



Conditions of Play – Test Match – Wales v Scotland

Llandrindod Wells BC, Powys, Wales – 4th – 6th September 2025.

1. Team Structure

- Each National Team will comprise of 10 players (i.e 10 x Men, 10 x Ladies and 10 x Para athletes) plus a maximum of 2 reserves in each team.
- Players are permitted to be interchanged within their team and rotated between disciplines after the completion of each round
- All changes must be notified to the organising committee at least 30 minutes prior to the round of which the change will occur

2. Disciplines

- SINGLES: Four bowls, 21 shots up
- PAIRS: Three bowls per player, 18 ends (Para Pairs 15 ends)
- TRIPLES: Two bowls per player, 18 ends (Para Triples 15 ends)
- FOURS: Two bowls per player, 15 ends.

3. Competition Format

- **Session 1 – 09:30 Friday 5th September**
 - 2 x Pairs, 2 x Triples, all teams.
- **Session 2 – 13:00 Friday 5th September**
 - 2 x Singles , 2 x Fours (Men & Ladies), and 2 x Pairs, 2 x Triples (Para athletes).
- **Session 3 – 16:00 Friday 5th September**
 - 2 x Pairs, 2 x Triples, all teams.
- **Session 4 – 09:00 Saturday 6th September**
 - 2 x Singles , 2 x Fours (Men & Ladies), and 2 x Pairs, 2 x Triples (Para athletes).



4. Scoring

- Results from all three classifications (Ladies, Men, and Para athletes) will be combined so that a “one team” approach is adopted for each nation.
- Points system for each session: - 2 points for each discipline win, 1 point for a drawn discipline, 2 points for overall shots win, 1 point for overall shots draw.
- Example: - Session 1 Team A win 6 rinks & draw on 1 rink = $(6 \times 2, \text{ plus } 1 \times 1) = 13$ points, Team B win on 5 rinks, draw on 1 rink, but win overall shot count (of 12 rinks) by 5 shots then they get $(5 \times 2, 1 \times 1 \text{ plus } 2 \text{ for overall shots win}) = 13$ points also. So after session 1 score would be Team A 13 points, Team B 13 points.

5. Time Limits

- A time limit of 2 hours 30 minutes (including two trial ends) will apply to all matches for all disciplines
- Start of Play: Play will commence with the sound of a horn or bell or an announcement signalling the start of time.
- End of Play: When the time limit is reached a horn, bell or an announcement will be made. If an end is in progress when the time limit is reached, that end must be completed. The start of an end is determined by the delivery of the jack by the first player in that end.
- Should a match not be completed, then the score stands as at the completion of the end in play and the player with the highest number of shots will be the winner

6. Continuous Play/Slow Play

- Singles:
 - A player may visit the head only after delivery of their third bowl.
 - In very exceptional & limited circumstances, such as at a key point in the game, a request to visit the head earlier in the end may be made to the marker. At this stage, both players



will be entitled to visit the head, but this must be together and without undue delay and thereafter both must return to the mat end together. No other visits to the head will be permitted.

- Pairs:
 - The leads will not visit the head, nor the skips leave the head during the delivery of all lead bowls
 - The skip may only visit the head after the delivery of their second bowl
 - No other visits to the head will be permitted
- Triples:
 - The leads will not visit the head
 - The Second may only visit the head after their first bowl
 - The skip may only visit the head after the delivery of their first bowl.
 - No other visits to the head will be permitted
- Fours:
 - The leads & seconds will not visit the head
 - The third may only visit the head after the delivery of their first bowl
 - The skip may only visit the head after the delivery of their first bowl
 - No other visits to the head will be permitted

7. Extreme Weather

- Should a match be stopped due to extreme weather the time limit will be extended by the equivalent amount of the time for the delay (up to 30 minutes in any single session)
- Should the delay exceed 30 minutes in any single session, the length of matches will be reduced as below:
 - Singles – no reduction; play to concluded within original time limit
 - Pairs/Triples/Fours – 1 end removed for every 10 minutes delay

Example



- Match stopped at 1000 and resumed at 1025; session end time extended by 25 minutes – all matches continue with no reduction in ends;
- Match stopped at 1000 and resumed at 1045; session end time extended by 30 minutes – singles play to 21 up or time limit (whichever is sooner); number of ends in pairs and triples reduced to 17; fours reduced to 14
- Match stopped at 1000 and resumed at 1100; session end time extended by 30 minutes – singles play to 21 up or time limit (whichever is sooner); number of ends in pairs and triples reduced to 15; fours reduced to 12
- In the event of bad weather, the Team Managers, together with the lead umpire will be responsible for agreeing to alter the format (reduction of ends and time limits) of the test match in order to complete the scheduled matches. If the Team Managers cannot agree on the revised format then the organising committee will make a ruling.

8. Rink Allocations

- The organising committee reserves the right to amend the schedule / rinks to be played upon as they see fit. The reasons for such changes will be explained to both Team Managers.

9. Late Arrival

- Any player/team arriving after the official start of trial ends shall lose the right to play trial ends
- Any player/team arriving at the green more than 15 minutes after the official start time shall:
 - Forfeit the discipline/game
 - Points for that discipline/game will be awarded to their opponents – 8 shots per discipline

10. Re-spotting the jack

- If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank, or rebounds to a distance of less than 20 metres from the



mat line, the end should not be declared dead. Instead, the jack should be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a spot on the rink, which is two metres from the front ditch and on the centre line and play should continue

- If the spot mentioned in paragraph above is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack should be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl
- The spot mentioned should be marked using chalk or some other suitable method

11. Trial Ends

- One trial end in each direction will be allowed for all games. In trial ends players can use any combination of bowls taken from different sets so long as all bowls carry a registered World Bowls stamp of either the current year or a future year

12. Stamping of Bowls

- Bowls must be stamped according to the laws of the sport (see law 53 Crystal Mark Fourth Edition)

13. Substitute or Replacement Players

- Substitutes will be permitted in all disciplines
- If a player in any game is unable to complete any game already commenced, the organising committee shall allow a substitute until the replaced player is well enough to resume or for the remainder of that game
- Should a substitute be required the current Laws of the Sport will apply.

14. Winners

- The winner of the series shall be the team with the most overall points. If this is tied, then it will be the team with the highest shot difference. If this is still tied it shall be the team with the



highest number of overall shots scored, and if this is still tied the team who won the most ends.

Appendix:- Guidance Notes.

Practice Session – Thursday 4th September 2025.

Both teams will be able to practice on both greens “A” and “B” on the evening of Thursday 4th September, between 4pm to 7pm.

Team Managers & Lead Umpire meeting – Thursday 4th September 6pm.

A Team Manager & Lead umpire meeting shall be held at 6pm on Thursday 4th September. This is an opportunity to review the Conditions of Play and to discuss and mutually agree any queries or anomalies which might arise.

Photographs / Opening Ceremony – Friday 5th September 2025

Team photos will be taken at 9am, followed by a brief welcome by the WLB President, Heulwen Morgan.

Live Scoring

Live scoring will be arranged by Llandrindod BC & a link will be available on the WLB website.

Meals & refreshments

Breakfast rolls, and snacks will be available for purchase from the main pavilion.

For lunch, hot meals are available in the main pavilion. Players and officials can pre-order these and lunch boxes with the WLB Secretary / Treasurer.

Tea / coffee and alcoholic beverages are also available for purchase all day from the bar in the main pavilion.

Organising Committee:- Richard Davies (Vice-President, WLB), Heulwen Morgan (President), Nick Harris (Interim Secretary, WLB).