



CANADIAN SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 2024

VIRGIL COMMUNITY HUB & GYMNASIUM

1665 FOUR MILE CREEK ROAD, VIRGIL, ONTARIO L0S1T0

CONDITIONS OF PLAY – 2024

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, Judy Steinke, Travis Anderson, Brent Jansen

Officiating: TBA

CSMBA 2024 Conditions of Play – Approved Sept 14th, 2024. Amended on Sept. 16th, 2024

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 amended to include rule # 37 and updated at the 2024 Belfast Short Mat World Championships in Northern Ireland.

Irish Indoor Bowling Association Rule #37

37. Bowl touching the jack and coming to rest in the ditch

In singles, pairs, triples & fours, if any of the first two bowls on any end delivered by the singles player or lead shall touch the jack and come to rest completely in the ditch, they shall be declared dead and removed from the mat. If either bowl so delivered comes to rest intersecting the ditch line, it shall be marked as a toucher. If the first bowl is a toucher and remains in the live area, the second bowl can push the toucher into the ditch and that toucher will not be removed.

Rule 37 refers to the first 4 bowls delivered on any end. This is simply to clarify and doubts that may exist.

2. The Head Event Umpire will enforce these rules and the Laws.
3. Although we are in the early stages of officially naming CSMBA umpires, we have decided we will try to have all our players attempt the honour system of monitoring foot faults during the tournament. If this does not work, we will try using any umpires we have as well.

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 2024 – 2025 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 Sept. 1st, 2024 and no later

than the entry deadline of October 31st, 2024. 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 round of 16, or the quarter finals depending upon number of entries.

Format

SINGLES games consist of 15 ends of 4 bowls per player. The top players will make it into the playoff levels with the higher ranked players playing the lower ranked players.

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

FOURS games consist of 10 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.

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. The exception will be the singles, where all players will draw their spots before practice 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 on the website.

3. CSMBA Championships:

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

4. Short Mat World Championships CSMBA National Team Selections

a. All players wishing and able to play on the CSMBA National Team in Norway in March of 2026 must let the CSMBA know on their entry form. Gold & Silver Medallists from November 2024 will likely qualify for this team. The 2025 Gold & Silver Medallists will definitely qualify for the 2026 CSMBA National Team and receive Gold 20 points, Silver 16 points and Bronze 12 points. Previous years Gold, Silver & Bronze retain 10, 8, and 6 points. Total points gained over 2024 & 2025 Championships also have a large bearing on the overall selection.

b Other 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 addition 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. These rules #35 & #36 may be found in the Irish Indoor Bowling Association Official Year Book from 2023 – 2024 in possession of the CSMBA President Dave Burrows.