

## **THE NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE QLD STATE TEAM**

Persons wishing to nominate must submit a nomination form, through their local Assn Secretary, to the Qld Secretary, by the due date, one month prior to the AGM held in February.

A squad will be chosen by the Qld Selectors by the end of February, final team placements by the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June. All persons will be advised of their selection/non-selection in the squad by the State Secretary, and will receive a letter confirming their selection, dates of the compulsory practices (July and August), an acceptance form to be returned by the May Championships to accept or decline selection in the squad. There will also be a "Directive For Team Members". The squad list will be posted on the QIBA website. Team placements will be advised towards end of June.

## **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Held in the last full week of August each year, rotating around the States (Qld, SA, VIC, NSW, TAS).

## **TEAMS – 12 events are played (2 teams per event)**

Ladies Singles, Mens Singles, Ladies Pairs, Mens Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Ladies Triples, Mens Triples, Ladies Fours, Mens Fours, Mixed Fours, Junior Girl Singles, Junior Boy Singles.

All teams play 2 games a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon Tuesday through Friday, and one game on Saturday morning, for a total of 9 games.

*Queensland players are required to be at the venue during the Championships. If any player needs to leave the venue for some reason, they must get permission from the Team Manager.*

The games schedule is in the program, which can be purchased at the venue. Players are expected to be ready to play on their designated carpet 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time, however as games can run early or late, players must keep an eye on the progress of the game on the carpet prior to their own game.

It would be better to check your carpet 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time to check progress of the previous game. Better to have too much time, than too little and risk forfeiting.

**NOTE:** If a carpet is running very late, the next game may be re-allocated to another carpet, so your game may then start earlier than the scheduled time, on a different carpet. If this occurs the team manager will be notified, he/she will then find you.

At the start of each game there is a 2 end "**roll-up**". These are practice ends in which the players in each team roll their bowls to familiarise themselves with the carpet. The lead from the team sent in first plays his/her bowls, then the lead from the other team, then the seconds, thirds, skips. The Australian Council has limited bowls to 2 per person for teams events, 4 bowls for singles.

Fours, Triples, Pairs play 16 live ends, Singles 21 live ends. Dead ends (if kitty goes off the carpet) are replayed from the same end, the penalties are scored as part of the final score of the end.

You have sixty (60) seconds to deliver your bowl, starting from when the previous bowl comes to rest. Bowls that exceed this time can be removed by an umpire.

When you are changing ends, always walk clockwise around the carpet, on the left.

It is considerate to stand well back from the carpet when another player is taking their turn.

If you need to leave your carpet for any reason (toilet, illness etc) you need the permission of both skips, try to return as quickly as possible. If you are unwell enough to need to withdraw from play, tell your skip who will tell the team manager, who will arrange a replacement.

Whilst you are not playing, it is considerate to support and encourage your fellow team members.

**THERE IS A FOURS EVENT** held on the Monday, it is open to all players, both team and spectator. You may play in your nominated team, or otherwise as you prefer. It is not compulsory. It is sectional play, 3 games, with prizes for winners of all sections, and an overall winner. If you wish to play, nomination forms are available from the State Secretary. Nominations generally close at the start of August, team cost \$30-\$40.

## **TEAM DINNER – compulsory for team members and management**

Queensland holds a team dinner, usually on the Sunday night which is paid for by QIBA, time and venue will be notified. You will be required to purchase your own drinks. Dress casual.

### **FAREWELL DINNER - optional**

The Host State holds a farewell dinner on the Saturday night. Cost is usually around \$40. Date, time and venue will be notified at first compulsory practice, payment required by second practice.

### **TEAM MEETINGS, OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES**

These are compulsory events. Team meeting times will be notified.

### **RESERVES**

Reserves may be called upon at any time, as such they are expected to be at the venue all week, unless given permission by the Team Manager to leave the venue for a period of time. When away from the venue they must be contacted by mobile phone at all times.

### **UMPIRES (not referees)**

Each State is required to supply 5 umpires for the Championships. If you are a player, umpire duties will be restricted to times you are not playing. Any person holding an Australian Umpire badge may choose to attend the titles solely as an umpire if they do not wish to go as a player. If you would like to umpire, please advise the State Secretary.

### **DUTIES OF EACH POSITION**

Know what is expected of you in the position in which you have been selected to play. Learn the rules as best you can (or at least read the rule book once!)

Your skip is in charge of your team. You should do your best to play the shots requested of you. If you can see an alternative you would prefer, or cannot see the shot you have been asked to play, speak up, then abide with whatever choice your skip makes.

***National title days are long, don't stay up late, and eat healthy, otherwise you will not perform your best!***

### **COMPULSORY PRACTICES.....mid July, early August**

There are two compulsory weekend practices for all team members and reserves. Anyone unable to attend (work commitments, illness, etc), must supply a letter from your employer or doctor, to be sent to the State Secretary and the Chairman of Selectors. The **Team Manager** is elected by the players at the first compulsory practice. **Team Liaison Officers** are also elected then.

Fassifern Association holds a carnival in late June at Boonah. This is not compulsory, however it is good practice if you are able to attend.

### **STATE TITLE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

There are 3 championships during the year – May, July and October.

May and October are 4 3/4" bowls, July is 4" bowls.

Whilst these are not compulsory, it is recommended you attend as many as possible.

### **GRANTS FOR PLAYERS**

Many local Councils throughout Queensland have grants available to people who have been chosen in a State Team. Grant amounts vary, it is recommended you check with your local Council to see if they have funding available.

### **IMPORTANT RULES YOU SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH**

*Australian rules differ from Qld rules. If you are unsure of something, please ask, or check the rules.*

**THE JACK IS THE PENALTY, NOT THE BOWLS.**

- Grippo, wet clothes, or licking your fingers for better grip are not allowed. These things can cause gradual deterioration in the carpet, if an umpire pulls you up for it, you could lose a bowl.
- During delivery your hand is allowed to pass though the sides of the delivery rectangle, so long as the bowl is still delivered entirely between the front corners of the rectangle.

- The third(fours) or second(triples) is not allowed to direct their skip unless asked their opinion.
- Kitty must pass the 20 foot line on delivery, otherwise it is returned for the opposite lead to deliver.
- Don't walk on the carpet un-necessarily, if you are going up to look at the head, walk between the carpets to the other end.
- No part of your body may be on the carpet during delivery. Toes and hands **off** the carpet.
- When declaring the head, take out agreed shots one at a time, putting them aside as you do so.
- When measuring, the team who had the last bowl is responsible for the measure. Bowls in the way of the measurer may be moved with the agreement of the opposition. It is the responsibility of the third in fours to measure unless someone else is nominated to do so.
- Any disputes must be lodged through the Team Manager.
- Applaud all good bowls, not just those of your own team. Do not applaud bad bowls by the opposition, this is bad etiquette and bad sportsmanship. You must be polite at all times!
- When it is not your carpet, DO NOT LOOK AT THE HEAD. Only the skips are allowed to move around the head. Skips may walk up to the other end of the carpet to look at the head when they are in possession of the carpet, everyone else must be invited to do so.

**The penalty for a number of the rules is the loss of a bowl. BE CAREFUL.**

#### **GIFTS**

It has been customary amongst many bowlers to give small gifts to their opposite number each game, however it is optional.

#### **UNIFORM**

All team members have a name badge, obtained from QIBA. Team members are given a 'swinger' to commemorate their membership in the team each year.

**A team photo** is taken each year, normally at the 2<sup>nd</sup> practice in Nambour. You will require your full uniform for that day. If the date for the photo is changed, you will be notified.

It is required that you wear your blazer at the Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony.

#### **PLAYING UNIFORM FOR AIBBC NATIONAL TITLES:**

Ladies: Current playing shirt, maroon skirt (suitable length) or maroon slacks, spray jacket, Qld blazer, white bowls shoes and pantyhose. White socks may be work with slacks.

Gents: Current playing shirt, fawn trousers, spray jacket, Qld blazer, tan or white bowls shoes and fawn socks.

Juniors: Same as above.

#### **OPTIONAL DURING NATIONAL TITLES**

White or maroon cardigan, white or maroon sleeveless vest.

#### **AIBBC AGM (dress uniform)**

We have 4 delegates to the AIBBC AGM (our AIBBC COM member, President, Secretary, plus 1 other). Anyone interested may nominate to be the 4<sup>th</sup> delegate. The AGM starts at 1pm on Sunday, and usually goes for 3-4 hours. Delegates are invited to lunch prior to the meeting, 12 noon.

**Ladies:** White blouse, maroon skirt (suitable length) or maroon slacks, Qld blazer, white bowls shoes and pantyhose/socks/sockettes, name badge.

Optional: Plain black court shoe with low or small heel, and pantyhose

**Gents:** White shirt, fawn trousers, Qld blazer, tan bowls shoes, fawn socks, name badge.