

2024 Central Division Playdowns Pairs  
Conditions of Play

- Controlling Body: Central Division of Bowls USA
- Event: Pairs Tournament. Males and Females will compete separately.
- Dates: June 22-23, 2024
- Venue: Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club  
3131 E Newberry Blvd  
Milwaukee, WI
- Entry conditions: A Citizen of the United States  
A Central Division and Bowls USA Member prior to entering the Playdowns  
In good financial standing for all bowls-related obligations  
Submission of Entry Form and payment of fees
- Practice: No practice allowed on the days of play
- Draw: A draw will be conducted with all teams present before the start of competition
- Format of play: Complete Round Robin followed by Playoffs
- Length of games: 18 ends  
All games will have a time limit of three (3) hours and thirty (30) minutes.
- Tie games: An extra end will be played to decide the winner
- Scoring: Win = 1 point                      Loss = 0 points  
Plus points = max of +10/-10 per game
- Tie-breaker method: After completion of Round Robin play  
1. In the event of a tie for first place, plus points will be used to determine the seeding for the playoffs.
- Arrangements for trial ends: Trial ends may be played prior to each game, starting 15 minutes before game time. One trial end in each direction, using either 2 or 4 bowls.
- Dress Code: - Clothing: Players/Teams must be attired in the same upper and lower body attire in respect to color, design, and image. Players are free to choose the specific type of upper and lower body attire on an individual basis from the following:  
    ■ Upper Body Attire: Collared shirt (including sleeve and sleeveless)  
    ■ Lower Body Attire: Pants, trousers, pedal pushers, culottes, shorts, skirts, skorts. No cutoffs.  
- Footwear must be flat-soled (heel-less).  
- Headwear: Hats/caps/visors of any color may be worn and do not need to match the headwear of other players.
- Bowls: Bowls must be of the same set, Law D.4

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Altered, unmatched, coaching, or training bowls are not allowed.

Bowls will not be inspected prior to the start of competition, but may be inspected at any time by an umpire and/or Controlling Body at the request of the Skip or Coach.

- Re-spotting the jack:** If a jack is dead, as described in law 19.1, the end must not be declared dead. Instead, the jack must be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a single re-spot position which is 2 meters from the front ditch and on the centerline. If the re-spot position is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack must be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, between and in line with the spot and that corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl.
- Late Arrivals:** A penalty of one shot and one end played will be assessed for each 10 minutes after the official start time if a player is late in being ready to deliver their first bowl. A late arrival time of 30 minutes or more will result in forfeiture of that game. The Controlling Body may waive this rule in extenuating circumstances.
- Substitutions:** No substitutions shall be permitted once play has commenced.
- Slow Play:** If it is determined that a team is deliberately engaging in slow play, Appendix A.5 may be invoked by the Tournament Director.
- Warm Up:** Teams that have not played due to a bye or forfeit shall be permitted to warm up prior to playing a game
- Groundsheets:** The Controlling Body can make the decision to use groundsheets at any time.
- Smoking:** Smoking or vaping is prohibited on any green. Leaving the green to smoke or vape during a game is not permitted.
- Electronic devices:** The use of personal electronic and communication devices will not be permitted during a game without the express prior permission of the Controlling Body. Violations will be considered a violation of rink possession and may result in forfeiture. Law 41.7 is not superseded.
- Laws:** All games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark, 4<sup>th</sup> edition.
- Alterations:** The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter any of the conditions if that alteration is essential to successfully carry out or finish the event. When play is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Controlling Body may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result or postpone the event where an outcome cannot be achieved.
- Prizes and awards:** The winning male and female teams will evenly split the prize money
- Schedule:** The daily schedule of play will be published after the number of entries is determined.