

2. Substitute Players (Law 32.9)

- 2.1 For domestic play, a substitute is a player who is either temporarily or permanently replacing an absent team member during a game or tournament.
- 2.2 A Substitute may be permitted into a team at any stage during a game throughout the course of a tournament. Changes made to members of the original team before the start of the first game are permitted at the discretion of the Controlling Body and are not considered to be a substitute.
- 2.3 The Controlling Body will decide on the eligibility and approve the use of a substitute. If no eligible substitute is available, Law 32.6 applies.
- 2.4 The following requirements apply to introducing a substitute:
- a) The substitute must play in any position other than skip. The other members of the team can rearrange their positions as necessary.
  - b) If the tournament is a graded event, a substitute graded Skip can play as Skip. 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.
  - c) The Controlling Body will determine if the request for a substitute is valid. The following examples would normally be considered valid, including but not limited to illness, bereavement of a close family member, jury duty, Bowls New Zealand duty and work commitments. Other circumstances may also be accepted as valid. The Controlling Body may include additional reasons in the Conditions of Play.
  - d) A Substitute shall not be permitted if a team member enters another tournament scheduled to play at the same time.
  - e) A Fours Team may contain up to two substitutes at any one time during an event.
  - f) A Triples or Pairs Team may only contain one substitute at any one time during an event.
  - g) A substitute is not permitted in any Singles game, except in a Side, where a substitute may be permitted.
  - h) If the player for which the substitute was replacing later becomes available, the player shall with the consent of the Controlling Body, rejoin the team in the same position at the completion of any end. The team can rearrange their positions as necessary. Wherever possible, the original player, should return to the team before another player is appointed as a substitute.
  - i) A substitute team member must be approved when a player has qualified or been selected for a Centre or Bowls New Zealand tournament.
  - j) If a player qualifies for more than one event under the control of the same Controlling Body and is instructed to play in one event, a substitute will be permitted, unless it is a Singles event.
- 2.5 A substitute approved by the Controlling Body shall, where possible, be:
- a) Of playing ability equal to, or less than, the absent team member
  - b) A player who satisfies the eligibility requirements for team members in the Conditions of Play.
  - c) Where it is not possible to satisfy the above requirements, the Controlling Body may appoint any suitable player to act as substitute.
- 2.6 The awarding of a trophy, financial reward, or other acknowledgement of winning a tournament to a substitute in the winning team shall be the prerogative of the Controlling Body.
- 2.7 If the tournament leads on to a pathway event, the Controlling Body shall decide if the substitute will be nominated and entered to play in that tournament.
- 2.8 Each pathway event is a competition in its own right and therefore the full scope of this Regulation will apply to each pathway event.