



Conditions of Play 2023 Premier League

August 4, 5, 6

Calgary Lawn Bowling Club

Purpose: The Alberta Premier League (APL) is an opportunity for players to compete in competitive play, club versus club. The Athlete Development Committee, under the direction of the AB Head Coach, formed the APL back in 2021 and this will be the third year of this special club championship. The APL may evolve into two divisions over time and the new Canadian Championships model may also lead to a few changes for 2024. But for now we look forward to the 2023 APL.

Atmosphere: Competitive, fun, fast and loud! The APL showcases our sport for spectators as games are fast while still being very competitive. Music will be played during games adding to a relaxed and fun atmosphere amid the competitiveness. Names of teams and club/team shirts make it easy for spectators to identify the teams they cheer for. And finally, supportive boisterous cheering by players and spectators is highly encouraged.

Procedure for selection of club teams: Each club is encouraged to appoint a coach, possibly their head coach, and/or a team selector/committee to make up teams of five that will represent their club. Club selectors are expected to communicate the opportunity with all their competitive members and those that are on a pathway to being a competitive player. Club teams are encouraged to prepare for the weekend APL by playing teams from their clubs and teams from other clubs within their city.

Team requirements

- Teams of five all from one club; at least one member of each gender
- All team members must be members of good standing of their club and BA and agree to abide by the BA Code of Ethics and Conduct
- All members must wear club or team shirts and have a creative name which is to be submitted at the time of registration of the team
- Entry fee of \$100 per team (paid by the player that registers the team through Playpass)
- Registration deadline is Friday, July 28.
- A player substitute is allowed once registered with the drawmaster (could have a team of six)

Format

- Five random matches against teams; the random draw will be conducted in such a way as to avoid having club teams play their own club teams except where it can not be avoided
- A round consists of: Singles and fours followed by pairs and triples
- Fours are two sets of 4 ends and singles are two 7 end games; one tie break end if required.
- Three bowl pairs and two bowl triples consist of two 5 end games plus a tie break end if required
- No trial bowls; players and teams may have a roll up prior to start times each day
- Mat and Jack are placed where nominated by a team...not rolled and centered as usual
- No dead ends; jack respot rule in effect on the 2 metre mark
- All games set to a maximum of one hour; complete the end when time is up
- All players are encouraged to play with speed
- Winner of first set, places the jack; if tied at the end of the first set toss a coin to determine who places the jack. If playing a tie break end toss a coin again as well.
- If issues arise and this document is 'silent' then the drawmaster and/or emergency team will seek direction from the BA Conditions of Play for Championships. (i.e. Weather protocols)
- All decisions will be based on the True Sport Principles of Fair Play.

Point System

- Winners get 1 point for their team (possible four team points per each match)
- Teams are ranked after the five rounds on points, then sets, then shots
- The top two teams will playoff and the third and fourth teams will playoff

Schedule

Friday	3:00 pm	greens available for practice
	7:00 pm	Match 1
Saturday	10:00 am	Match 2
	Noon	Sponsored barbecue for all players
	1:00 pm	Match 3
	4:00 pm	Match 4
	6:30 pm	Individual Loonie and Toonie competitions
Sunday	10:00 am	Match 5
	Noon	Players bring their own lunch
	1:00 pm	Ranked 1 st vs 2 nd and ranked 3 rd vs 4 th

* Pregame warm up in opposite direction of first games each day

*Times are approximate and can be influenced by weather and other factors.

*Players are invited to hang out together at the conclusion of each day's play

Awards

- Thanks to the generous sponsors (to be announced at the event), prize money is substantial
- All entry fees also go towards the prize money awarded to the top four teams
- A trophy will be awarded to the top team to remain at their club until the next year
- Rotary Park is reminded to bring the trophy to this year's APL!

If you would like to help sponsor this year's APL please contact Head Coach, Pat, at coach@bowlsalberta.com or Coach Derek, at topbowler69@hotmail.com .