

2025 George Ralston Sr Mixed Triples

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- Scorecards: Tim and Amy Nixon with Nixon Group Realtors
- Prize Donation: Ralston family in memory of George Ralston Sr
- Volunteers: Club (setup, hospitality, greens). Website updates.

Tournament Venue / Dates

Wednesday, February 5th & Thursday, February 6th: **Johnson LBC** – Report at 9:00am both days.

Last year winning team: Ian Ho, David Moore, David Shaw

Conditions of Play

- The Controlling Body reserves the right to change or alter the program to successfully carry out or finish the event per law 55.3.4.
- Unless noted differently in these CoPs, all games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 4th Edition.

FORMAT AND SCORING:

- Day 1 – Random draw. Triples (3 bowls each). 4 (four) 10-end games. All ten ends must be played. At the end of each game, skips verify the score and sign the opponent's card. Cards must be turned in to the scorekeeper by the winning skip after the 4th game.
- At the end of day 1, teams are ranked according the scoring paragraph below.
- Scoring: Entrants will earn match points from each game based on three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. Plus points will be maxed at +/- 7 per game.
- Teams are ranked by;
 - 1) Match points
 - 2) Plus / Minus Point differential
 - 3) Fraction – Your actual total points / (your actual total points + opponent actual total points)
- Tie Breakers: Day 1 – Ties stand. Play all 10 ends. Day 2 – Ties must be broken with and extra end. For determining the championship bracket vs 3rd flight only, at the completion of day 1 games, in the case of a tie of win points and plus points there will be a one end playoff. Details are posted. Any playoff ends will start at 9:00am on Day2.
For any other ties of wins, plus points, and fractions - the tie will be broken by a coin flip.
- Day 2 – Teams will be put into Flights per Day 1 qualifying criteria. All games are 14 ends, a game may be conceded at any time. 3 (three) games max. All teams are to fill in the names on the flight sheet and find your next rink assignment.

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- o The first game losers in the championship flight are placed in the **second** flight. The second-round losers of the 2nd flight are out. Semifinal game losers play for 3rd & 4th place.
- Trial Ends: Prior to the start of play at 9:20am each day, each player will be allowed three up and three back for trial ends. If both teams or players agree, trials can be skipped.
- No Burned Ends: A jack in motion that passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play must be respotted at the 2-meter mark on the center line. If that position is occupied by a bowl, the jack will be placed between the bowl and the mat line without touching the bowl.
- Byes or forfeits are considered a win. Their score is the average winning score for the round. Their opponent's score is the average losing score for that round. Teams with a bye can practice on a rink assigned by the Tournament Director as available.
- Please keep games moving. Start each game as soon as your teams and rinks are ready. Be ready to bowl when your opponent's bowl comes to rest.
- Visits to the head. Leads – after 3rd bowl, Seconds – after 2nd & 3rd bowl, Skips – after 2nd & 3rd bowl. Both skips and vice skips go to the mat at cross-over.

PRIZE MONEY/AWARDS:

- The number of entries determines the allocation of prize money and is posted at the venue.

PRACTICE:

- Competitors may practice the day prior to the start of the event, according to the host venue's instructions. Date and hours will be communicated in advance on the tournament entry form.

BOWLS, FOOTWEAR AND ATTIRE:

- Shoes must be flat-soled and heel-less.
- Matching Team members' collared shirts and below-the-waist attire strongly encouraged. They may be white or colored.
- There will be no inspection of bowls.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

- Substitutes may be allowed in the event of illness or any unforeseen circumstance, once approved by the Tournament Director, as follows:
 - a. All substitutions must abide by the conditions outlined in the updated Substitute and Replacement Players Rules on the Bowls USA website (105) and SCD bylaws.
 - b. Substitutes may not skip.

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CHANGES IN SCHEDULING:

- If an event cannot be conducted in accordance with the published schedule or if a special situation arises, the Tournament Director/Committee may make whatever changes it deems appropriate.
- If a game is suspended due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, the Tournament Director/Committee will determine if/when the game will continue. If all the games in a round cannot be completed, the results will be rolled back to the last fully completed round.

UMPIRES:

- Prior to start of play, umpires, as available, will be introduced.

DISPUTES:

- The umpire's decision is final in all circumstances except those relating to the meaning or interpretation of a law, in which case there will be a right of appeal to the Controlling Body (SCD Board & Tournament Director/Committee).
- Dispute Committee; SCD Tournament Committee

OTHER LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES:

- SCD Code of Conduct. Submitted entry forms acknowledge compliance with the SCD Code of Conduct, which is section III of the SCD Bylaws.
- Always let the director of the head know BEFORE delivering a running shot. The director then needs to warn adjoining rinks and not let bowls travel into them. Please, no surprises.
- Lunch break after the second game day 1. BRING YOUR LUNCH.
- We are able to use the greens for this tournament as allowed by the hosting club. Please keep this in mind while bowling. Damage to the greens at this point of the season will only get worse until the growing season begins next summer.
- Do NOT: Toss bowls on to the green, drop bowls on the mat, run on the greens.
- Erase scoreboards with a wet sponge so as not to scratch them
- Please help pick up the equipment and trash as well as your belongings before leaving the green after your last game of the day. Check carefully for your belongings – the lost and found is growing!
- Cell Phones and/or Sound-Emitting Devices: Any such devices must be muted or turned down. Violations shall be considered a violation of rink possession. Law 41.7 is not superseded.
- Smoking: Smoking is prohibited on any green and is only allowed in designated areas.

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Special Rules for Qualifying for Championship vs 3rd Flight Only

If there is a tie in win points **AND** plus points with teams that would determine which is in the championship flight and which is in the 3rd flight, there will be a play-off of one (1) end at 9:30am.

Here are the playoff possibilities:

Two Way – 8th and 9th.

One (1) end playoff. Winner is 8th.

Three Way – 7th, 8th, 9th -**OR**- 8th, 9th, 10th.

For example; 7, 8, 9th place ties

7th plays 8th. Winner is 7th, then Loser plays 9th. The winner is 8th

For example; 8, 9, 10th place tie

9th plays 10th, Loser is 10th, then winner plays 8th. The loser is 9th

Four Way – 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th -**OR**- 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th -**OR** – 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th.

For example; 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th place ties

6th vs 9th, 7th vs 8th.

Winners of first round play for 6th and 7th place.

Losers of first round play for 8th and 9th place.

For example; 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th place ties

7th vs 10th, 8th vs 9th.

Winners of first round play for 7th and 8th place.

Losers of first round play for 9th and 10th place.

For example; 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th place ties

8th vs 11th, 9th vs 10th.

Winners of first round play for 8th and 9th place.

Losers of first round play for 10th and 11th place.

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