



*Bowls Alberta*



## **Player Substitution for National Events Procedures and Guidelines**

**Purpose:** To provide clear and consistent guidelines when required to deal with matters relating to a Bowls Alberta (BA) single player or team player substitution in case of illness, injury or a personal emergency.

### **1. Selection of substitute player prior to the National event:**

Any individual that has earned the right to represent Alberta in a National event but is unable to do so will be substituted abiding by the guidelines set out below.

**For a single player substitute:** the individual must be selected based on their performance at the pertinent provincial playdown/qualifying tournament.

- The runner-up player or the next ‘highest ranked’ player, that is not already attending, will be invited to represent Alberta until a player accepts and the spot is filled.
- The invitation will be sent out by the office with the approval of the President and only after reviewing the drawmaster’s report for the event.
- The substitute player will receive the same support to attend the event as the replaced player.
- An application, which includes the circumstances and reasons for the substitution, must be submitted to BCB for final approval of the substitute player only if the replaced player was already registered.

**For a team member substitute:** The substitute player will be nominated by the remaining team member(s) for approval by the BA Board Executive following these guidelines:

- In pairs and triples, one (1) substitute will be allowed and, in fours, two (2) substitutes will be allowed. If more than one (1) substitute is required in pairs or triples, or more than two (2) in fours, the runner-up pairs, triples or fours team shall be invited to represent AB in the event.
- The substitute for a National event must have participated in at least one Provincial Championship that same season.
- An application, which includes the circumstances and reasons for the substitution, must be submitted to BCB for final approval of the substitute player if the replaced player was already registered.

### **2. Selection of substitute player during the National event:**

A team member may become unable to continue competing in a national event due to injury, illness or a personal emergency. In this case, the remaining team members, in consultation with the team manager or the team coach if one is present, shall abide by the guidelines set out below.

- One (1) substitute will be permitted in pairs and triples, and two (2) in fours.

- The substitute player shall be chosen from the Alberta members that are present at the national event using the following criteria:
  - be an BA member
  - have participated in at least one provincial playdown in the current year
  - must meet the age restrictions, if any, for the tournament
  - must be of the correct gender for the team
  - may be the team manager or coach in attendance
  
- The BA member substitute player may apply for compensation for the meal package and the hotel accommodation to be prorated based on number of days they participate in the national competition. Consideration and the final decision regarding compensation will be made by the AB Finance Committee.
  
- If there are no Alberta players available BCB's regulations for substitutions, as laid out in their Conditions of Play, will be followed. Specifically, it outlines that a host province player will be decided upon and appointed to the team by the Emergency Committee for the event.