number of shots will be the winner

5.7 Extreme Weather

- Should a match be stopped due to extreme weather the time limit will be extended by the equivalent amount of the time for the delay (up to 30 minutes in any single session)
- Should the delay exceed 30 minutes in any single session, the length of matches will be reduced as below:
 - Singles – no reduction; play to concluded within original time limit

- o Pairs/Mixed Pairs/Triples – 1 end removed for every 10 minutes delay

Example

- Match stopped at 1000 and resumed at 1025; session end time extended by 25 minutes – all matches continue with no reduction in ends;
 - Match stopped at 1000 and resumed at 1045; session end time extended by 30 minutes – singles play to 2 sets of 9 ends with 3 end tie break or time limit (whichever is sooner); number of ends in pairs, triples and fours reduced to 10
 - Match stopped at 1000 and resumed at 1100; session end time extended by 30 minutes – singles play 2 sets of 9 ends with 3 end tie break or time limit; number of ends in pairs, triples and fours reduced to 8
- The Tournament Director will be ultimately responsible for setting revised timings if necessary
 - Where an event is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or other unsuitable conditions, the Tournament Director may alter the format and length of games to achieve a result or postpone the event where an outcome cannot be achieved (Law 55.3.4)
 - Games can proceed under artificial lights, if available, to achieve a result
 - The Tournament Director will determine the number of ends required to complete a game depending on conditions

5.8 Rink Allocations

- The Tournament Director reserves the right to alter the rinks/greens to suit local unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as is practicably possible

5.9 Late Arrival

- Any player/team arriving after the official start of trial ends shall lose the right to play trial ends
- Any player/team arriving at the green more than 15 minutes after the official start time shall:
 - o Forfeit the discipline/game
 - o Points for that discipline/game will be awarded to their opponents – 8 shots per discipline

5.10 Re-spotting the jack

1. If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank, or rebounds to a distance of less than 20 metres from the mat line, the end should not be declared dead. Instead, the jack should

be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a spot on the rink, which is two metres from the front ditch and on the centre line and play should continue

2. If the spot mentioned in paragraph 9.1 is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack should be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl
3. The spot mentioned in paragraph 9.1 should be marked using chalk or some other suitable method

5.11 Trial Ends

- One trial end in each direction will be allowed for all games. In trial ends players can use any combination of bowls taken from different sets so long as all bowls carry a registered World Bowls stamp of either the current year or a future year.

5.12 Stamping of Bowls

- Bowls must be stamped accordingly with the by-laws of our sport, the serial number and the date stamp must be legible on all bowls. All bowls must bear a current year stamp 2025 or beyond.

5.13 Substitute or Replacement Players

- Substitutes will be permitted in all disciplines (including singles)
- If a player in any game is unable to complete any game already commenced, the Organising Island shall allow a substitute from within the accredited team until the replaced player is well enough to resume or for the remainder of that game
- Should a substitute be required the current Laws of the Sport will apply

5.14 Placings

Placings will be determined in the following order follows:

1. Points Won
2. Shots Difference
3. Highest number of shots scored
4. Lowest number of shots conceded
5. Overall match result between two tied teams
6. Points Scored in match between two tied teams

5.8 General Rules

- 5.8.1** Arrangement of games, any game play, movement of bowls and jack, play, players and their duties, results and all other matters will be interpreted in accordance with the Laws.

5.8.2 Conditions of play must be clearly publicised.