



CANADIAN SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

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WALKER SPORTS AND ABILITIES CENTRE AT CANADA GAMES PARK

2021 CANADA GAMES WAY, THOROLD, ONTARIO L2V 4Y6

CONDITIONS OF PLAY – 2023

The following Conditions of Play apply to CSMBA Championships only. Clubs may choose to set their own Conditions of Play for club tournaments.

CSMBA Board of Directors: Dave Burrows, Sophie Burrows, Elaine Houtby, Ian MacPherson, Judy Steinke, Travis Anderson, Brent Jansen

Officiating: At this point in time, we have no official umpires. Therefore, we will turn to the Board of Directors to act on any interpretation of the rules.

CSMBA 2023 Conditions of Play – Approved July 1st, 2023. Amended on November 6, 2023

I INTRODUCTION

As provided by the CSMBA, the Annual Championships will be organized by a Championship Committee that will enforce the policies and rules established by the CSMBA Board of Directors to govern such championships.

The Championship Committee will have jurisdiction over all matters that fall within the scope of the Emergency Committee and the Jury of Appeal.

II GENERAL CONDITIONS

Competitions

1. All competitions will use the Laws of the Sport of Short Mat Bowls, governed by the Short Mat World Council, presently the 2014 Edition, currently under review and to be updated for the 2024 Belfast Short Mat World Championships in Northern Ireland.
2. These championship rules apply to Fours, Triples, Pairs and Singles.
3. The Board of Directors will enforce these rules and the Laws.

Eligibility

1. Each participant must be a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant or a permanent resident. Participants must be prepared to show proof of eligible status.
2. Each participant must be a paid-up member in good standing of a current member club of the CSMBA for the 2023 – 2024 Season
3. Fours, Triples, Pairs, and Singles Championships will be played by both women and men in Open Events.

Entries

1. Each event requires an entry fee of \$30. per player and each player may enter in one, two, three, or all four events.
2. Entry forms and payments are to be mailed to Sophie Burrows CSMBA Treasurer, 657 Vanderburgh Drive, Burlington, Ontario L7T 3W5, no sooner than July 1st, 2023 and no later than the entry deadline of October 31st, 2023. Entry forms can be found on the CSMBA website. Fees may be paid by cheque or e-transfer.

*There will be **NO** refunds after the entry deadline.*

Specific Laws & Requirements for Each Event

Each of the CSMBA Events have the same basic components:

1. Provide each team with a reasonable number of games to give both opportunity of play and chance to make it into the playoff rounds. This is accomplished through the use of round robin & cross over play.

2. All ends of each round robin or cross over game must be completed. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the event.
3. All games assigned to a particular mat must be played on this mat. Failure to do so will result in a loss of the game.
4. Calculate each team's position through set criteria priorities This involves an order of importance.
 - a) Number of Wins.
 - b). If tied, Head-to-Head for 2 teams tied.
 - c) Overall Percentage based on points scored for divided by points scored against. (example): 80 points for / 60 points against = 1.33).
 - d). If still tied, a 3-end playoff.
5. Playoffs will commence at either the quarter finals or semi finals depending upon number of entries.

Format

ROUND ROBIN SINGLES games will consist of 12 ends of 4 bowls per player. This is due to the time restraints forced upon the events with the number of entrants rising above expectations. The top 8 players will make it into the quarter finals with the top ranked players playing the lower ranked players in 15 end games.

PAIRS games consist of 15 ends of 2 bowls per player. The top 8 teams will make it into the quarter finals with the top ranked teams playing the lower ranked teams.

TRIPLES games consist of 12 ends of 2 bowls per player. The top 8 teams will make it into the quarter finals with the top ranked teams playing the lower ranked teams

FOURS games consist of 10 ends of 2 bowls per player. The top 4 or 8 teams will make it into either the quarter finals or semi finals with the top ranked teams playing the lower ranked teams.

Each Semi Final in all events is followed by the medal round.

Awards

At the end of each medal round, we present all Gold, Silver & Bronze winning teams with crystal awards, and present the Gold Team with the Annual Championship Plaque in each event.

III GENERAL RULES FOR ALL CSMBA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Draw Format

1. For all CSMBA Championships, the Skips of teams or Singles players will draw for opponents and rinks at the host venue the day before the event starts, or in the case of singles, in the hour before the tournament begins.
2. For all CSMBA Championships where a Skip on a Team or Singles player does not register on each Registration Day the Convenor will pre-draw those remaining cards and post the draw at the venue.
3. CSMBA Championships:

All CSMBA events will comprise of Round Robin Group Play and/or Cross Over Play, followed by either quarter final or semi final play-off elimination rounds with Gold, Silver & Bronze winners identified.

IV. Short Mat World Championships CSMBA National Team Selections

- a. All players wishing and able to play on the CSMBA National Team in Belfast in March of 2024 must let the CSMBA know on their entry form. All Gold & Silver Medallists qualify for this team. Gold Medallists receive 20 points, Silver 16 points and Bronze 12 points. Previous years Gold, Silver & Bronze retain 10, 8, and 6 points. Total points gained over 2022 & 2023 Championships also have a large bearing on the overall selection.
- b. Additional factors include previous results at the World Championships, as well as singles and pairs current CSMBA rankings.

Absentee Players

It is the responsibility of each participant to be aware of the announced start time for each game. The umpire will award two shots against an absent Singles player or incomplete/absent team for every ten minutes or fraction thereof and it will be counted as an end played. At the end of a thirty (30) minute period, the game will be forfeited to the opposing team or Singles player.

Forfeited Game

1. An umpire, either upon request, or having noted specific infractions of the Laws or these CoP, will warn the offending player or players. If the umpire then considers that the infractions are both continuing and deliberate, he/she will report to the Emergency Committee for a ruling on forfeiting the game to the opponents.
2. Any game awarded by forfeit will have a score calculated by averaging the shots for and against (rounded up or down), from all games played in that round for determining seeding if there is a tie.

Tie Breaking

1. If, during the round robin or elimination stage, there is a tie after the required number of ends have been played, there will be an extra end played. A winner will be declared but no additional points awarded. A coin toss will determine which team will go first.
2. There must be no further play in a knockout competition, if at any point, it becomes impossible for a player or team to win the game, given the number of ends left.

Substitutions

1. If a player is unable to continue to play, and there is a substitute available, the substitute will take this player's spot and will continue to play until the end of the event.