

**Newcastle District Bowling
Association Inc. (Zone 2)**

2012

**RULES &
REGULATIONS**

Governing NDBA / Zone 2

- **Competitions**
- **Pennants**
- **District Championships, &**
- **Other Events**

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Any Club infringing the Rules and Regulations governing the Competitions shall be penalised by all matches concerned being awarded to its opponents.

INTERPRETATION: - “ N.D.B.A. (or Association) COMPETITIONS” SHALL INCLUDE A CLUB’S MAJOR SINGLES, MAJOR PAIRS, MAJOR TRIPLES AND MAJOR FOURS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ALL ZONE 2/N.D.B.A. COMPETITIONS

1. All competitions shall be played under the Rules of Zone 2/Newcastle District Bowling Association, the R.N.S.W.B.A. and Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
2. **Greens To Be Made Available:** The greens of all Affiliated Clubs shall be made available to the Association for the playing of any competition or match arranged by and under the control of the Association. A venue for the final of a District Championship is to be selected four (4) weeks prior to the scheduled date of the final. The venue to be subject to an inspection one (1) week prior to the event. Clubs are required to provide their best available surface for the playing of Association Events.
3. **Control Of Competitions And Hearing Of Appeals/Disputes:**
 - (a) All competitions shall be under the control of the Match Committee of the N.D.B.A., which Committee shall have the power to inquire into all disputes. A member of the Match Committee who is also a member of either of the disputing Clubs shall take no part in the hearing of the dispute.
 - (b) The Match Committee’s decision in connection with all entries in Pennant and Championship Competitions shall be subject to appeal to the Executive Committee.
 - (c) The name of the representative of the Controlling Body and Umpire(s) are to be announced when cards are called for Pennant and District Championship Matches. Refer State Conditions of Play 2.3 Note 3. It will also be announced that the Laws of the Game and State Conditions of Play will be enforced by the Controlling Body and the Umpire.
 - (d) Appeals must be accompanied by all relevant information.
4. **Competition Entries:** All entries must be made on the forms supplied for that purpose and will close on the dates specified. Late entries will not be accepted.
5. **Playing Unregistered Member:** A Club permitting any of its members to play in Association or other competitions without first having duly entered his name for registration as a Member thereof by the Association and PAID THE FULL CAPITATION FEES will be disqualified for the match in which such player engages and shall be liable to a fine of such amount as determined by the Association from time to time. This condition shall not apply to members of those Clubs, Institutions or Organisations which have been granted Honorary Affiliation in terms of Article 36(A) of the Constitution of the R.N.S.W.B.A.
6. **Declaration of Club for Season:** The playing season shall be from 1st January to 31st December. If two or more Clubs shall each have registered and paid the subscription on behalf of the same member in any season then such member shall be deemed to have declared to play for the Club with which he shall have first played or been constituted in any Association Competition during such season.
A person who is a member of more than one Club is permitted to play Association Competitions with one Club only in any one playing season, irrespective of any overlap from one season to another (Refer State Conditions of Play 1.5 & 2.6). He is not permitted to play Club or Association singles, pairs, triples or fours championships with one Club and District Pennants with another Club, in the same season nor Saturday Pennants with one Club and Mid-Week Pennants with another Club in the same season. However, he may play handicap, consistency and mixed events with more than one Club if he so desires. The only exception to this rule will be in the case of members from another District joining a Club in the Newcastle District or a player is required to change his declared club as a condition of his full time employment with his prospective new club, but permission to play must first be obtained from the State Match Committee – Refer State Condition of Play 2.6, Change of Declared Club during the Season. Any Club infringing this rule shall incur the same penalties as laid down in Rule 5 - “Playing Unregistered Member”. Penalty: Player, team or side disqualified from the competition.
A Player changing their declared Club from one season to the next requires a NSW Club

Players Clearance Form to be lodged (with the appropriate fee) to the RNSWBA, as required in RNSWBA By-Law 15.

Note: Premier League Conditions of Play provide 'marquee' players, who shall be considered for this purpose to have received written permission to play Premier League (only) with a club other than their declared club for the season.

7. **Association Fixtures To Take Precedence:** The following are official Association Fixtures and, in the event of a player or official being engaged in both them and Club Competitions at the same time, the Association Competition shall take precedence and the player or official concerned shall not in any way be penalised by his Club.
- This order of precedence shall not apply for deferment of State Pennants matches. Clubs affected may negotiate with their opponents for affected matches and play on an alternate date, with the approval of the relevant Controlling Body. Failing agreement the match shall be played on the scheduled date.
- (a) Bowls Australia Events
 - (b) Representative Interstate Selected Side
 - (c) Royal NSW Bowling Association Events
 - (d) Zone Events
 - (e) District Events or Representative Games including players and officials
 - (f) Three Threes Competition
 - (g) President's Day
 - (h) Presidents and Secretaries Day/Delegates Day
 - (i) Official Games organised by the Association such as Umpires Day, Veterans' and Super Veterans' Days
 - (j) Inter-Association Visits
 - (k) All Mattara Bowls Fixtures
 - (l) All Official Engagements of the Association
 - (m) District Selectors attending representative or similar matches
 - (n) Club Championships
8. **Practice:** Players may practice up to commencement of Trial Ends, providing that rink space is available and the Controlling Body approves. **Both players/teams/sides shall be given equal opportunity to practice.** (Refer State Condition of Play 2.11.)
9. **Condition Of Greens:**
- (a) In all N.D.B.A. Competitions, all greens, having due regard to weather conditions, shall have an acceptable playing surface.
 - (b) Not more than 6 rinks are to be used on any one green, unless written application is approved by the Management Committee.
 - (c) Clubs who have more than one (1) green approved by the N.D.B.A. Greens Committee, as of an acceptable standard for N.D.B.A. Competitions, to make the green or greens, with the best playing surface available for play.
10. **Lights:** Artificial light is permitted to be used to complete matches in District Pennants and Championship Competitions.
11. **Play On Date Set Down:**
- (a) All Association District Championships must be played on the days set down for such play unless interfered with by weather conditions. A play or forfeit rule will be strictly enforced.
 - (b) Players in Zone 2/NDBA District Championships are not permitted to play matches before the time and date set down for play according to the draw. In the event of so doing, both players or teams will be disqualified.
 - (c) So that the Match Committee may adhere to the Season's Programme it has the authority to programme matches whenever it deems necessary.
 - (d) District Championships or Pennant Matches are not to be programmed for Mothers Day or Fathers Day.
12. **Period of Grace:** A 30 minutes period of grace shall be allowed in cases of emergency after the set time for starting all Association Competitions (Law 46). Any side, team or player not ready to commence play after the expiration of that period will forfeit the game to their opponent(s).
13. **Trial Ends (Law 18.1) - Before The Start:** A singles player, team or side shall be allowed a maximum trial ends of two ends prior to the start of a match, provided that all trial ends must cease in time to allow start of play promptly at the time set down.

- (a) The rink which a player or team is to occupy, or the rinks which have been allocated to a side, shall be announced and made available for trial ends by the Host Club not later than 20 minutes prior to the time set down for start of play.
- (b) The 30 minutes grace referred to in Clause (12) has no application whatever to trial ends.
- (c) In the trial ends preceding any match or competition only the number of bowls permitted in that particular competition shall be allowed to be used in trial ends.
14. **Post-Sectional Games:**
- (a) No other games are to be played on the same green and at the same time as post-sectional Association Competitions.
- (b) Any Club on whose greens post-sectional games in Association Competitions are to be played shall provide and operate a master score board of a type approved by the N.D.B.A. Match Committee.
15. **Appointment of Umpire:** Clubs on whose greens Association Competitions are set down shall appoint a National Umpire, whose name shall be announced at the calling of the cards and who shall act as required in accordance with Law 56(1) - Duties of Umpire and Royal New South Wales Bowling Association Official Conditions of Play Rule 2.12 and Law 56(2). If no Club National Umpire is available, then the Association should be notified so that suitable arrangements can be made for the supply of a National Umpire.
16. **Controlling Body:** The Controlling Body Representative for an Association Event shall not, unless absolutely unavoidable, be a contestant in the said Association Event. The Controlling Body, through the Umpires Committee / Panel shall appoint a person holding a National Umpire's Certificate to be in attendance at all Association Events. The Umpire so appointed shall not, unless absolutely unavoidable, be a contestant in the said Association Event. If a person holding a National Umpire's Certificate is not available, the Controlling Body of the day shall appoint a suitable person to act as an umpire.
17. **Attire/Registration Card:** In all Association Competitions players shall conform to the attire as detailed in the National Dress Guidelines as laid down by Bowls Australia, Royal New South Wales Bowling Association By-Law 8 & State Condition of Play 1.7 - 1.7A Attire & 1.7B Registration Card. Non-compliance with the laws shall render the Club or player(s) liable to disqualification by the N.D.B.A. Match Committee. In this regard, officials in charge of greens on which Association Competitions are being played shall have the authority of the Match Committee.
18. **Catering** – Catering at District Matches is to be at the sole discretion of the Host Club.
19. **Wet And Doubtful Days And Postponement Of Matches:** In the event of wet weather, unless conditions are such that it is quite obvious that play will not be possible, the Match Committee is dependent on advice from the Venue Clubs as to the condition of their greens before deciding whether play will be on or off. ALL MATCHES ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ON UNTIL NOTIFICATION IS GIVEN TO THE CONTRARY. A RECORDED MESSAGE RE PLAY BEING ON OR OFF WILL BE AVAILABLE BY TELEPHONING **19009 20243** AND THE COST TO THE CALLER IS 60 CENTS PER MINUTE. THIS MESSAGE WILL BE RECORDED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON THE MORNING OF THE FIXTURE.
- (a) **Saturday and Sunday Afternoon Matches:** In the event of a green being unfit for play because of weather conditions, a Club Official must notify his Club's Match Committee Representative (as shown on page 4) between 10.00am and 10.45am on the day the match is drawn to be played. DO NOT RING HIM TO TELL HIM THE GREEN IS FIT FOR PLAY AND DO NOT RING HEADQUARTERS.
- (b) **Mid-Week Matches:** In this case, a Club should ring ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS (4929 3441 or 4929 1307) between 10.00am and 10.45am on the day the match is drawn to be played so that the Association Secretary can contact members of the Match Committee, who will then make a decision regarding play: DO NOT RING YOUR CLUB'S MATCH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING MID-WEEK MATCHES.
- (c) **Decision whether play is on or off:** Usually, in the case of Saturday and Sunday afternoon matches and Mid-Week (afternoon) matches, no decision is made by the Match Committee until 11.00am. After 11.00am Club Officials will decide whether matches can be played. In the event of a Club making a decision after 11.00am it is the responsibility of the Club to advise **ALL** concerned. ON DOUBTFUL DAYS AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE BROADCAST OVER RADIO STATION 2NC AS TO WHEN THE MESSAGE ON THE 1900 NUMBER HAS BEEN ACTIVATED. In the case of Post Sectional Fixtures individual Clubs will be contacted by telephone when fixtures are cancelled for the day.

- (d) **Sunday Morning Matches:** These matches normally start at 9.30am with trial ends allowed from 9.10am and, if a Club's greens are unfit for play, it is important that a Club Official notify his Club's Association Match Committee Representative to that effect as early as practicable so that, if possible, an alternative venue can be arranged or a decision made as to postponement of the match.
- (e) **Notification to Players:** Players wishing to ascertain whether matches are postponed are to contact their own Club (after 11.00am in the case of uncertain weather for afternoon matches). **THEY ARE NOT TO CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY OR MATCH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES.** On receipt of advice that matches have been postponed, Club Secretaries should immediately post a notice to that effect on the Club Notice Board.
- (f) **LIST OF MATCH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:**
 Adamstown, Alder Park, Bar Beach, Bayway Village, Belmont, Belmont Sporties, Beresfield and Boolaroo –
 TO RING **MICK ABROOK 4960 2617** –
 IF UNANSWERED RING – JOHN SMITH 4942 6821 / 0432 148 408.
- Burwood Colliery, Cardiff, Carrington, Catherine Hill Bay, Charlestown, Dora Creek Workers and Edgeworth –
 TO RING **WARREN SHIPLEY – 4953 3192** –
 IF UNANSWERED RING – CHRIS RAMAGE 4981 5263.
- Fingal Bay, Hamilton, Hamilton North, Heaton-Birmingham Gardens, Hexham, Kahibah, Karuah RSL, Kotara, Kurri Kurri and Lambton –
 TO RING **DES SKINNER 0409 664 744** –
 IF UNANSWERED RING – MARK CONWAY 4966 5024.
- Lambton-New Lambton RSL, Lemon Tree Passage, Lowlands, Maitland City, Maitland Park, Marks Point, Mayfield, Mayfield West and Merewether -
 TO RING **CHRIS RAMAGE 4981 5263** –
 IF UNANSWERED RING – WARREN SHIPLEY 4953 3192.
- Morisset Hospital, Morpeth, New Lambton, Rathmines Memorial, Raymond Terrace, Redhead and Swansea –
 TO RING **DAVID GILDAY 4984 4000** –
 IF UNANSWERED RING – DES SKINNER 0409 664 744.
- Nelson Bay, Soldiers Point, Stockton, Swansea Workers, Tea Gardens CC, Teralba and Tomago –
 TO RING **MARK CONWAY 4966 5024** –
 IF UNANSWERED RING – DAVID GILDAY 4984 4000.
- Toronto Workers, Valentine, Wallsend, Wangi, Warner's Bay, Water Board and Windale/Gateshead –
 TO RING **JOHN SMITH 4942 6821 / 0432 148 408** –
 IF UNANSWERED RING – MICK ABROOK 4960 2617.
- (g) A fine of \$55 will be imposed for not correctly notifying postponement of matches on wet and doubtful days.

DISTRICT PENNANT COMPETITIONS

1. **Pennant Player Registration:** All players participating in District Pennant Competitions shall be correctly registered with this Association. Each Club is to provide a list of proposed players for all Grades, showing the players RNSWBA Computer Registration Card Number, prior to the commencement of pennant play. Nominations being accepted in strict conformity with Clause 6 of General Conditions Applying to All NDBA Competitions, Declaration of Club for Season. A new member may play pennants, when his Membership Registration Form has been received by the NDBA.

2. **Saturday Pennants:** This competition will be played in seven grades, called Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and all Clubs may be permitted to enter more than one (1) side in any of these Grades. Where two or more sides are entered in any grade they shall be identified as No.1, No.2, No.3 etc. and for the purpose of eligibility and grading of players (in the current season) shall be deemed a higher and lower side. Each side in Grades 1 to 7 will consist of three fours. Games shall be played over 63 ends (21 ends on each rink).

No.1 Grade: Entries will determine the number of sides being nominated in this grade. The following Clubs are eligible to enter: -

1. Those Clubs who competed in the No.1 Grade or Premier League for the previous season.
2. The winner of the No.2 Grade for the previous season.
3. Such other Clubs whose sides have competed in the No.2 Grade for the previous season.

No.2 Grade: Entries will determine the number of sides being nominated in this grade. The following Clubs are eligible to enter: -

1. Those Clubs who competed in the No.2 Grade for the previous season.
2. The winner of the No.3 Grade for the previous season.
3. Such other Clubs whose sides have competed in the No.3 Grade for the previous season.

No.3 Grade: Entries will determine the number of sides being nominated in this grade. The following Clubs are eligible to enter: -

1. Those Clubs who competed in the No.3 Grade for the previous season.
2. The winner of the No.4 Grade for the previous season.
3. Such other Clubs whose sides have competed in the No.4 Grade for the previous season.

No.4 Grade: Entries will determine the number of sides being nominated in this grade. The following Clubs are eligible to enter: -

1. Those Clubs who competed in the No.4 Grade for the previous season.
2. The winner of the No.5 Grade for the previous season.
3. Such other Clubs whose sides have competed in the No.5 Grade for the previous season.

No.5 Grade: Entries will determine the number of sides being nominated for this grade. The following Clubs are eligible to enter: -

1. Those Clubs who competed in the No.5 Grade for the previous season.
2. The winner of the No.6 Grade for the previous season.
3. Such other Clubs whose sides have competed in the No.6 Grade for the previous season.

No.6 Grade: Entries will determine the number of sides being nominated in this grade. The following Clubs are eligible to enter: -

1. Those Clubs who competed in the No.6 Grade for the previous season.
2. The winner of the No.7 Grade for the previous season.
3. Such other Clubs whose sides have competed in the No.7 Grade for the previous season.

No.7 Grade: Entries will determine the number of sides being nominated in this grade.

3. **Mid-Week Pennants:**

- (a) This competition will be played in five grades, called Nos.1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and each side will consist of three fours. Games shall be played over 63 ends (21 ends on each rink).

No.1 Grade: One or more entries from any one Club. This grade is open to No.1 Saturday Pennant players' standard or lower.

No. 2 Grade: One or more entries from any one Club. This grade is open to No.2 Saturday Pennant players' standard or lower.

No.3 Grade: One or more entries from any one Club. This grade is open to No.3 Saturday Pennant players' standard or lower.

No.4 Grade: One or more entries from any one Club. This grade is open to No.4 & No.5 Saturday Pennant players' standard or lower.

No.5 Grade: One or more entries from any one Club. This grade is open to No.6 & No.7 Saturday Pennant players' standard.

- (b) A player's grading in the Mid-Week Pennant Competition shall be firstly determined by the Grade he plays in the Saturday Pennant Competition. A player may be promoted in the Saturday Pennant Competition for one match only, then regressed without permission to the grade no lower than that in which he last played in the Saturday Pennant Competition without effecting his Mid-Week Pennant Grading. If a player does not participate in Saturday Pennants, his Mid-Week Pennant Grading shall be determined by the games he plays in the Mid-Week Pennant Competition.
- (c) Scheduled games will not be deferred in the event of a player or players being selected to represent the State.
- (d) A Club will be permitted to use one player in the next immediate lowest grade without the approval of the Match Committee. In exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Match Committee, another player will be granted a regrade but they cannot play in the same rink. Any regrade request **must** be accompanied by a copy of the Clubs full list of Mid-Week Pennant players.

4. **Allocation Of Pennant Entries:**

- (a) The Match Committee reserves the right to allocate a Club's pennant entry to a higher or lower grade, its decision being subject to appeal to the Executive Committee. The Club concerned shall be contacted before a decision on re-allocation is finalised.

(b) **Elevation and Regression of Clubs:**

- (i) The Controlling Body may elevate and regress Clubs having regard to previous years' pennant performances and according to the previous season gradings of the players indicated as playing with each club. All Zone winners shall be elevated to the next highest grade. A Club shall be regressed no more than one grade from its previous year's grade(s).
- (ii) If after the application of (i) above should the number of entries received for each grade fail to give the requisite number of sides in any grade, the Match Committee may elevate or regress sides or may refuse to elevate or regress any side that has qualified for elevation or regression.
- (iii) Any Club applying to vary its pennant gradings from the previous season must accompany its pennant entry form with written reasons to support its application.
- (iv) All Elevations & Regressions shall be submitted to the State Match Committee for ratification.

5. **Method Of Play For Saturday And Mid-Week Pennants:**

- (a) **Sectional Play:** Play will be under the sectional method with, as far as possible, six sides in each section. The current method of conducting the Pennant Draw is that after the nominations and gradings have been finalised for the Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant Competitions the Match Committee shall do an open draw for sectional play by hand not by computer. There is to be no seeded draw, except for separating multiple Club entries competing in the same grade. A geographical draw is to be used for Numbers 4,5,6 & 7 Grades Saturday Pennants and Numbers 3,4 & 5 Grades Mid-Week Pennants. The Pennant Season shall proceed as per the Seasons Programme with inclement weather being the only reason for a round(s)

deferment. Clubs with representative or prospective representative players shall put into place a process so as to be able to field its sides during the season without disruption to the rounds. Two rounds, each of five matches, will be played on the home-and-away basis where possible. The winners of each section will compete in the qualifying round quarter-finals and semi-finals as the case may be.

- (b) **Post-Sectional Play:** An open draw is made for post sectional matches. If there are only three sections in a grade, a round robin shall be played to determine the pennant winner (Refer State Conditions of Play 4.22 & 4.24). Game 2 to consist of section winner that did not play in Game 1 to play the losing team from Game 1. If Game 1 is tied then the side winning the least number of ends in Game 1 shall be the side to play in Game 2. Where practicable the quarter-finals and semi-finals in any grade will be played at one selected Club.

6. **Method Of Scoring:** In all pennant matches points will be awarded as follows:-
Each winning side will receive three points and each winning four of each side will receive one point. In the event of a tie one and a half points will be awarded to each side and each winning four will receive one point. In the event of a tie between two fours each four will receive half a point. In the event of two sides being equal on points at the conclusion of sectional play the winner shall be determined by the following method:- If two or more sides are equal on points the side with the greatest margin of nett shots shall be the winner. Total shots "For" minus total shots "Against" equal Nett Shots. If the foregoing methods fail to determine the winning side, then the side with the lowest total shots against it shall be the winner. If it be necessary to use the method of nett shots margin to determine the winner of the section where the team has received a forfeit when all other sides in the same section did not receive such forfeit, the side concerned shall be credited with the average nett shots margin obtained by the other winning side/s in the same section, in that round. In the event of a forfeit during sectional play the side receiving the forfeit shall be awarded maximum points and the average of the margins scored by the other sides in that section in that round. Provided that where a side withdraws from the competition after the draw has been made but prior to the commencement of the first round, then the matches concerned with such withdrawal shall be treated as byes and no points will be awarded. In the event of a tie at the expiration of the required number of 21 ends in a post sectional knock-out match, quarter-final, semi-final or final, an extra end must be played by all teams until a winner is found. (Rule 19 does not apply to these matches). The procedure as outlined in Law 45 is to be implemented. Scoreboards must be kept current and in place until the completion of the match.

7. **Timetable:**

- (a) The Side Manager shall be at the Venue Club not less than forty (40) minutes before the starting time of the event.
The Side Managers shall advise the Controlling Body of the draw and allocation of rinks not less than twenty five (25) minutes before the starting time of the event.
Sectional matches in Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant Competitions are to commence at 1.15pm with trial ends allowed from 12.55pm. Cards are to be called at 12.45pm.
- (b) All post-sectional matches to be played on a Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.
Wednesday & Saturday post-sectional matches are to commence at 12.30pm with trial ends allowed from 12.10pm. Cards are to be called at 12.00pm. Saturday Post Sectional matches played on a Sunday are to commence at 12.30pm with trial ends allowed from 12.10pm. Cards to be called at 12.05pm.
Pennant sectional matches played on a Sunday are to commence at 1.15pm, with trial ends allowed from 12.55pm. Cards are to be called at 12.45pm.
- (c) Players may practice up to commencement of Trial Ends, providing that rink space is available and the Controlling Body approves. **Both Sides shall be given equal opportunity to practice.**
The Controlling Body shall advise the rinks allocated to each Grade not less than 1 hour before the starting time of the event.
N.B.: Law 12.3 - If, before play starts, a player in a competition or game plays on the same rink on the day of the competition or game, that player will be disqualified. This does not apply to open tournaments.
- (d) Saturday Pennants (all grades) may be played on a Friday Night, Saturday Night or Sunday afternoon, with agreement from both clubs. This rule is subject to Rule 19 (a) Matches not commenced or not completed being played on the second Sunday morning

following (e.g. if Game 7 was washed out the match would be scheduled for play on Sunday afternoon following Game 8.) The following procedures are to apply:

- (i) The Application Form for a Friday Night, Saturday Night or Sunday afternoon Saturday Pennant Fixture must be submitted to the NDBA Office by no later than 5.00pm on the Monday prior to the scheduled Saturday playing date. The Application Form must be submitted by both the Home and Visiting Club. Failure to submit the Application Form by either club by the required time means that the match will be played on the scheduled playing date.
- (ii) Once approval is given by the NDBA then the match becomes a Play or Forfeit game, subject to weather conditions.

(e) Mid-Week Pennant Fixtures are allowed to commence at a mutual agreeable time, subject to NDBA Match Committee approval.

8. **Entry Fee:** Entry fees for all grades of Saturday and Mid-Week Pennants shall be fixed by the Association Management Committee from time to time.
Each Club entering sides in Grades 1 to 7 Saturday Pennants shall pay a levy per side for each of those grades entered, the amount of such levy being fixed by the Association Management Committee from time to time. The levy will help meet the costs of pennant players from the N.D.B.A. taking part in State Play-Offs. The pennant levy paid to the N.D.B.A. by the Clubs shall be divided by seven (7) and paid on an equal basis to the Clubs winning the respective numbers 1 to 7 grades of the Newcastle (Zone 2) Pennant Competition.
9. **Trophies:** Winners of the various grades in the Saturday and Mid-Week Competitions will receive a pennant flag and certificate for the Club and an individual badge for each player. Runners-up in each grade will receive a certificate for the Club and an individual badge for each player. Winners and Runners-up badges will be awarded to players participating in the final (12 to each side), plus the Side Manager.
Additional Badges - Clubs may apply for additional badges. Only players who have played in 50% of matches in that grade are eligible to qualify for the award of an additional badge.
10. **Charity Competitions:** Four "Bob-In" (20c) Days will be held during the playing of Saturday Pennant Competitions and two during Mid-Week Pennant Competitions. The proceeds of the first and last day of pennant play for Saturday Competitions and the two Mid-Week "Bob-In" Days will be devoted to local charitable organizations as decided by the March Meeting of the Management Committee. The two other Saturday "Bob-In" Days will be devoted to Newcastle Legacy and Newcastle Crippled Children's Association.
The winners of the Charity Shield Competitions (for Saturday Pennants) will be determined by the side with the greatest winning margin on that day. The winners shall hold for twelve months the Shield set aside for that day as follows: - Local Charities (first pennant day) - Ralph Cotterill Memorial Shield. Newcastle Legacy - Albert Smith Memorial Shield. Newcastle Crippled Children's Association - Pepper Memorial Shield. The dates set aside for the "Bob-In" Days will be advised with the pennant draw.
11. **Standard of Greens:**
 - (a) The Match Committee may decline to permit a Club to play pennant competitions if it has no green of its own or, at the date set down for the commencement of such competitions, its green(s) is/are either unfit for play or is/are not up to fair standard as may be determined by the Association Executive in consultation with the Greens Committee of the Association, unless the Club concerned can obtain green space satisfactory to the Greens Committee for the playing of such competitions until such time as its own green(s) is/are in a condition satisfactory to the Greens Committee.
 - (b) If Clubs wish to change venues due to unfit greens, application may be made by telephone to Association Headquarters. This must then be confirmed in writing by both Club Secretaries.
 - (c) Should the Club concerned not be able to obtain green space it shall forfeit all matches set down for play on the day(s) concerned.
12. **Protests Re Inferior Greens:**
 - (a) If a Club considers that its pennant side has been required to play its match on an inferior green, that being the home green of its opponent, it shall have the right to protest to the Association. The protest must be lodged by the Side Manager or Club Secretary with the opposing Side Manager within half an hour after the commencement of the match, to be followed by an official protest in writing by the

Club to the Association Secretary, irrespective of whether the match has been lost or won by the side protesting.

- (b) This written protest must be delivered to the Association Secretary, or to someone acting in his stead, not later than 12 noon on the second day following the match for any mid-week game and not later than 10.00am on the Tuesday following any Saturday game. A copy of the protest must be delivered by the appellant Club to the Secretary of the opposing Club.
- (c) The reason for the protest must be clearly stated and the protest must be accompanied by a fee fixed by the Association from time to time. This fee will be forfeited should the Match Committee consider the protest to be frivolous, but it shall be returned to the protesting Club if the protest is upheld or if, in the opinion of the Match Committee, the protest was not frivolous, but was made in good faith.
- (d) On receipt of a protest, the Association Secretary, or someone acting in his stead, shall immediately inform the members of the Match Committee, who shall meet as soon as convenient, and no later than two days after receipt of the protest, and make their decision.
- (e) If the protest is upheld, the match or matches shall be awarded to the appellant Club, which shall receive the maximum points available.

13. **Protests On Other Grounds:** These shall be made as per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

14. **Player Grading & Eligibility - Saturday & Mid-Week Pennants:**

Eligibility

A Player's eligibility shall be determined by

- (i) His grading from his previous season, until he is graded in the current season. Then,
 - (ii) His current season grading, once determined by his participation in matches in the current season [refer 14 (e)].
- (a) A player is eligible to play no lower than one (1) Grade below his grading for his previous Pennant Season, except as otherwise provided for in this clause.
 - (b) (i) A player who has changed his declared club from his previous Pennant Season shall be eligible to play no more than one grade below his grading for his previous Pennant Season, OR
 - (ii) If his new Club does not have a side entered in his previous Season's Pennant Grade or one grade below, he shall be eligible to play no lower than the club's next highest grade. He shall be included as one of the four players permitted to be regressed more than one grade below their previous season grading under Condition 14(c), if applicable.
- Note:** A player changing his declared club from his previous season may require a NSW Club Player Clearance, refer State Condition of Play 1.7 and 2.6.
- (c) (i) Where a Club does not have consecutive Grades, a maximum of four (4) players only from each of those non-consecutive grades shall be eligible to play more than one grade below their previous season's grading. This shall be no lower than the Club's next highest Grade. **The maximum of four players shall apply for the whole of the season.** Refer also 14 (d)
 - (ii) A Club having consecutive grades as a result of regression shall be entitled to apply the conditions of 14(c)(i) to those consecutive grades.
 - (iii) Clubs shall submit to the relevant Controlling Body a list of players regressed.
 - (d) Any variation must have the written approval of the State Match Committee. Clubs may make application for specific players to have their grading or eligibility varied, submitting all relevant details through their District and Zone Association.

Current Season Grading

- (e) A player's grading in the current season shall be determined by his matches played in the current season.

Graded During the Current Season

- (i) A player who has played 50% of matches scheduled in a grade or 4 matches in a grade (whichever occurs first) shall be graded in that grade for the current season.
- (ii) Once a player has become graded in the current season he may not play in a lower grade.
- (iii) A player's grading may change during a season as a result of matches played in a grade higher than his current season grading.

Graded at end of Current Season

- (iv) A player who does not play 50% of matches scheduled or 4 matches in a single grade in the current season shall retain his previous season grading.
- (v) A player who has played a total of 50% or more of matches scheduled but not been graded in the current season shall be graded (at the end of the season) in the grade in which he has the greater number of matches (if equal, the lowest grade shall apply)

Post Sectional Play

- (f) A player shall be eligible to play in Post Sectional Play in a grade no lower than his current season grading. (Note – eligibility subject to Condition 16).
Post Sectional Games do not affect a player's current season grading.

Penalties: (Refer State Condition of Play 4.26)

Note: Penalties compliant with Law 46

- (g) **Sectional Play**
The offending side disqualified with loss of all points for the match involved.
The non-offending side shall receive maximum points and shall be credited with the average of the winning margins scored by the other sides in that section in that round or the margin by which it won, whichever is the higher.
The offending side is credited with a **similar negative margin.**
- (h) **Knock Out Play**
The offending side is disqualified. The Match Committee shall when so notified, substitute in the next succeeding round the side last defeated by the offending side.

Participation in State Pennants

A player may not participate in more than one game in any Round of Pennant Play (Grades 1-7).

For the purpose of this condition Round 1 shall be deemed as the first game scheduled to be played in that grade, Round 2 the second game scheduled to be played, and so on. The date on which the match is played is not taken into account.

Penalties: (Refer State Condition of Play 4.26)**Sectional Play**

The offending side disqualified with loss of all points for the match involved.
The non-offending side shall receive maximum points and shall be credited with the average of the winning margins scored by the other sides in that section in that round or the margin by which it won, whichever is the higher.

- 15. **Eligibility For Mid-Week Post-Sectional Games:** In order to be eligible to play in post-sectional matches a player must have played at least four games in the relevant, or lower, grade in the season except with the special permission of the Match Committee.
- 16. **Eligibility For Saturday Post-Sectional Games:** To be eligible for post sectional play a player must have a current season grading in that grade or lower and be eligible for the grade to be contested.
This requirement may be waived, with the approval of the District and Zone and endorsement of the State Match Committee. Any player for who approval is sought shall be a registered member of that Club.
Where a Club has more than one side in the same grade and the higher of those sides wins a section, players from the other side may act as replacements, **subject to eligibility AND with the approval of the relevant Controlling Body. Refer to State Conditions of Play 4.3.**
- 17. **Notification of Teams Selected for Saturday & Mid-Week Post-Sectional Games:** Clubs participating in Post-Sectional Games should have their team(s) selected with spares by mid-

week if playing on a Saturday and four days prior to a mid-week game. Clubs to fax or email their nominated team(s) to the NDBA Match Committee for acceptance.

18. **Substitutes and Replacements:** Refer to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Laws 50, 51 & 16.3.2, Domestic Regulation 4 and State Condition of Play 2.28.
19. **Matches Not Commenced Or Not Completed:**
- (a) If inclement weather or other justifiable cause should, on any day, prevent the commencement or completion of a Saturday Pennant Competition Match, the Match Committee SHALL have the match played on the second Sunday morning following (e.g. if Game 7 was washed out the match would be scheduled for play on Sunday morning following Game 8). However, when fifty-four (54) or more ends in aggregate have been completed by ALL FOURS prior to such interruption then it shall be regarded as a **FULL MATCH**, and the score counted although the score cards show an irregular number of ends. **THIS RULE SHALL NOT APPLY TO POST SECTIONAL MATCHES, QUARTER-FINALS, SEMI-FINALS OR FINALS.**
 - (b) If 54 ends in aggregate have not been played, the Match Committee shall have the match continued on the second Sunday morning following.
 - (c) **Replay of Postponed Matches** - A player shall not be permitted to play in more than one (1) pennant grade, in the same round in either sectional or post sectional play (e.g. replaying uncompleted or deferred matches). Penalty – State Condition of Play 4.26 – Penalty for Pennant Infringements.
 - (d) The home side is responsible for ensuring that the Controlling Body is notified that play was not commenced.
 - (e) Washed-Out Mid-Week Pennant Matches are to be played in the best order to expedite the completion of the competition.
20. **Inclement Weather - Sectional Play Stopped:**
- (a) A Side Captain or the Club Representative shall have the right to appeal to the umpire to have a match stopped due to inclement weather, bad light or other justifiable cause. On receipt of such appeal, the umpire shall decide whether a stoppage will apply (Refer Law 50). Note: In all cases, the health & safety of players should be the prime consideration in determining whether play should be suspended and/or abandoned.
 - (b) **Change of Venue:** In the event of inclement weather or any other justifiable cause, the venue of play may be reversed by **MUTUAL AGREEMENT** if the Home Club's greens are unfit for play, provided that should this occur in the first half of sectional rounds, the original Home Club in the first round shall have the right to elect to play the second round on its greens. The permission of the Match Committee to change the venue is not required.
21. **Complete Round Cancelled:** In the event of a complete round, or rounds, being cancelled by the Match Committee because of inclement weather or other justifiable causes, they shall be played, in accordance with Rule 19(a) or as directed by the Match Committee.
22. **Drawing Of Score Cards:** The following method is to be used in the drawing of score cards in all Pennant Competitions: - The score cards should be prepared with names of the players in the various fours. The side captains shall exchange cards; these shall both be shuffled, one set being placed separately face downwards (i.e. the side of the cards with the names face downwards) on the table, then covered by the opposing side's cards, one over the other. With the cards still face downwards, the rink numbers shall be marked on the back of each set of cards. The Side Captains shall then transfer the rink numbers to the face of the cards and fill in the names of the opposing players.
23. **National Umpire:** In Pennant Competitions it is preferable to appoint an umpire for each green rather than one umpire to act for two or more greens.
24. **Bye:** Where a Club withdraws before the commencement of a competition OR where there is an odd number of teams in a section, a bye shall occur.
Nil Points for a bye.
- A side receiving a bye shall submit a Pennant Result Form. For the purpose of grading of players and eligibility for post sectional play, the BYE shall be deemed to be a match played and the players declared on the Result Form as having played the match.

25. **Forfeits:**
- (a) Clubs whose sides may be required to forfeit any matches must advise the Association Secretary (or the Match Committee Representative in the case of Sunday and holiday matches) and the Club concerned no later than 4.00pm on the day preceding the match.
 - (b) Any side forfeiting a match shall automatically be liable to a penalty for each offence of such amount as may be fixed by the Association Management Committee from time to time. The Club concerned shall be responsible for payment of the penalty, but it may appeal to the Match Committee against the fixation of the penalty.
 - (c) Should a side forfeit one or more of the last four matches in sectional play it shall automatically be liable to a penalty for each offence of such amount as may be fixed by the Association Management Committee from time to time. The Club concerned shall be responsible for payment of the penalty and, in addition, its entry for the following season may be refused at the discretion of the Match Committee. The Club concerned may appeal to the Match Committee against the fixation of the penalty. **THE RULE REGARDING FORFEITS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
 - (d) A pennant result form shall be completed and forwarded to the Association by any side receiving a forfeit.
 - (e) If a Club fields more than one pennant grade on the same playing date, any forfeit shall be that of the lowest grade.
 - (f) A side receiving a forfeit during sectional play shall be awarded maximum points and the average of the margins scored by the other sides in that section in that round.
26. **Death Of A Player:** Should the death of a player occur during a pennant game, or other district competition, the official umpire of the day should confer with the captains/skips of the two sides/teams and come to an arrangement either about finishing the game that afternoon or on a date to be decided by the Match Committee.
27. **Pennant Results:** The procedure for recording and advising results of Saturday and Mid-Week pennant matches is set out in this rule. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULE WILL RENDER THE CLUB CONCERNED LIABLE TO A FINE FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE OF A SUM AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MATCH COMMITTEE, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND THE FORFEITING OF THE MATCH POINTS FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE.**
- (a) **Result Forms - Responsibility For:** The responsibility for completing result forms is: -
 - (i) **Sectional Matches** - The **home** side is responsible.
 - (ii) **Post-Sectional Matches** - These matches include quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. The **winning** side is responsible.
 - (b) **Score Cards:** The skip shall keep a record of all shots scored for and against the team and shall at all times retain possession of the score card whilst play is in progress. The skip shall see that the names of all players are entered on the score card; shall compare the record of the game with that of the opposing skip as each end is declared, and at the end of the game, record on it the time that the game finished and then sign it. (Refer Law 37.1.7).
It is not necessary to send score cards to the Association Secretary, but they **MUST BE RETAINED BY THE RESPONSIBLE CLUB UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE SEASON IN CASE IT IS NECESSARY TO REFER TO THEM. N.B.:** Sponsors score cards to be used at all times.
 - (c) **Completing the Result Forms:**
 - (i) All forms must be completed **IN TRIPLICATE** and **block letters** are to be used for the names of the sides and the individual players and **must** include the RNSWBA registration number of any new player. When players in the same side have the same surname and initials, the players registration number is to be included on the result form.
 - (ii) Blocks of pennant result forms are issued to all Clubs; there is a separate form for each pennant grade.
 - (iii) It is essential that the correct **SECTION** in which a Club side plays is recorded; this is not the **GRADE**.
Space is provided on the form for the winning side's name and the losing side's name, each with its respective total score. The Pennant Side Captain is responsible for completing the form (see (a) above) and is required to record the name of his side on the left side of the form and the name of the opposing side on the right side.

- (iv) To avoid delay in commencing the match, or in completing the form after the match, it is advisable, some time prior to the starting time, for the Home Side Captain (in sectional play) to record on the form the names of the players in each of his fours, in their playing order, so that he then only has to record the names of the opposing fours, ensuring that the fours that play against each other are correctly listed opposite each other.
In post-sectional play, the Captain of the winning side should complete the result form in conjunction with his opposite number.
- (v) At the conclusion of the match the scores of each four are to be recorded in the correct position and totalled at the bottom of the form, ensuring that the winning side's scores and the losing side's scores agree with the score cards. BOTH SIDE CAPTAINS MUST THEN SIGN THE FORM TO SIGNIFY ITS CORRECTNESS.
- (d) **Disposal of Result Forms:** The Club Secretary of the home side (in sectional play) and of the winning side (in post-sectional play) has the final responsibility of ensuring that pennant result forms are completed and disposed of as set out below:-
ORIGINAL COPY - This copy must be forwarded by mail, email or faxed to the Association Secretary, PO Box 2199, Dangar, 2309, so as to reach him not later than 12 noon on the second working day after the match.
SECOND COPY - To be handed to the opposing Side Captain - ENSURE THAT HE HAS FIRST COUNTERSIGNED IT.
THIRD COPY - To be retained for the Club's records.
- (e) **Phoning/Faxing Results:** - Two recorders will be in attendance at Association Headquarters on Saturdays from 4.00pm until 6.00pm. One Club Official should be appointed to phone/fax the results of **ALL** matches played at the Home Club. It is stressed that the purpose of phoning/faxing results is to enable publication in the Sunday Papers and Newcastle Herald.
- (f) **Incomplete Matches:** - Result forms are only to be forwarded in detail when matches have been completed or have been deemed to have been completed in accordance with Rule 19.
In the case of an INCOMPLETE MATCH, a result form must be forwarded to the Association with details of date, name of opposing Club, etc., and in the space provided for scores the words "MATCH UNFINISHED" should be written.
Clubs involved in incomplete matches must retain their own score cards as it may be necessary to continue the match from the existing stage at the end of sectional play.
- (g) **Forfeits:** - Should a Club receive a forfeit it **MUST COMPLETE** the details at the top of the pennant result form, with the name of the side receiving the forfeit shown in the space for "winning team" with the words "forfeit received" and the name of the side forfeiting in the space for "losing team" with the words "forfeit given".
28. **Coloured Bowls Discs:** Clubs having approval to use Coloured Bowls Discs must ensure that **all** players in their sides use them. Worn or faded discs shall be removed or replaced. Bowls shall have only one set of discs used at a time (that is, each bowl shall have one sticker on each side only). Failure of any player in that side to identify his bowls in this manner disqualifies the whole side from their use. If two opposing sides have similar colours, then they may be left in place, or the Controlling Body may require that one singles/ team or side remove their discs, then play may proceed with discs removed, or, the Controlling Body may provide other coloured discs. The decision as to which single/team or side removes their discs shall be decided by a toss of a coin - the loser/s to remove discs.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

1. **Times Of Play:** (Commencing dates as decided by the Management Committee)
- (a) **Singles (Major, State Senior, State President's, Rookies Singles & Minor Singles)** - Saturday mornings commencing at 9.30am and Saturday afternoons commencing at 1.15pm, Sunday mornings commencing at 9.30am and Sunday afternoons commencing at 1.15pm.
- (b) **Pairs, State Senior Pairs, State President's Pairs & Rookies Pairs** - Saturday mornings commencing at 9.15am and Saturday afternoons commencing at 1.15pm, Sunday mornings commencing at 9.15am and Sunday afternoons commencing at 1.15pm.

- (c) **Triples and Fours** - Saturday mornings commencing at 9.15am and Saturday afternoons commencing at 1.15pm, Sunday mornings commencing at 9.15am and Sunday afternoons commencing at 1.15pm.
- (d) If a final of a District Championship is scheduled for a Saturday or Sunday and it is the only game to be played, the game shall be scheduled to start at 10.00 a.m.
- (e) **Postponed Matches**: - Should play in any District Championship be delayed because of inclement weather or other circumstances, play in that competition will be suspended from the time the next competition is due to commence until it can be fitted back into the programme. The Match Committee will use its discretion in the postponing of championship matches.
- (f) District Championship Games are not to be delayed due to clashing with District Representative Games, only from quarter-final stage onwards.
- (g) Competing players must report on arrival at a Club to the Games Secretary.
- (h) If a Saturday round of a District Championship is washed out then both rounds are to be played the next day at the same venues (if available).
2. **Singles**: The Singles Championship will be played as five events, Major, State Senior, State Presidents, Rookies and Minor Singles, and there is no limit to the number of entries from any one Club. All matches will be 31 shots up. A player is allowed under the State Conditions of Play to enter one only of the Major, State Senior or State Presidents Singles Championships.
- (a) **Major Singles Championship** - this is open to all players.
- (b) **State President's Singles & Rookies Singles** - as determined by the Royal NSW Bowling Association.
- (c) **State Senior Singles** – this is open to bowlers who are aged 60 years or over as at the commencement date of the Competition.
- (d) **Minor Singles Championship** - this is restricted to players who have never won a District Major Singles Championship, a District Minor Singles Championship, a Club Major Singles Championship. Further, any player who has played a full season in No.1, No.2 or No.3 grade Saturday Pennant Competitions within the last five (5) years, including the current season, is also ineligible. A full season is classified as 50% of the number of games **played** during the season. The winning of a Club Minor Singles Championship does not disqualify a player from playing in the District Minor Singles Championship.
- (e) **Markers** - When two matches are played on the one day, the morning losers shall be a marker in the afternoon game, provided that should there be a surplus of losers, THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF MARKERS SHALL BE DRAWN FOR "BEFORE THE FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT MATCHES (IF PLAYED ON THE SAME DAY) AND THE PLAYERS ADVISED" AND SHOULD ANY OF THESE PLAYERS DECLINE TO ACT AS A MARKER, THEY SHALL BE LIABLE TO A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$55 (INCL. \$5.00 GST).
- (f) **Trophies** – Major, State Senior, State Presidents, Rookies & Minor Singles Championships.
The winner of the each championship will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time, together with a medallion or certificate and a certificate for his Club. The Major Singles Championship Winners Club will also hold the C. & S. Shield for the ensuring year.
The runner-up in each championship will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time and a certificate for his Club.
3. **Pairs**: The Pairs Championship will be played as four events, Pairs, State Senior, State President's Pairs & Rookies Pairs. Entrants must be members of the same Club (refer to Rule 6 - Declaration of Club for Season) and names of both players must be submitted with the entry. There is no limit to the number of entries from any one Club. All matches will be of 21 ends. A player is allowed under the State Conditions of Play to enter one only of the Pairs, State Senior or State Presidents Pairs Championships.
- (a) **State Pairs** - this is open to all players.
- (b) **State President's Pairs & Rookies Pairs** - as determined by the Royal NSW Bowling Association.
- (c) **State Senior Pairs** - this is open to bowlers who are aged 60 years or over as at the commencement date of the Competition.
- (d) **Trophies** – Pairs, State Senior, Rookies and State Presidents Pairs Championships
The winners will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time, together with a medallion or certificate for each player and a certificate for their Club.

The runners-up will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time and a certificate for their Club.

4. **Triples:** Entrants must be members of the same Club (refer to Rule 6 - Declaration of Club for Season) and names of the players must be submitted with the entry. There is no limit to the number of entries from any one Club. Each player will play two bowls and all matches will be of 25 ends.

Trophies - The winners will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time, together with a medallion or certificate for each player and a certificate for their Club. The runners-up will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time and a certificate for their Club.
5. **Fours:** Entrants must be members of the same Club (refer to Rule 6 - Declaration of Club for Season) and names of the players must be submitted with the entry. There is no limit to the number of entries from any one Club. All matches will be of 21 ends.

Trophies - The winners will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time, together with a medallion or certificate for each player and a certificate for their Club. The Club will also hold the Coal Board Shield for the ensuing year. The runners-up will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time and a certificate for their Club.
6. **Champion of Club Champions Competitions:**
 - (a) **Champion of Club Champions Singles Competition** - Entries in this competition are restricted to one player from any Affiliated Club in the Newcastle District who must, at the time of entry, be the Club's reigning champion and who has attained that honour by normal Club championship play. A Club's champion shall not be entitled to play in this competition for two Clubs nor in the competition twice because only one Club championship has been finalised in two years. All matches will be 31 shots up.

Trophies - The winner will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time, together with a medallion or certificate and a certificate for his Club. The runner-up will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time and a certificate for his Club.
 - (b) **Champion of Club Champions Pairs Competition** - Entries in this competition are restricted to two players from any Affiliated Club in the Newcastle District who must, at the time of entry, be the Club's reigning champions and who have attained that honour by normal Club championship play. All matches will be of 21 ends. Substitutes will be permitted subject to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Trophies - The winners will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time, together with a medallion or certificate for each player and a certificate for their Club. The runners-up will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time and a certificate for their Club.
 - (c) **Champion of Club Champions Fours Competition** - Entries in this competition are restricted to four players from any Affiliated Club in the Newcastle District who must, at the time of entry, be the Club's reigning champions and who have attained that honour by normal Club championship play. All matches will be of 21 ends. Substitutes will be permitted subject to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Trophies - The winners will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time, together with a medallion or certificate for each player and a certificate for their Club. The runners-up will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time and a certificate for their Club.
7. **Junior Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships; 18-25 Years Singles, Pairs & Triples Championships:** Commencing date and times as decided by the N.D.B.A. Match Committee. Refer RNSWBA Conditions of Play Section 10 Appendix "B". A junior bowler must be under the age of 18 years as at the completion date of the State Competition.
 - (a) **Singles:** There is no limit to the number of entries from any one Club. All matches will be 31 shots up. Markers shall be arranged by the Venue Club. A player is allowed under the State Conditions of Play to enter the Major Singles, State Presidents Singles and the Junior Singles.
 - (b) **Pairs:** Entrants are not required to be members of the same Club, the names of both players must be submitted with the entry. All matches will be over 21 ends. A player is allowed under the State Conditions of Play to enter the State Pairs, State Presidents Pairs and the Junior Pairs.

- (c) **Triples**: Entrants are not required to be members of the same club, the names of the players must be submitted with the entry. All matches will be over 25 ends, 2 bowls per player.
- (d) **Fours**: Entrants are not required to be members of the same Club, the names of the players must be submitted with the entry. All matches will be over 21 ends.
- Trophies** - The winners will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time, together with a medallion or certificate for each player and a certificate for their Club.
The runners-up will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time and a certificate for their Club.
8. **Incorrect Cards**: A PLAYER, OR PLAYERS, CONCERNED WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR HANDING IN INCORRECT CARDS, THAT IS CARDS WHOSE FIGURES HAVE BEEN TRANSPOSED FROM BACK TO FRONT INCORRECTLY IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE WINNER IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE. A PENALTY OF UP TO \$20 MAY BE IMPOSED ON A PLAYER/S, TEAM/S FOR NOT NOTIFYING THE RESULTS OF GAMES AND TAKING SCORE CARDS OFF THE PREMISES.
9. **Entry Fees**: Entry fees for the Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Champion of Club Champions Singles, Pairs & Fours and Junior Singles, Pairs & Fours will be as decided by the Association from time to time.
10. **Forfeits**: If any player or team fails to fulfil an engagement in these District Championship Competitions without justifiable cause, acceptable to the Match Committee, each player shall be liable to a penalty of such amount as may be fixed by the Association Management Committee from time to time. The Club concerned shall be responsible for payment of the penalty.
Forfeits must be given no later than 4.00pm on the day preceding that on which the match is to be played, except under circumstances acceptable to the Match Committee. It is the responsibility of the forfeiting player or team to notify Association Headquarters (or Match Committee Representative in the case of Saturday, Sunday and holiday matches), the opponent(s) and the Venue Club. Should a whole round be deferred owing to weather conditions or other circumstances forfeits previously given will apply.
Non-payment of a Fine - A player is liable to have his entry declined for Association Events for a period of up to one (1) season.
11. **Duties of Club Officials - District Championship Events**:
- (a) Ensure that a responsible Club Official is at the Club early to run the game.
 - (b) Obtain from the Greens Liaison Officer number of rinks to be used.
 - (c) Ensure that a National Umpire is appointed and show his name on the blackboard alongside the draw. If no Club National Umpire is available, then the Association should be notified so that suitable arrangements can be made for the supply of a National Umpire.
 - (d) Prepare score cards, showing the names of players, captain or Club on front and back. Issue one card to each team or player on arrival.
 - (e) Display the draw, with the rink numbers, in a prominent place in the Club House for all players to see.
 - (f) Call the cards in time for trial ends of two ends before the commencement of play.
 - (g) Ensure that all games commence at the stipulated time. A 30 minute period of grace is allowed **IN CASES OF EMERGENCY ONLY** beyond the specified time of starting and any team or side not being ready to commence after the expiration of that time will be disqualified.
 - (h) At the stipulated time for commencement of play announce on the P.A. System that the time of commencement has arrived and, if it applies, announce that as a certain team has not arrived, a forfeit may be awarded to the opponents.
SHOULD PLAYERS BE NOT READY TO COMMENCE AT THE STIPULATED TIME AWARD A FORFEIT TO THE OPPONENTS OR DISQUALIFY BOTH TEAMS OR PLAYERS IF NEITHER IS READY ON TIME. BEING IN THE CLUB HOUSE DOES NOT MEAN BEING READY TO START.
 - (i) The names of all players of a team must be entered on the score card for each District Championship round. These cards are to be kept by the Club hosting that round until the completion of the competition.
 - (j) Collect cards from the players at the conclusion of the game, checking to make sure that both agree and are signed by both captains or players.
 - (k) IMMEDIATELY EACH ROUND IS FINISHED phone the results to the pick-up point as shown on the draw sheet. Do not wait until your own game is finished - a recorder

is waiting for your results so that he can phone them to the main centre. Give the results in the same order as on the draw sheet in this manner: -

Jones	17	Smith	31
Brown	31	White	15

12. **Luncheon:** It is the responsibility of players to make suitable luncheon arrangements.
13. For Restricted Championships entries to close a week earlier than normal Championships to allow the NDBA time to check the validity of all entries.
14. Players entering District Championships and Bowls Australia Grand Prix events must notify the NDBA of the clash of dates when entering the NDBA Championship.

VETERANS' AND SUPER VETERANS' DAYS

Veterans' Day is open to all affiliated bowlers aged from 70 to 74 years inclusive.

Super Veterans' Day is for affiliated bowlers 75 years of age and over.

THREE THREES COMPETITION

1. Entries will consist of a side of three threes and there is no restriction on the number of entries from any one Club.
2. (a) The competition will be played in three grades on Wednesday of each week, with play commencing at 1.00pm. The No.1 grade is open only to players of Nos.1 and 2 grades, OR LOWER, Saturday pennant players' standard. The No.2 grade is open only to players of Nos.3 and 4 grades, OR LOWER, Saturday pennant players' standard. The No.3 grade is open only to players of Nos.5, 6 and 7 grades Saturday pennant players' standard. A Club will be permitted to use one player in the next immediate lowest grade without the approval of the Match Committee. In exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Match Committee, another player will be granted a regrade but they cannot play in the same rink. Any regrade request **must** be accompanied by a copy of the Clubs full list of Three Threes players.
- (b) Scheduled games will not be deferred in the event of a player or players being selected to represent the State.
3. **Entry Fee:** Will be as fixed by the Association from time to time.
4. **Method of Play:**
 - (a) The competition will be played on the two-life system, a side defeated twice being eliminated. Where possible, winning sides of each round and losing sides of each round will meet in the following round and an odd winner and an odd loser will play each other.
 - (b) Should there be an odd side, that side will receive a bye, provided that no side will have more than one bye until all other sides left in have had a bye. The bye will be given to a defeated side in preference to an undefeated side.
 - (c) No side will meet another twice except in the last round.
 - (d) Each player will play three bowls and each match will consist of 21 ends. In the event of a tie an extra end or ends will be played to determine the winner. Points will not be awarded, the winner being determined by the highest aggregate score of all threes.
 - (e) If a Club enters two or more sides in a grade each entry shall be taken as separate and no interchanging between players is permitted.
 - (f) If one or more of the sides is eliminated, players from the eliminated side(s) are not permitted to play in the side(s) remaining in the competition **in any grade**.
 - (g) All matches will be played on the home-and-away basis with, as far as possible, an equal number of games being played on each Clubs' greens. Neutral greens will be used where two Clubs have already played each other on their own greens and are due to meet in the last round of the competition.
 - (h) In the event of the competition being reduced to three sides, two of which have been defeated once and one is undefeated, the two defeated sides will play to decide the finalists, even though they may have already played each other once during the competition. The undefeated side will receive a bye.

- (i) Should the competition be reduced to three sides, all undefeated or all defeated once, then a round robin will be played on neutral greens to determine the winner. The winner shall be determined by wins and/or shots for and against. No extra ends to be played in the event of a tie.
In the event of a match in the Three Threes Competition being interrupted by adverse weather or other justifiable cause it may be continued from its existing stage on the next playing day, except when fifty-four (54) or more ends in aggregate have been completed, prior to such interruption, when it shall be regarded as a full match and the score counted, although score cards show an irregular number of ends. This rule will not apply to finals.
- (j) In continuing an unfinished match from its existing stage to the full number of ends, the number of substitutes for the original players shall be allowed as follows: - Three Threes Sides (9 players) - Three Substitutes provided that original players in any one three may be transferred to another three, for the purpose only of allowing substitutes to play.
5. **Results:** All results are to be notified to Association Headquarters by the Home Club by 5.30pm or, if games are still in progress at that time, the Club is to notify Association Headquarters to that effect. Failure to do so will mean forfeiture of the match for the Home Club, if a winner; however, if the match resulted in the Club being eliminated from the competition, then a penalty of such amount as may be decided by the Association from time to time shall be imposed on the Club.
6. **Result Forms:** Result forms for each match are to be forwarded to Association Headquarters by the **Home Club** so as to reach that office no later than 12 noon on the Friday following the match.
7. **Trophies:** Each player in the winning side & runner-up side will receive a badge and their Club will receive a certificate. To be eligible for such badge players must have played in 50% plus one of the games played.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The winners of the Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 Saturday Pennant Competitions, the District Singles, State Senior Singles, State Presidents Singles, Rookies Singles & Junior Singles, District Pairs, State Senior Pairs, State Presidents Pairs, Rookies Pairs & Junior Pairs, District Triples, District Fours & Junior Fours Championships and the Champion of Club Champions Singles and Pairs Championships will be required to represent the Association at the R.N.S.W.B.A. State Championships held at selected venues each year.

**ADDENDUM TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
N.D.B.A. COMPETITIONS**

The current value of trophies, entry and other fees, penalties, etc., are as under: -

GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ALL N.D.B.A. COMPETITIONS

Rule 5 -- Playing Unregistered Member

The current penalty is \$55.00 (incl. \$5.00 GST)

DISTRICT PENNANT COMPETITIONS

Rule 8 -- Entry Fees

The current fees are:-

Saturday Pennants) Grades 1 to 7 - \$65.00 per side (incl. GST)

Mid-Week Pennants) Grades 1 to 5 - \$65.00 per side (incl. GST)

Levy for Championship Week - \$15.00 per side (incl. GST)
(Nos.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Grades Saturday)

Rules 12(c) -- Protests

The current fee is \$15.00 (incl. GST)

Rule 25(b) -- Forfeits

The current penalty is \$55.00 (incl. GST)

Rule 25(c) -- Forfeits

The current penalty is \$60.00 (incl. GST)

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

Rule 9 -- Entry Fees

The current fees are:-

Singles - \$10.00 per player (incl. GST)

Pairs - \$20.00 per team (incl. GST)

Triples - \$30.00 per team (incl. GST)

Fours - \$40.00 per team (incl. GST)

Champion of Club Champions

Singles, Pairs & Fours - \$20.00 per player per event (incl. GST)

Trophies: -

Prize money for each event will be allocated each year by the Finance & Sponsorship Committee and notified on the entry form for each event.

Rule 10 -- Forfeits

The current penalty is \$55.00 per player (incl. \$5.00 GST)

THREE THREES COMPETITION

Rule 3 -- Entry Fee

The current fee is \$30.00 per side (incl. GST)