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Conditions of Play 2020

At 14/11/2019

Finals Host: Musgrave Hill Bowls Club

Critical Dates

| | | Side check |
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| Nomination entry form in by | 4pm, Monday 7 th OCT 2019. | |
| Re-grading of a Side submission in by | 4pm, Monday 7 th OCT 2019. | |
| Player list in by | Monday 2 nd , December 2019 | |
| Re-grading of an individual player submission in by | Monday 2 nd , December 2019 | |
| First round play on or before | Sunday 12 th January 2020 | |
| Double Header Round 5 & 6 | Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th February. | |
| Finals: Qualifying Finals | Saturday 21st March 2020 Sunday 22nd March 2020 | |
| Quarter Finals | Saturday 28th March 2020 Sunday 29th March 2020 | |
| Semi-Finals and Grand Finals | Saturday 4th April 2020 Sunday 5th April 2020. | |

Nominations will be called from 7th September 2019.

Note: Forms are dispatched as separate documents and can be found on www.p7s-qld.com

Sevens Nomination Entry Form
Sevens Player Registration Form
Sevens Weekly Results Form

Tournament Director:

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Tournament Director:



1. Controlling Body

The controlling body (7s Committee) has the right to change conditions of play if deemed necessary and shall be the sole judge and determine, interpret and rule on all matters during the course of the tournament. If any Sevens Club, breaches any part of these Conditions of Play, the spirit of sportsmanship or fair play, the controlling body may determine what action it deems fit to take.

2. The Aim

The vision with the 'Sevens' is to run a SIDES competition that is fair and equitable, so that Clubs of all sizes can compete and be competitive. To support this aim the competition will be run as a home & away format. No Side shall play 2 home games or 2 away games against the same opponent.

3. Laws of the Sport

The competition shall be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, except as provided for in this document. **Crystal Mark 3rd Edition Version 3.1 April 2019.**

4. Composition of Sides and Match Format

4.1 Sides will field Three Disciplines & Seven [7] Players + One (1) Reserve:

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| One singles player | 25 Shots up (4 Bowls per player) |
| One pairs team | 21 Ends (4 Bowls per player 2x2x2x2) |
| One fours team | 21 Ends (2 Bowls per player) |

The reserve **Must** be present and remain for the games duration to qualify as game played and be recorded on the **(Sevens Round Results Form)**. **The reserve must be made known to the opposition.**

4.2 All three disciplines [singles, pairs & fours] **MUST** be played. If a Side cannot field all three disciplines they **must** forfeit.

4.3 **Timed Games:** - There will be No Time Limit on any games in the Seven's competition.

NOTE: All divisions will ideally have a minimum of 24 Sides. The number of sections and sides in each section will be determined by the entries received and if necessary, byes will be allocated.

5. **Entry Fees:** Entry fee must be lodged with the Application/Entry Nomination Form.

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| Div. 1, 2: | \$800 |
| Div. 3, 4, 5 & 6: | \$700 |

6. **Application to Enter:** Deadline **Monday 7th OCT 2019.**

6.1 Sevens Entry Nomination Form: - To enter the Sevens Competition, Clubs must complete the Sevens Entry Nomination Form on or before closing date. Late entries will not be guaranteed a place.

6.2 Closing Date: - Nominations for the 'Sevens' close: 4pm, **Monday 7th OCT 2019.**

6.3 Clubs may apply to enter a joint Side with another club.

6.4 The Sevens committee reserve the right to re-grade Sides into higher or lower Divisions in line with the aims of the competition and to minimise the number of byes in the whole competition as per (Conditions 2 & 12).

7. **Player List:** Deadline **Monday 2nd December 2019**

Clubs **must** submit an initial Player List Registration Form, graded into each Divisional Side, by the **due date above.** The Player List Registration Form **must also list** the **Pennant and Seven's Divisions for the past two years** for all their intended players.

NOTE: - Clubs will not be locked in to the listed players and may add to their list at any time during the season prior to the additional player taking part in the competition. Again, the Pennant Division played in for the past two years for all their intended players must be supplied.

8. **Eligibility** **This competition is NOT open to 1st Division and Marquis Premier League players.**

8.1 Reserve grade premier league players only, may play in the Sevens until they have played 4 games in Premier League then they no longer qualify to play in the Sevens. The same applies to Sevens players who play in Premier League. Players **ARE NOT** allowed to play in both tournaments in the same weeks play.



- 8.2 All Divisions are open to single gender or any combination of ladies and men with no restriction of age.
- 8.3 **To Be Eligible to Play in Any Division**
A player must not have played in a higher Division in District Pennants for *any Club* in the previous Pennant bowling season than the Division nominated for in the 7's (subject to COP 2, 6.4 and 12.1). A players' eligibility to play in the 7's who did not play in the 2018 or 2019 Pennant season will be determined by the Sevens Committee.
- 8.4 All 7's players must be Full [Financial] Bowling Members of the Affiliated Club they intend to play for or an affiliated club if putting in a composite or private team and be eligible as per Conditions 8.3 & 8.5 at least 1 (one) month prior to the commencement of the 7's season.
- 8.5 All players must be clear/free from any form of suspension and or default status from any Bowls Club or Bowls Association.
- 8.6 Players who play fifty percent of sectional matches in any higher division becomes constituted for that higher Division and may not "play down".
- 8.7 To be eligible for Finals series, players must have played a minimum of fifty percent of sectional matches, in that division or any combination of divisions. A player may be promoted to a higher division but may not play down for the finals as per Condition 8.5. A player may not compete in different Divisions for the same Club in the same Round.
- 8.8 The listed reserve may replace any player who becomes sick or injured during a match except a Skip. In the event of the Skip in Pairs and Fours needing to be replaced the team is to be reshuffled. The listed reserve may not replace a player who is off their game or out of form.
- 8.9 The Laws of the Sport of Bowls **Law 33.2, 33.3 and 33.4** will be adhered to with reference to Constituted, Substituted and Replacement players with **Domestic Rules 2.1.3, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6** to take precedence.

9. Substitutes

In accordance with **Law 39.2 and DR 2.1.3, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6**, a player may be substituted in the Pairs or Singles matches by using the reserve or a player from the Fours. The fours game shall then be played with the Second of the Fours deemed to be missing. The team of three players shall then play as per the Laws of the Game. Lead and Third play 3 bowls each. Skips will then play their two bowls as in a normal fours game. Only one such substitution may be made on any one occasion. Refer Condition 8 for Reserves, Substitutes and Replacement Players.

No deduction of 25% off scores shall be made.

10. Lateral Movement

Clubs with more than one Side in the same Division, will not be permitted lateral movement of players between these Sides after a player has played three [3] games within that division. From the fourth game in a Side or section a player will be graded for that Division. A player can still be promoted to a higher Division or go to a lower Division provided they are eligible (As per conditions 8 & 12).

11. Penalties: Any 'Sevens' Club, that breach any part of the above player eligibility and lateral movement conditions 'may' have penalties imposed, which could include, but not restricted to: -

- 11.1 All match points and rink wins deducted for all games the unqualified player participated in. In addition, they would receive the WORST loss margin for those particular round/s played with an illegal player.
- 11.2 The opposing Side in such cases may receive all match points and rink wins and additionally will receive the AVERAGE winning shots margin for that round.
- 11.3 The 7s Committee as the controlling body, will determine what action to take in such rule violations.

12. RE-GRADING

- 12.1 Re-grading of a **SIDE**: - All applications to be considered for re-grading of a *side must be submitted in writing with the entry form by Monday 7th OCT 2019*. Submissions must be, based on the ability and/or past performance and will be considered on a case by case basis.
- 12.2 Re-grading of an **Individual Player**: - All applications for re-grading of an individual player must be submitted in writing *by the 3rd December 2019* [Along with player list Condition 7]. Submissions must be, based on the ability and/or past performance and will be considered on a case by case basis.



13. No Dead Ends Law 19.4 & 56.5

If the jack, by the effect of play, leaves the rink of play over the bank or side boundary, it shall be replaced on the **T** of the rink of play so that the portion of the jack nearest to the mat line is 2m from the front ditch, and play continued. This also applies to a rebounding jack less than 20 mtrs from the mat line. If a bowl occupies that spot, the closest spot available without touching a bowl is to be used as per **Laws 19.4 and 56.5.4**

14. Format of Divisions & Sectional Play:

- 14.1 The number of sides per Section and Sections per Division shall be determined by the number of entries received. A maximum of 2 sides per Division for the same club will be allowed.
- 14.2 The Draw shall be compiled by the Sevens Committee and include play on or before dates for each match.

15. Game Start Times:

- 15.1 It is a Policy of Q Sevens Inc. to encourage Clubs to schedule matches in order to avoid the hottest part of the day in summer. Morning, evening or night games are encouraged.
- 15.2 The first round of the 2020 season is planned for play on or before date of **Sunday 12th January 2020**. Qualifying finals as required will be played on the **28th and 29th March** at Clubs to be allocated. Finals are planned for **4th, 5th and 11th & 12th April**.
- 15.3 In order to minimise player clashes with District Events: mid-week night games, Friday night games or Saturday/Saturday night games are encouraged. If a Side has no players that clash with District Events, Sundays are available for use.
- 15.4 With consideration of Condition 14, Clubs competing in each match shall agree to a suitable date and time to play matches. Side managers must make all effort to negotiate a date and time to play all round matches within 14 days of receiving the draw and or before the start of the first round of competition. If agreement cannot be reached the match must be played on the date/time set by the Sevens committee. All Side managers **MUST** double check game times with their opponent's manager during the week leading up to the match.
- 15.5 **Clubs must notify the Controlling Body of the agreed playing times.**
- 15.6 Clubs wishing to change any agreed playing time or date (as per Condition 15.4.) must notify the opposing Club's liaison person and the controlling body a minimum of 14 days before the scheduled date of the match they wish to change. If agreement cannot be reached on an alternate time or date the match must be played on the time & date originally agreed to as per Condition 15.4.

16. Artificial light may be used.

NB: Turn Lighting on at least 20 minutes prior to Sunset as advised by the Bureau of Meteorology to be effective.

17. Synthetic Greens may be used.

18. Inclement & Adverse Weather / Incomplete Game [see also Condition 20]

- 18.1 A Match unable to be completed due to inclement or adverse weather shall be declared completed if two of three disciplines have reached the following minimum requirements of:
 - Singles – 17 shots up
 - Pairs – 14 ends
 - Fours – 14 ends
- 18.2 If two of the disciplines meet the minimum requirements, the *third* shall also be declared complete and the match declared complete.
- 18.3 If two of the three disciplines haven't reached the minimum requirement, the match is to be continued ASAP and in accordance with **LAW 32** at a time mutually agreed upon by the participating teams and approved by the Controlling Body as per Condition 15.5 & 15.6.

19. NO DRAWN GAMES / DISCIPLINES: In All games, if any discipline is drawn, the drawn discipline/s shall play an extra end to determine the winner. The extra end must be played regardless of the position of the other two disciplines, therefore be played immediately it is determined a draw and after a coin toss.



20. Scoring

- 20.1 Seven (7) match points will be given for a match win plus (1) point per rink win.
Win on 3 rinks =10pts, win on 2 rinks =9pts, on 1 rink=1pt.

If sides are equal on points, margins and least shots scored against will determine results.

21. Forfeits, Byes and Games Not Completed

- 21.1 A side awarded a Forfeit will receive (7) seven points match win & (3) rink win points. A side awarded a Bye will receive (7) seven points match win & (2) rink win points. An average margin of the other team's played in that section from that round will be applied at the end of that rounds play. The team conceding the forfeit shall receive no points and be debited with a shot's margin equal to that credited to their opponents.
- 21.2 No points or rink win bonus will be allocated to games not completed in accordance with Condition 18.

22. Notification of Results

- 22.1 The designated home side shall email or telephone (confirm via email), or send a photo (from your mobile as a message) the 7s Round Result Form to the 7s Committee, *immediately* after the conclusion of play. Email is the preferred option.
- 22.2 The home side is encouraged to submit results to local media for publication.

NB. The Sevens Committee is looking into an Electronic results system. Should this eventuate before the season starts, Condition 22 & 26 will need to be rewritten to conform to the new system. Clubs will be kept informed of any progress.

23. Green Fees: Green Fees DO NOT apply to the 'Sevens', however clubs may place a fee on their own players.

24. Attire

Club approved attire to be worn. Joint Club or Private Sides' members may dress in their own Club approved or Private Team attire.

25. Club Sevens Liaison

Each Club *must* appoint, (via the Sevens Entry Nomination Form), one only, Sevens Liaison person *who must have email and mobile phone access*. Correspondence with the controlling body {Other than round result sheets} must be through the appointed Liaison person, for all sides entered by the Club. The appointed Liaison may also be a manager for a side. This Liaison person is encouraged to attend Q Sevens general meetings as an active participant in discussions.

26. Managers

Each Side must have an appointed Manager for the season. The side Manager is to complete game cards and match results sheets in conjunction with the opposition manager and **ensure that the result sheets are completed correctly. Players first and last names are to be legible in block letters. [No Nick Names]** Notify the Sevens committee of the results as per Condition 22.1.

27. Practice – Trial ends:

Instead of trial ends, Players may practice up until the agreed starting time (unlimited ends) on their allocated Green. Home clubs are to make sure the allocated green is available for practice a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the agreed starting time. Sides are encouraged to take full advantage of this rule.

28. Umpires, Measurers and Markers

The host club shall supply all required markers and accredited umpires or measurers (preferably non-playing).
Markers must comply with Law 42, (Especially 42.3 and 42.4).

29. Bowls. Challenges to and Temporary Markings of:

Challenges. Bowls must be challenged within ten minutes of the completion of the final end as per **Law 52.4 & 52.5** and results determined as per these laws. The other two rinks points will remain as per results.

- 29.1 Temporary Markings (Club stickers) If temporary markings are used, they must comply with **Law 52.1.8.2, 52.1.8.3 and DR 4.7.4**



30. Protest/Disputes

- 30.1 The 7's Committee **must** be informed of all protests and disputes **within 24 hours** of the disputed event and lodged in writing to The Secretary, Sevens Committee within 48 hours, accompanied by a \$50 fee.
- 30.2 The Sevens committee will rule on protests and disputes that involve participating Sides and or clubs.
- 30.3 If any protest or dispute is against the Sevens Committee then a committee will be formed comprising three members: one of which will be an independent person (not a current member of 7s-Qld Inc.), Chairman of 7s-Qld Inc. and an appointed person from the 7s-Qld Inc. [membership.] to officiate on such a protest or dispute.

31. Determining Rankings and Placings from Sectional Rounds.

- 31.1 The top teams from each section, after completion of Sectional play, will progress to the finals subject to condition 32.1, 32.2 and 32.3. This will be decided by games won, then as per Condition 31.2.
- 31.2 Remaining placing's shall be decided by:
 - Firstly, by highest points.
 - Secondly, by highest margin.
 - Thirdly, by lowest shots conceded.

32. Finals. Depending on finals numbers, the finals may be played over consecutive weekends.

- 32.1 In Divisions with 3 - 4 sections, the 1st and 2nd place-getters (plus next best two teams in a 3 Section Division) proceed directly to the quarter finals.
- 32.2 For Divisions with 5 to 8 sections, 16 sides, made up of the 1st and 2nd place-getters from each section then, if required, the next 3rd highest ranked 3rd placed sides (determined in accordance with condition 31.2) to complete the 16 places proceed to Qualifying finals.
- 32.3 For Divisions with more than 8 sections, 16 sides, comprising the first place-getters from each section proceed to the qualifying finals and the next highest ranked second place-getters in each division (determined in accordance with condition 31) to complete the 16 places will proceed to Qualifying finals.
- 32.4 All finals are knockout matches. Sides entering the finals are graded and a finals grading order determined at the end of either : - sectional rounds or qualifying finals depending on the division played in.
- 32.5 The Finals Grading Order is:- 1st place-getters in each section, ranked in descending order of points scored, margins and lowest shots conceded (as per condition 31), followed by 2nd place getters in each Section ranked in the same manner then, the number of 3rd place-getters, ranked in the same manner, as are required to make up the final 16 for Qualifying Finals.
- 32.6 Throughout the finals, matches are drawn so that the highest ranked side, according to the Finals Grading Order, plays the lowest ranked side. Second highest ranked side plays the second lowest ranked side etc. as required. e.g If the semi-finalists in a division are sides ranked 1,3,6 and 8 then 1 plays 8 and 3 plays 6.

The finals format will be decided after all entries are received and will depend on the final number of participating Sides, sections and divisions. For 5 sections and over in each Division, Qualifying finals will be required to determine top 8 to go to Quarter Finals. Finals Grading order shall be 1st place winners in descending order of points scored of each Section in a Division, followed by 2nd place getters in each Section as above and so on as may be required to determine the final 16 for Qualifying Finals. All in accordance with Condition 31.

33. Finals Series Dates and Venues: *Qualifying Finals (Venues TBA) 21st and 22nd March* Quarter Finals; **28th and 29th March.** Semi Finals and Grand Finals **4th and 5th April.**

- 33.1 **Finals Series:** May be played on Natural and Synthetic Greens. Day and/or night matches may be played.
- 33.2 **Venue for 2020 Qtr Finals, Semi and Grand Finals is MUSGRAVE HILL BOWLS CLUB.**

34. Prize Money.

The 7s shall retain a portion of entry fees to assist with administration costs, the remainder of entry fees and sponsorship will go into a prize pool with the breakdown determined by the Controlling Body.

- 34.1 Prize money: Final Eight Prize Money will be paid by Cheque on the day of the club's very last game.
- 34.2 Rink Wins Bonus Clubs/Teams must supply the committee with the nominated Payee BSB and Account number and name for the rink wins prize money via the Sevens Entry Nomination Form. This will be paid by EFT. Rink win bonuses will not be paid to quarter finalists (final eight in each division).



34.3 Rink wins Bonuses:

A rink win bonus will be paid to non-major prize winners as per COP 34.2 & subject to 34.3 a)

The 2020 season discipline win bonus will be calculated on: -

- a) 'The maximum prize pool for the 'Discipline Win Bonus' will be based on the balance of income after major prizes & running costs are deducted, across all divisions for the Sevens 2020 season.
- b) The total 'discipline Win Bonus' will not exceed \$800 per Side / per season.
- c) The 'discipline Win Bonus' will not exceed \$30 per discipline win.
- d) No bonus will be paid on games not played. Byes and forfeits will be paid as per condition 21.

35. Club Commitment: -

- 35.1 By entering this competition all clubs agree to field their Side/s for the full season, in all scheduled games (sectionals and finals) regardless of their position in the competition at any given time. Failure to field a Side for any round or finals will result in loss of points and/or prize money including any discipline win bonus accrued for the season.
- 35.2 By entering this competition all clubs agree to cover all players using their greens with any required Public risk and Liability insurance.

36. Restricting the movement of players during play.

After delivering their first bowl, players can only walk up to the head under the following circumstances.

- 36.1 **Singles Game** (The opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls).
- 36.2 **Pairs Game** (each player playing four bowls)
The leads: after delivery of their second bowl; and the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
- 36.3 **Fours Game** (each player playing two bowls)
The leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl;
The seconds: after delivery of their second bowl;
The thirds: after delivery of their second bowl; and the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
- 36.4 As per **Appendix A4, 4.1 and A4.2** In exceptional and limited circumstances, a Singles player can ask the Marker for permission to walk up to the head, or a Skip can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier than described in Conditions 36.3. If a player does not meet the terms of this Condition, **Law 36** will apply.

37. Delaying (slow) play.

The Sevens have adopted Crystal Mark 3rd Ed. Ver.3.1 April 2019 Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Appendix A5 in total.

38. Policies: The Host Club's Policy Shall Apply.

- 38.1 Host clubs are to have in place a heat policy and are to consider the humidity in their duty of care to the bowlers.
- 38.2 **Home Clubs' policies on Tobacco, Alcohol and Green Protection.**
These policies at each venue shall apply and be adhered to by all member Clubs and Sides competing in the Sevens Competition.

Tournament Director: