



Women's Northern Challenge Conditions of Play 2026

Updated after meeting held at Suburban Bowls Club Townsville on 16th July 2025

The Shield shall be called the Women's Northern Challenge (WNC).

The Controlling body of the WNC shall be the Captains representing each Association.

The Competition shall be played under the BA Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 4th Edition

The WNC shall be played annually between the three Associations: -

1. NQDLBA
2. TFNQDLBA
3. MDLBA

UMPIRES

MDLBA as Host District will organise umpires.

VENUE

2026 Goosies - North Mackay Bowls Club Inc.

ACCOMMODATION ETC.

Each association shall be responsible for arranging their own accommodation.

TEAMS

Each Association may have the option to select a squad of up to 15 players including the captain. Reserves can substitute into any of the three teams of that Association. All teams and changes to teams to be done by team administrator in Bowlslink.

During a game a substitute can replace a team member who becomes physically incapable of continuing playing.

Each Association, in an emergency only, can request and use a reserve provided by the host Club.

A meeting shall be held each year following the completion of play on the Wednesday to conduct the draw for the following year and to discuss any matter relevant to this event.

MODE OF PLAY

Round Robin – 3 rounds with 3 games of 18 ends over 3 days. All games no time limit. Each team to play each other 3 times. Dead ends to be re-played.

Teams to be called completely once on the first day of play only and cards to be handed out for the subsequent rounds.

TRIAL ENDS:

Trial ends as per the laws of the sport of bowls.

SCORING:

That a Match win gets 3 points and a draw 1 point then rink wins, margins and ends.

At the end of 9 rounds the side with the most match points shall be declared the winner. In the event of two or more sides having the same number of match points, the side scoring the highest rink wins shall be declared the winner.

When a tie still exists after match points, rink wins and plus and minus aggregate margins have failed to decide a winner, then percentage will decide the winner.

A side's percentage is calculated by adding the scores of its opponents and multiplying the total by 100 and then dividing the amount by the aggregate total of scores scored by the side in its 9 matches.

TROPHIES AND MEDALS

The host district is to arrange the winner's trophies and runners up prizes.

LESLEY WATSON TROPHY

An additional prize, 'The Lesley Watson Trophy' will be awarded for the team that scores the most rink wins and highest margin. The winning district is to arrange engraving.

SCORE CARDS:

Each Association is to be responsible for their own score cards which are to be handed to the controlling body before the commencement of play.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

In the case of inclement weather, 30 ends over all will constitute a completed match. If that number of ends has not been completed the game is abandoned and scores of completed games can only be counted.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, such as inclement weather prevailing and play is not allowed on the green, play may be transferred to another green in the same Association. If it has been totally cancelled, a decision is to be made at the time, by the Controlling Body.

SHADE COVERS:

Where retractable covers are in use, and it is necessary to have the covers taken back due to darkness, wind or other factors, Match Controllers should have covers taken back at the end of a game or before commencement of a game.

AFTERNOON TEA is to be taken 'on the run' after the second game.

HOST DIVISION

2027 TFNQ (to be held in Cairns District)

2028 NQ

2029 TFNQ (to be held in Townsville District)

2030 MDLBA

(Note this rotation is subject to decision regarding format of rotation in line with 2025 decision to have each host District provide 2 teams)