

SUBSTITUTES OR REPLACEMENTS In accordance with Law 51.9 the following requirements apply to introducing a substitute player.

7.1.1. Composition of Teams: The Controlling Body may impose special conditions on the composition of Teams and the qualification of Team Members. Such information shall be stated in the Conditions of Play which shall be published at the time entries are requested.

7.2 Original team: An Original Team shall consist of the players whose names are entered on the Scorecard first game in a tournament. If an Original Team Member is unable to play at any time, including in the first end of the first game, for a reason accepted as valid by the Controlling Body, then a Substitute shall be permitted under the provisions of Law 51.9 and their name shall be recorded as a Substitute for the absent team member.

7.3 Graded Team: A Graded Team means a Team in which every Team Member plays in the position in which they have been classified by their Club. The Controlling Body may give approval for a Team Member to play in a higher graded position, but under no circumstances shall a Team Member play in a lower graded position. In a Graded Triples tournament, the Second player may be a classified Lead, Second or Third. In a Graded Pairs tournament, the Lead may be either a classified Lead or Second.

7.4 Changes to Original Team Members: If an Original Team Member is unable to continue playing in a tournament for a reason accepted as valid by the Controlling Body, and unable to return before the completion of the tournament, their place may be taken by an acquired Team Member who may play in any position and shall have the same rights as an Original Team Member. The appointment shall be subject to approval by the Controlling Body, and the acquired Team Member shall be:

- (a) Wherever possible of playing ability equal to, or less than, the Original Team Member who is unable to continue.
- (b) Whenever possible, a player who has not already participated in the tournament.
- (c) A player who satisfies the eligibility requirements for Team Members stated in the Conditions of Play.
- (d) Only one acquired Team Member per Team shall be permitted per tournament.
- (e) Players shall not be transferred from one Team to another.

7.5 Centre Champion of Champion Events: Any change in playing personnel shall be subject to the prior approval of the Centre Controlling Body, and shall be limited to one Substitute and/or one acquired Team Member, in accordance with Law 51.9

7.6 Substitutes: A Substitute means a player temporarily filling a position for an absent Team Member. A Substitute may play in a position except that of Skip, except that in a Graded Event, a Substitute graded Skip shall play as Skip.

7.7 Substitute Approval

- (a) The use of a Substitute is subject to the prior approval of the Controlling Body for the tournament.
- (b) A Controlling Body may define the circumstances which it will not accept as a valid reason for a player's unavailability. However, a Substitute shall not be permitted if a Team Member enters another tournament scheduled to play at the same time.
- (c) If a Substitute is refused on these grounds, the Controlling Body shall, on request, permit a Change of Team Member in accordance with the provisions of Law 51.9;
- (d) Only a Fours Team may contain a Substitute and an acquired Team Member simultaneously
- (e) a Triples or Pairs Team shall be permitted one Substitute or one acquired Team Member, but not both simultaneously.
- (f) If the player for whom a Substitute was approved later becomes available, the player shall, with the consent of the Controlling Body, rejoin the Team at the completion of any end.
- (g) No Substitute or change of personnel shall be permitted in any Singles game, except that in any Sides Match, a Substitute or acquired Team Member may be permitted to play in any Singles game
- (h) A substitute Team Member must be approved when a player has qualified or been selected for a Centre or Bowls NZ tournament

7.8 Qualification of Appointees: A Substitute approved by the Controlling Body shall, where possible, be

- (a) Of playing ability equal to, or less than, the Team Member who is absent.
- (b) A Player who has not already participated in the tournament;
- (c) A player who satisfies the eligibility requirements for Team Members stated in the Conditions of Play;
- (d) Where it is not possible to satisfy the above requirements, the Controlling Body may appoint any suitable player to act as Substitute
- (e) Players shall not be transferred from one Team to another.

8. Awarding of a trophy: The awarding of a trophy to a Substitute in a winning Team shall be the prerogative of the Controlling Body.

9. Incomplete Team or Side: (a) In a Team only one substitute may be allowed

- (b) In a Team which is not part of a Side a game shall be defaulted if one Member be absent and no Substitute be available.
- (c) In a Side one Substitute may be allowed in each Team
- (d) In a Side, if the required Substitute are either not available, or not allowed, the game shall be defaulted unless the Controlling Body allows, if circumstances warrant, a Side to play with a Fours Team without a Substitute. In such case, the opposing Team shall play as though the Second is the missing player and playing in turn.

10. Concurrent Events: If a player qualifies for more than one event under the control of the same Controlling Body, and be instructed to play in one event, the player shall not be penalised through failing to attend any other event which is set down to be played at the same time.

11. Conditions of Play: The Controlling Body in competitions that do not directly or indirectly lead to the winners being awarded a Club title nor qualifying to compete for a district, regional, national or international title, can set conditions of play which include aspects of play that are different from those described in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Second Edition.