



LAWN BOWLS FORMAT & RULES 2021

Competition is scheduled to be held on the following days:

PAIRS	Monday and Tuesday	Qualifying Rounds
	Wednesday	Medal Rounds
Triples	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	Qualifying Rounds
	Thursday and Friday	Medal Rounds
Singles	Thursday and Friday	Qualifying Rounds
	Saturday	Medal Rounds

All matches will be played at the SunRiver lawn bowls green. Unless the final schedule indicates otherwise, trial bowls will begin at 8 AM, and matches at 8:15 AM sharp.

All qualifying matches in singles and pairs will be based on a modified round robin format, and consist of four (4) games of ten (10) ends each. Depending on the number of entrants, the top four (4), eight (8), or twelve (12) individuals/teams will advance to the medal round. The medal rounds are single elimination games with ten (10) ends, and winners will be determined on match points. **New for this year**, triples will consist of two five (5) or six (6) team divisions playing a round robin format, with first and second place teams in each division advancing to the medal rounds. Teams will play each division opponent in an eight (8) or ten (10) end match, scored under a modified version of the scoring used by the Australian "Ultimate Bowls Championship", and is as follows:

Each toucher 3 points

Team holding shot after leads 3 points

Team holding shot after vice skips 3 points

Closest bowl - 10 points; second closest bowl - 5 points; third closest bowl - 3 points

Other unique rules include: mats and jacks to be placed at predetermined positions, team with shot will begin next end, out of bounds jack to be centered at the two (2) meter mark

Every play format is subject to change based on the number of entrants, and can be adjusted at the director's discretion.

Qualifying round advancement and medal round seedings will be determined by the following sequence;

- a) Number of games won
- b) Head to head record (if equally applicable)
- c) Total points **differential** scored in all games (Ten point maximum per game) in singles & pairs. Total points in all games in triples
- d) Total number of ends won in all games for singles and pairs. Total number of touchers for triples
- e) Total points in all games (singles and pairs)

When a multiple tie is broken by an advancement or removal of an individual or team, the sequence will be repeated starting with a) for remaining positions to be filled

Gold, Silver and Bronze medal will be awarded to the top finishers in each division immediately after the event's final match

A draw will be conducted to determine opponents and rinks either at the offices of the Huntsman World Senior games, or at the SunRiver green. This drawing should be held sometime by mid-September, with the results available on the HWSG website soon afterwards.

Fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled match time, as a warm up, two (2) trial bowls in each direction, by each player, may be bowled. Both parties can mutually agree to forego any trial bowls.

In singles and pairs competition, if the score is tied at the end of any game, an additional end will be bowled. This additional end will only decide the winner – the original tied score and ends will be recorded. In triples the match ends tied and each team is credited with ½ win and ½ loss.

If there is a stoppage due to rain or other unforeseen circumstances, and play can no longer continue, it will be a complete game if the match has finished the sixth (6th) end. Matches will use the last completed end to determine a winner. If the matches cannot be completed, it may be necessary to shorten the round robin format or make some other adjustment. The Director will have the final say.

A forfeit will occur if an individual/complete team does not appear within ten (10) minutes after the designated starting time. In the event of a forfeit in singles or pairs, the winner will be credited with six (6) ends won and a points differential of +6. The loser will not be credited with any ends, and will have a points differential of -10. In triples the winner will be credited with 125 points and 6 ends, the loser with no points nor ends.

Any visits to the head will be according to Rule A.4 in the appendix of the Laws of The Sport of Bowls. In the interest of time, each individual (in singles) or team (in pairs or triples) will be allowed **one (1) visit to the head per end, with a one (1) minute time limit imposed on that visit.** In addition, in team play, when positions are crossing over from the head to the mat, each team must complete this transition within one (1) minute of the last bowl delivered coming to rest. Bowls USA rules will govern all play on the green if not previously noted.

There will be an overall bowler medal awarded to the top man and top woman. These awards will be determined by allocating the following points:

a. singles gold medal	30.8 points
b. singles silver medal	19.5 points
c. singles bronze medal	12.1 points
d. pairs gold medal	24.4 points
e. pairs silver medal	16.3 points
f. pairs bronze medal	10.6 points
g. triples gold medal	19.6 points
h. triples silver medal	13.2 points
i. triples bronze medal	7.7 points

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