

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

Note: these rules and regulations are a guide only and the Bowls NSW Conditions of Play 2019 should be referred to for further information

1. All matches will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and these Conditions of Play.
 These Conditions of Play are to govern the conduct of Association events. They apply to the State as a whole but may be varied, on written application, through the Zone to the State Match Committee. Such application must be made a minimum of 14 days prior to the commencement of any Association event.
 Inevitably situations will arise that are not specifically covered by these Conditions of Play. It is expected that in such circumstances any decision taken will reflect the spirit of these Conditions and embody the ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship supported by good common sense.
 Amendments may occur to this document, as and when necessary. Refer Bowls NSW web site (www.bowlsnsw.com.au) and Circulars.
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** The State Match Committee is the Controlling Body for all Association Events. Authority may be delegated under the Conditions of Play to the Controlling Body of the Zone who may in turn delegate to the District and/or host Club for the conduct of Association events.
4. **Competition Entries:** Nominations for an event showing the player(s) names and Bowls NSW Registration Number(s) as well as (if applicable) date of birth or current Pennant Grade, and Club must be made Zone through its secretary. Late entries will not be accepted.
5. **Players Eligibility:**
 - 2.3.1.1. To Enter Association Events**
 To enter and play an Association event with a Club, a player shall:
 - (i.) be a registered Bowling Member of that Club (ii.) be Cleared to play at that club (if required under Bowls NSW Regulations)
 - (iii.) Not have another club as their declared club for that season
 - (iv.) If Applicable, have a membership category at that club that entitles them to play Association Events.
 - Declaration of Club for Season:**
 A player changing their declared Club from one season to the next requires a Clearance & Registration Transfer Application (with the appropriate fee) to be submitted to Bowls NSW, as required in Bowls NSW Regulation 7.2

(ii.) If two or more Clubs shall each have registered the same member in any season, then such member shall be deemed to have declared to play for the Club with which he shall first have played or been constituted in any Association competition during such season.

(iii.) No Bowling Member shall play in Association Events for more than one Club during the bowling season, except as provided by Condition 2.3.1.3 unless substituting as an affiliated member providing no eligible player is available.

Penalty: Player or team disqualified from the competition. Refer Condition 2.2.5

(iv.) Penalties for Pennants matches applies only to the Round(s) in which an ineligible player played, refer COP 3.6.34

6. Change Of Declared Club During The Season

A player who wishes to change their declared Club during the season must make written application to the State Match Committee. Any such application shall be endorsed by the Clubs and Zone(s) involved and a Clearance & Registration Transfer Application lodged with Bowls NSW. (refer also Bowls NSW Regulations) Any such application shall be made using the prescribed form.

7. Association Fixtures To Take Precedence:

(i.) This order of precedence applies to players in Clubs, Districts and Zones throughout New South Wales.

(ii.) Zones and Districts may arrange Inter-Zone and Inter-District events as they wish. Only the events specified herein shall have precedence.

(iii.) Players drawn to play in matches higher in the Order of Precedence shall, on application prior to the matches concerned, be granted dispensation for / deferment of matches lower in the Order of Precedence. Such application to be lodged with the relevant Controlling Body at least seven (7) days prior to the event.

(iv.) This order of precedence shall not apply for deferment of State Pennants Sectional matches with the exception of matches affected by players selected to represent NSW at the Australian Sides Championship. Clubs affected (for other matches) 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. For deferment of matches due to Australian Sides Championship precedence, matches shall be played at a date set by the relevant Controlling Body.

(v.) The Order of Precedence shall also apply to officials nominated by the relevant Controlling Body for matches in Categories 2.14.1 – 2.14.8 below. Officials for these events shall, on application prior to the matches concerned, be granted dispensation for / deferment of matches lower in the Order of Precedence. Such application to be lodged with the relevant Controlling Body at least seven (7) days prior to the event.

Bowls Australia Events

Australian Championships (Including Australian Indoor Singles, Australian Open, and Australian Junior Championships, including qualifying for those events)

Australian Sides Championships

Representation in an Australian National selected side (e.g. Trans-Tasman Series)

Representation

Representation in an Inter-State selected side.

Special competitions, approved by the Association, may be specified as having any level of precedence

Bowls NSW Events

State Pennants

State Champion of Club Champions events

State Singles, State Pairs, State Triples, State Fours
Any State Age Based Championships including Junior Singles, Junior Pairs, Junior Fours, Under 25 Singles
State Senior Singles, State Senior Pairs, State Senior Triples, State Senior Fours
State President's Reserve Singles, State President's Reserve Pairs, State President's Reserve Triples, State President's Reserve Fours
Inter Zone Sides Championship (including Senior & Junior Inter-Zone Sides Championship)
Bowls NSW Rookies Championships
Bowls NSW Club Challenge (Regional and State Finals / Post-Sectional Matches Only)

Zone Events

Zone Representation

Zones are restricted to four (4) nominated Zone events for which precedence will apply.

District Events

District Representation

Districts are restricted to four (4) nominated District events for which precedence will apply.

Club Events

Club Major Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours

Zones/Districts: shall nominate the events that the Zone/District wishes to take precedence over Club Championships within the Zone/District.

Other events may include

- District Events or Representative Games including players and officials
- Three Threes Competition
- President's Day
- Presidents and Secretaries Day/Delegates Day
- Official Games organised by the Association such as Umpires Day, Veterans' and Super Veterans' Days
- Inter-Association Visits
- All Mattara Bowls Fixtures
- All Official Engagements of the Association
- District Selectors attending representative or similar matches
- Club Championships

8. **Practice:** Players may practice up to thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match, providing that rink space is available, and the Controlling Body approves.

Players shall not practice on the rink on which their match is drawn to be played.

9. **Condition Of Greens:**

- (a) Clubs shall provide the best available / most suitable playing surface for Association events.
- (b) In all N.D.B.A. Competitions, all greens, having due regard to weather conditions, shall have an acceptable playing surface.
- (c) Not more than 6 rinks are to be used on any one green, unless written application is approved by the Management Committee.
- (d) 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. Unless authorized by the State or Zone Match Committee. In the event of so doing, both player's 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. Day or Night
- (d) District Championships or Pennant Matches are not to be programmed for Mother's Day or Father's Day. Unless it is necessary to meet qualifying dates for State Events
- (e) If Anzac Day forms part of a long weekend, no pennant play be schedule for that weekend.

12. Period of Grace: If, 15 minutes after the scheduled start time for a match, one or more players are absent from a team, the defaulting team will forfeit the match to their opponents (See also Law 39 - See also COP 2.24.7)

13. Trial Ends A singles player, team or side shall be allowed two (2) trial ends for each match, playing the number of bowls to be used in the event on each end. Trial ends shall be completed prior to the scheduled starting time.
The rink on which a player or team is to play shall be announced and made available for trial ends not later than twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.

14. Post-Sectional Games:

No other games are to be played on the same green and at the same time as post-sectional Association Competitions, without approval from the Association.

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 43.1 - Duties of Umpire and Royal New South Wales Bowling Association Official Conditions of Play Rule 2.12 and Law 43.2. 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. Appointment of Controlling Body: The Controlling Body Representative for an Association Event shall not, unless absolutely unavoidable, be a contestant in the said Association Event (RNSWBA State Condition of Play 2.12).

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: refer to Association Event Attire Policy Bowls NSW website,

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. INFORMATION RE PLAY BEING ON OR OFF WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ZONE 2 WEBSITE www.ndba.com.au. AND ZONE 2 FACEBOOK PAGE Newcastle District Bowling Association / Zone 2 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

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. 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 10.00am with trial ends allowed from 9.40am 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, Beresfield, Boolaroo, Cardiff.
TO RING – DANIEL HILL – 0407 217451
IF UNANSWERED RING – DES SKINNER - 0409 664744

Carrington, Catherine Hill Bay, Charlestown, Dora Creek Workers, East Maitland, Edgeworth, Fingal Bay.
TO RING DES SKINNER – 0409 664 744
IF UNANSWERED RING – DANNY ROWE - 0403 122549.

Hamilton North, Heaton-Birmingham Gardens, Hexham, Kahibah, Karuah RSL, Kotara, Kurri Kurri, Lambton, Lemon Tree Passage, Lorn Park, Lowlands.
TO RING DANNY ROWE – 0403 122549
IF UNANSWERED RING – DAVID GILDAY - 0407 441 999

Maitland City, Marks Point, Mayfield, Mayfield West, Merewether, Nelson Bay, New Lambton, Rathmines Memorial, Raymond Terrace, Redhead.
TO RING DAVID GILDAY – 0407 441999
IF UNANSWERED RING – PHIL BROCKBANK - 0412 733 028

Soldiers Point, Stockton, Swansea Workers, Tea Gardens, Teralba, Tomago, Toronto Workers, Valentine.
TO RING PHIL BROCKBANK – 0412 733028
IF UNANSWERED RING – RICHARD GIRVAN - 0449 138119

Wallsend, Wangi, Warners Bay, Water Board, Windale/Gateshead.
TO RING RICHARD GIRVAN – 0449 138119
IF UNANSWERED RING – DANIEL HILL 0407 217451

- (g) A fine of \$55 will be imposed for not correctly notifying postponement of matches on wet and doubtful days.

DISTRICT PENNANT COMPETITIONS

1. Pennants - General

Pennants shall be conducted under the control of the State Match Committee. The State Match Committee is the Controlling Body for State Grade 1 Pennants
The State Match Committee may delegate to Zones, in line with these Conditions of Play, control of Pennants Grade 2 to 7.

2. Club Grades - Players Eligibility

Clubs shall be allocated grades in accordance with the Conditions of Play
Clubs shall submit (by the due date) a list of all players indicated as playing with their club in that season (Current Season Pennant Player List).

Only players nominated on the Current Season Pennant Player List shall be eligible to play for that club in the current Bowling Season.

Players may only be added with permission from the State Match Committee (through District and Zone, as applicable). Applications to be submitted using the prescribed form and **must be received a minimum of five (5) days prior to the match required.**

3. Saturday Pennants:

There shall be seven (7) grades of pennants available.

Definition - Grade 1 is the 'highest' Grade of Pennant, Grade 7 the 'lowest'. All definitions in these Conditions of Play of higher and lower grades refer to this convention.

A Club may be permitted to enter one or more sides in any pennant grade but shall not be compelled to enter more than one side in any Grade except as provided for in Condition 3.6.19.

Note: Player eligibility requirements may require Clubs to enter more than one side in a grade.

Where a Club has two or more sides entered in any grade they shall be identified as No.1, No.2, No.3 or A, B, C or Red, Green or Blue etc. The sides are considered equal within that grade and players can play in either side during sectional play (if not graded higher).

Each side shall comprise three (3) teams each of four (4) players.

Each Zone must be represented by a Side in each of Grades 2-7 at the State Pennant Finals Series.

No.1 Grade: Entries will be determined by Bowls NSW.

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

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

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

- Those Clubs who competed in the No.3 Grade for the previous season.
- The winner of the No.4 Grade for the previous season.
- Such other Clubs whose sides have competed in the No.4 Grade for the previous season.
- Any Club relegated from No.2 Grade.

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

- Those Clubs who competed in the No.4 Grade for the previous season.
- The winner of the No.5 Grade for the previous season.
- Such other Clubs whose sides have competed in the No.5 Grade for the previous season.
- Any Club relegated from No.3 Grade.

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

- Those Clubs who competed in the No.5 Grade for the previous season.
- The winner of the No.6 Grade for the previous season.
- Such other Clubs whose sides have competed in the No.6 Grade for the previous season.
- Any Club relegated from No.4 Grade.

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

- Those Clubs who competed in the No.6 Grade for the previous season.
- The winner of the No.7 Grade for the previous season.
- Such other Clubs whose sides have competed in the No.7 Grade for the previous season.
- Any Club relegated from No.5 Grade.

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

4. Mid-Week Pennants:

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 Saturday Pennant players' standard or lower.

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

- (a) A player's grading in the Mid-Week Pennant Competition shall be firstly determined by his previous season's Saturday Pennant Competition Grade. A player shall retain his previous season Saturday pennant grade into the Mid-Week Pennant Competition for the entire Mid-Week Season.
- (b) If a player does not have a Saturday Pennant Competition grading, his Mid-Week Pennant grading shall be determined by the games he plays in the Mid-Week Pennant Competition applying the same grading procedure as the Saturday Pennant Competition.
- (c) A club will be permitted to drop 2 players from a higher grade 1 grade only, but they cannot play in the same rink. In exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Match Committee, a club will be permitted to drop 1 player more than 1 grade.
- (d) If a Club is regressed a grade or grades in the Saturday Pennant Competition, then those players currently graded in that grade shall be eligible to play in the Mid-Week Pennant Competition in the Clubs regressed grade, e.g. a Club is regressed from No.3 Grade to No.4 Grade in the Saturday Pennant Competition, then all No.3 Grade graded Saturday Pennant players would be eligible to play in its No.4 Grade Mid-Week Pennant side.
- (e) Any player wishing to play in a mid-week grade which is lower than his previous season's Saturday grade must be granted permission from the Zone Match Committee.**
- (f) Scheduled games will not be deferred in the event of a player or players being selected to represent the State.
- (g) Composite sides are allowable for Mid-Week Pennants as per State Conditions of Play.

5. Allocation Of Pennant Entries:

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.

6. Elevation of Clubs:

All Winners of State Pennants, Grades 2 to 7, shall be elevated to the next highest Grade, irrespective of whether that Club has a side already entered in that higher grade.

All Zone Winners, Grades 2 to 7, may be elevated to the next highest grade.

Clubs may be elevated having regard to the previous years' Pennant performances and according to the previous season gradings of the players indicated as playing with each Club.

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All Zone Winners, Grades 2 to 7, may be elevated to the next highest grade. Clubs may be elevated having regard to the previous years' Pennant performances and according to the previous season gradings of the players indicated as playing with each Club.

7. 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. There will be no byes in the top 3 grades of the Saturday Pennant Competition, with the best performed sides from the previous year in the lower grade, who are not already represented in the higher grade, being promoted to fill the bye position or sides may be regressed to a lower grade. 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 made in 2 groups of North and South, after the sides have been finalised in 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.

(b) Post-Sectional Play**Saturday Pennant Competition:**

The State Match committee, as the controlling body of 1 grade, shall decide the configuration of the playoff structure

The Zone 2 match committee will construct the playoffs based on the following:

Any grade that has 4 sections or more, the top 8 go to playoffs in 2 sections of 4 playing a round robin using same point system as normal pennant match (10 points) with winners of both sections playing for flag.

Grades with 4 sections - top 2 in each section.

Grades with 5 sections - the winner of each section plus the 3 best performed 2nd place sides. Based on average points per games played.

Grades with 6 sections - the winner of each section plus the 2 best performed 2nd place sides. Based on average points per games played.

Grades with 7 sections - the winner of each section plus the best performed 2nd place side. Based on average points per games played.

Grades with 8 sections - the winner of each section.

Grades with more than 8 sections. An open draw straight knock-out system to apply.

Grades with 3 sections – the winner of each section plus best performed 2nd placed side. Based on average points per games played

Grades with 2 sections – the top 2 from each section

(c) Mid-Week Pennant Competition:

An open draw is made for post sectional matches. All Grades to have at least semi-finals, e.g. if only 2 Sections top 2 teams in each Section to qualify for semi-finals. If there are only three sections in a grade, a round robin shall be played to determine the pennant winner (Refer RNSWBA 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.

8. Method Of Scoring:

The method of scoring for all sectional pennant matches and all post-sectional round robin matches shall be:

Side Win	7 Points	(Side scoring the highest aggregate number of shots)
Side Tie (Draw)	3.5 Point	(Both Sides Score equal aggregate number of shots)
Side Loss	0 Point	(Side scoring the lesser aggregate number of shots)
Team Win	1 Point	(one point for each team of the side that wins (<i>rink win</i>)) Team
Tie	0.5 Point	(0.5 points for each team of the side that ties (<i>rink win</i>))

The winner of the Sectional Series of Matches shall be determined as follows:

- (i.) The Side scoring the highest number of points shall be declared the winner
- (ii.) If there is a tie, the side with the largest difference between 'total shots for' and 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- (iii.) If there is still a tie, the side with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- (iv.) If there is still a tie, the side winning the highest number of ends over all matches of the Sectional shall be declared the winner.

Rankings within sections shall also be determined using the above method

9. 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.

Note: Byes do not count towards players eligibility for post section (COP 3.6.25) or grading (COP 3.6.24)

10. Forfeit

A side receiving a forfeit during sectional play shall be awarded maximum points and be credited with a margin of +15 shots.

(ii.) At the time of the forfeit the match shall be recorded as a score of 15-0. If at the end of sectional play the determination of section winners is to be determined by shots conceded (See COP 3.6.16.1) the match scores shall be calculated as:

(iii.) Side forfeiting shall be credited as scoring the average number of shots of losing sides in that section over the season. Side receiving forfeit shall be credited with average losing score +15 shots.

(iv.) A side receiving a forfeit shall submit a Pennant Result Form. For the purposes of grading of players and eligibility for post sectional play the match shall be deemed to be a match played and the players declared on the Result Form regarded as having played the match

(v.) If a Club fields more than one Pennant Grade on the same playing date, **any forfeit shall be that of the lowest grade.**

A side forfeiting shall notify:

- **The Controlling Body**
- **The Opponent**
- **The Venue Club**

at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the first match unless there is a satisfactory explanation for not doing so.

(vii.) Penalty not exceeding \$600 per side for any one offence and/or have their entry declined for any association event for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

(viii.) A side forfeiting any match must submit to the relevant Controlling Body a written explanation of the reason(s) for the forfeiture of the match. Such explanation to be submitted within seven (7) days of the date on which the match was scheduled to be played.

(ix.) Should the explanation be deemed inadequate, a penalty not exceeding \$600 per side may be imposed on the Club for any one offence and/or the Club may have their entry declined for any Association Event for a period of up to twelve (12) months

PENALTY: not exceeding \$600 per side for any one offence and/or have their entry declined for any association event for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

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Should the explanation be deemed inadequate, a penalty not exceeding \$600 per side may be imposed on the Club for any one offence and/or the Club may have their entry declined for any Association Event for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

11. Timetable:

The Side Managers 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 thirty (30) minutes before the starting time of the event.

Trial ends shall commence not later than twenty (20) minutes before the starting time of the event. (i)

(a) Saturday Pennant Post Sectional Matches – to be played in line with State Play-offs, viz two (2) games per day as required to complete the pennant for grades that do not have a round robin.

(b) Wednesday 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 (depending upon number of matches to be played).

(c) Pennant sectional matches played on a Sunday are to commence at 10.00am, with trial ends allowed from 9.40am or a different starting time as agreed between the two clubs. Cards are to be called at 9.30am.

(d) Players may practice up to (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match, providing that rink space is available and the Controlling Body approves (State C.O.P. 4.7.2.). Players may not practice on the rink on which they are drawn to play once the rink draw is made (DR 1.1.4). 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 3.3 – If, after the draw for rinks has been made, a player in a competition or game plays on the same rink before the start of play on the day of the competition or game, that player will be disqualified. This does not apply to open tournaments.

(e) Saturday Pennants (all grades) may be played on a Friday Night, Saturday Night or Sunday morning, with agreement from both clubs. This rule is subject to Rule 18 (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 morning following Game 8.) The following procedures are to apply:

(i) The Application Form for a Friday Night, Saturday Night or Sunday morning 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.

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

(g) Greens for pennant play-offs to be allocated by the Match Committee, from those clubs that apply to host similar to Mattara.

12. 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 on an equal basis to the Clubs representing Zone 2 at the State Play-offs.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

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

18. Player Grading & Eligibility – Saturday Pennants:

Any variation to player's eligibility must have the written approval of the State Match Committee. Clubs may make application (on the Application for Variation of Condition of Play) for specific players to have their grading or eligibility varied, submitting all relevant details through their Zone Association. Note: Players must be nominated as playing with the club as per Condition 3.6.21

3.6.24. Eligibility

A player's eligibility shall be determined as follows:

3.6.24.1. Previous Season State Pennant Winners

- (i.) A player who was graded in a side that was a State Pennant Winner in Grades 2 to 7 in the previous season shall be ineligible to play in that grade or lower in the current Bowling Season.
- (ii.) A player who was graded in a side that was a State Pennant Winner in Grade 1 in the previous season shall be ineligible to play in a lower grade in the current Bowling Season.
- (iii.) Players who are constituted in a side that wins a State Pennant (i.e. players who play in the final) Grade 2 to 7 shall be ineligible to play in that grade or lower in their next season.

3.6.24.2. Previous Season Zone Pennant Winners

- (i.) A player who was graded in a side that was a Zone Pennant Winner in Grade 2 to 7 in the previous season shall be ineligible to play in a lower grade in the current Bowling Season.
- (ii.) A player who was graded in a side that qualified for the Grade 1 State Finals in the previous season shall be ineligible to play in a lower Grade in the current Bowling Season.

3.6.24.3. Players Changing Declared Club

Players whose eligibility is determined under Condition 3.6.24.1 or Condition 3.6.24.2 shall be eligible as per the provisions of those Conditions, irrespective of a change of Declared Club. All other Players changing declared Club from their previous season shall be eligible to play no more than two grades below their previous season grading. He shall be included as one of the four players eligible to play more than one grade below their previous season grading under Conditions 3.6.24.7 or 3.6.24.8, if applicable

(i.) If their new Club does not have a side entered in their previous season grading and/or one or two grades below their previous season grading, he shall be eligible to play no lower than the next highest grade entered by the Club provided that he is the only player changing declared Club to be eligible under this clause. He shall be included as one of the four players eligible to play more than one grade below their previous season grading under Conditions 3.6.24.7 or 3.6.24.8, if applicable.

(ii.) If a Club has two or more players changing declared Club who are required to play more than two grades below their previous season grading (as provided in (i) above) the Club must make application (through the relevant Zone/District) for approval for those players to play in that grade. Note that the Club may be elevated as per the provisions of Condition 3.6.19.

A player changing their declared Club from their previous season requires a NSW Club Player Clearance; refer Condition 2.3.1.2 and Bowls NSW Regulations.

3.6.24.4. Players with 'Nominated' Club other than NSW Club. Clubs shall be restricted to a maximum of two (2) players in any side in any match of State Pennants in the Highest grade played by that Club who: (i.) Currently have a State Other than NSW as their nominated club as per the Bowls Australia Affiliation and Eligibility to Play policy and/or (ii.) Normally reside outside Australia and are also registered/affiliated with a body recognised by World Bowls (iii.) Players covered under this clause must be registered with the club and included on its list of intended Pennant players submitted prior to the season or written permission gained from the State Match

Committee (through District/Zone) to be eligible to play. (iv.) A player who had a nominated club outside of NSW for the previous season shall be included in this clause unless they: • Are registered with Bowls NSW as a member of the NSW Club as at 1 January in the year of competition AND • Have an Interstate Clearance lodged with Bowls NSW to become a NSW player as at 1 January in the year of the competition and do not seek Interstate Clearance to another State/Territory before the completion of the State Pennant Finals in that year OR • Receive written permission from the State Match Committee to be considered a NSW based player. The player shall make written application and shall submit evidence of their case to be considered as a NSW based player.

3.6.24.5. Players from outside NSW

(i.) Players who have previously played in a State or Territory other than NSW and who do NOT have a previous season grading from NSW shall be deemed to have a previous season grading based on the grade they played in the other State or Territory.

(ii.) Players previously registered with or playing in a body recognised by another National Association who do not have a NSW previous season grading shall be deemed to have a previous season grading of Grade 1.

(iii.) The eligibility of players may be varied on written application (through relevant District/Zone) to the State Match Committee. (iv.) Players covered under this clause must be registered with the club and included on its list of intended Pennant players submitted prior to the season or written permission gained from the State Match Committee (through District/Zone) to be eligible to play.

14.1.4. All Other Players

3.6.24.6. All Other Players (i.) A player is eligible to play no lower than one (1) Grade below their grading for their previous Pennant Season, except as otherwise provided for in this clause.

3.6.24.7. Non-Consecutive Grades

(i.) Where a Club does not have consecutive Grades four (4) players only from each of those non-consecutive grades shall be eligible to play no lower than the Club's next highest Grade.

(ii.) The four players is for the whole of the season (for each of the non-consecutive grades) and includes any players who have changed declared club (Refer 3.6.24.3). Clubs requiring more than the permitted four players shall apply for a variation of Condition of Play 3.6.24 on the appropriate form.

(iii.) A Club having consecutive grades as a result of regression shall be entitled to apply the conditions of 3.6.24.7 (i) to those consecutive grades.

3.6.24.8. Consecutive Grade Clubs A maximum of four players (in each side) are eligible to play no more than two (2) grades below their previous season grading. (The maximum of four players is for the whole of the season)

3.6.24.9. Player Graded In The Current Season

Once a player has become graded in the current season he is ineligible to play in a grade lower than their current season grading. (The player may not play in a lower grade from the date on which he became graded)

3.6.24.10. Current Season Grading

A player's grading in the current season shall be determined by their matches played in the current season.

3.6.24.11. Graded During the Current Season

A player who has played a minimum of the threshold number of matches (as below) shall be graded in that grade for the current season. (Byes do not count as a match played)

Number of Sectional Matches Scheduled	Threshold Number of Matches <i>(Byes do NOT count as a match played)</i>
9 or more	5 matches
7 or 8 (plus 1 or more byes)	4 matches
7 or 8	4 matches
5 or 6 (plus 1 or more byes)	3 matches
5 or 6	3 matches

Once a player has become graded in the current season he may not play in a lower grade.

A player's grading will change to a higher grade if he plays the number of threshold matches in a higher grade.

3.6.24.12. Graded at end of Sectional Play

(i.) A player who has not been graded at the end of sectional play, but has played a total (across all grades) of the minimum threshold number of matches applicable to any grade in which he played, shall be graded in the current season in the grade in which he has the greater number of matches (if equal, the lowest grade shall apply)

(ii.) A player who has not played a total (across all grades) of the minimum threshold number of matches applicable to any grade in which he played shall retain their previous season grading. A player who has not been graded at the end of sectional play is ineligible to play Post Sectional matches without permission from the SMC

3.6.25. Post Sectional Play

(i.) A player shall be eligible to play in Post Sectional Play in a grade no lower than their current season grading and as prescribed by Condition 3.6.31 Eligibility for Post Sectional Play.

(ii.) Players who are constituted in a side that wins a State Pennant (ie players who play in the final) Grade 2 to 7 shall be ineligible to play in that grade or lower in their next season.

(iii.) Post Sectional Matches other than a State Pennant Final do not affect a player's current season grading.

3.6.25.1. Penalties: As prescribed in Condition 3.6.34

3.6.26. Player Match / Grading Records

Clubs and Zones/Districts should keep accurate records of players participation in each round of Pennants, ensuring that players are selected and play in grades as they are eligible according to Condition of Play 3.6.24. (See also 3.6.21 Approval & Reporting)

3.6.27. Participation in State Pennants

A player may not participate in more than one match in any Round of Sectional Pennant Play (Grades 1 - 7) except for a resumed match or a rescheduled match.

In a resumed or rescheduled match a player may play a match in a higher grade in place of an originally named player who is ineligible or unavailable for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body on the rescheduled/resumed date. Prior written permission shall be obtained from the Controlling Body. In a resumed match, if only one player is unavailable then a substitute **MUST** be used; if 2 players are unavailable in a Rink, a substitute and a Replacement player may be used.

Matches shall be counted as matches played for grading and eligibility for post-section purposes **SEE COP 3.6.24 and 3.6.31**

For the purpose of this condition Round 1 shall be deemed as the first match scheduled to be played in that grade, Round 2 the second match scheduled to be played, and so on. The date on which the match is played is not taken into account. 3.6.27.1.

Penalties: As prescribed in Condition 3.6.34

14.7. Change of Venue

If the greens of the Home Club are unplayable the draw may be reversed, by mutual consent.

Pennant Result Forms shall be completed by the **designated home side**.

14.8. Results

Results shall be forwarded to the relevant Controlling Body (State / Zone District) by the DESIGNATED HOME SIDE# immediately after the completion of play.

A Pennant result form shall be completed for all scheduled matches.

Any substitute or Replacement player during a match must be recorded on the result form

A Pennant Result Form must be completed and forwarded to the Controlling Body for Forfeits, Matches Not Completed and Matches Not Commenced.

Penalty for failing to supply results or supplying false or misleading information: within three (3) days after the match may incur a fine not exceeding five hundred (\$500) dollars +GST

Note – Zone/District Controlling Bodies may specify additional/alternative requirements for the submission of results

14.9. Eligibility for Post Sectional Play (State C.O.P. 3.6.31.)

To be eligible for post sectional play a player must have been graded in the current season in that Grade or in a lower Grade.

A player who has not been graded in the current season may be approved to play post sectional play by application to the State Match Committee, with the recommendation of the District and Zone.

A waive of eligibility will only be considered if:

- There are insufficient eligible players available whose current season grading is in the grade required AND
- The Club's next lowest graded side is also involved in Post-Sectional Play.

Applications for players who have not played in the current season will only be considered for the Club's lowest Grade..

14.10. Post Sectional Play - Method of Scoring

14.10.1 Knockout Play

The Side scoring the highest aggregate number of shots (Master board scoring) shall be declared the winner

If scores are equal at the completion of the scheduled number of ends (master board), an extra end or ends shall be played to determine a winner. (See Law 28).

14.10.2 Round Robin Play

See section 6 of on page 8 or refer to **Condition of Play 3.6.16 Method of Scoring**

14.11. Penalty for Pennant Infringements

The following penalties apply for Playing an Unregistered Player, Playing an Ineligible or Grading Infringement Player or forfeiture of a match due to a breach of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. (Refer to Conditions of Play 2.19, 3.6.14, 3.6.24,3.6.25, Law 52.6 and Law 39.2.1 and Bowls NSW Regulations & Policies)

14.11.1 Sectional Play

- (i.) The offending side disqualified with loss of all points for the match involved and shall be credited with a margin of -15 shots or the margin by which it lost whichever is the higher.
- (ii.) The non-offending side shall receive maximum points and shall be credited with a margin of +15 shots or the margin by which it won, whichever is the higher.
- (iii.) Should the scores need to be recalculated, the score of the offending side should stand and the score of the non-offending side recalculated as (Offending side score +15 shots).

14.11.2 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

19. Grading For Mid-Week Post-Sectional Games

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.

- 20. 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) **on the correct form** to the NDBA Match Committee for acceptance.

21. Substitutes and Replacements:

Refer to COP 2.24. Substitutes and Replacements

22. Matches Not Commenced Or Not Completed:

A minimum of 54 ends shall constitute a completed match.

If a match is stopped (e.g. due to inclement weather) and less than 54 ends are completed when the match is stopped the match shall be resumed (at a later date/time) and continued to 63 ends. Where 2 matches are scheduled to be played on a day and the first of those matches is delayed, the Controlling Body may, if necessary to successfully complete the event, determine that each match to be played on that day will be of reduced duration.

If the relevant Controlling Body determines that the result of the match will have no bearing on determination of section winners or elevation and regression of sides for the following season the match shall be declared a tie and each side awarded five (5) points.

Players selected as Replacement players or substitutes in a resumed match shall not have played in a higher grade in the same round and shall not have a current season grading in a higher grade on the date that the match is resumed. (Note: The original constituted players remain eligible to complete the match). see also 3.6.27 and 2.24.6

Note: Each side shall retain its score cards and a copy of the Pennant result Form, for use when the match is resumed. The seconds should sign/initial the score cards at the point where play was interrupted. Penalties: As prescribed in Condition 3.6.34

Note: A Pennant Result Form showing Match not completed should be forwarded to the Controlling Body.

Note: In a resumed match (See COP 2.24.6) One substitute player may be permitted in each team. If two players are unavailable in each team one substitute and one replacement player may be authorised. If three players are unavailable in a team, that team may play one player short as per Domestic Regulation 2.5

23. 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 32). 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.

24. 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 on the second Sunday morning following the washed out match or as directed by the Match Committee.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. 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 second 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 second 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 second 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 DR.3.2).

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.

29. **Completing the Result Forms:**

- (i) Result forms must be completed and **block letters** are to be used for the names of the sides and the individual players and **must** include the RNSWBA registration number. 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) pennant result forms can be found on Bowls NSW Under Membership Resources/Match and Competition Documents/Pennants 2019/Match result form.
- (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.**

30. Informing NDBA of 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 the results of ALL matches. It is stressed that the purpose of phoning results is to enable results to be placed on Website ASAP after completion of round.

31. 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 to the Association Secretary, so as to reach him **not later than 12 noon on the second working day after the match.** This can be done by:

- 1) Scanning the result form and e-mailing to louise@ndba.com.au
- 2) Taking a photo of result form and texting to 0448 803 590 or emailing photo to louise@ndba.com.au

A COPY - To be handed to the opposing Side Captain - ENSURE THAT HE HAS FIRST COUNTERSIGNED IT.

A COPY - To be retained for the Club's records.

- 32. 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 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.
- 33. 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".
- 34. Bowls Stickers/Adhesive Markings:**
A Club, District, Zone or Association Controlling Body may supply and require identifying bowls stickers (adhesive markings) to be used on bowls and stipulate the occasions they may be used. Worn or faded stickers shall be removed or replaced. Bowls shall have only one layer of stickers used at a time. (that is, each bowl shall have one LAYER OF sticker on each side only)
Bowls stickers may cover the distinctive engraving on the bias side of the bowl (small engraving). Stickers used by a team or side must be of same colour scheme and design but may be of different sizes to accommodate larger engravings on bowls. (Stickers may be in more than one part, but only one layer of stickers shall be used on each side of a bowl).
If opposing sides, teams or players have the same design or colour of markings and an alternative is not available, players in the side listed second in the draw must remove their markings.

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, State Senior Triples, State President's Triples** - 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) **Fours, State Senior Fours, State President's 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.
 - (e) 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. or at a time requested by the Host Club who is the Sponsor of the event.
 - (f) **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.
 - (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.
- Major Singles Championship** - this is open to all players.
- State President's Singles & Rookies Singles** - as determined by the Royal NSW Bowling Association.
- State Senior Singles** – this is open to bowlers who are aged 60 years or over as at January 1 in the year of the Competition.
- 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.
- 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).
- Trophies** – Major, State Senior, State Presidents, Rookies & Minor Singles Championships. The winners will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time, together with a Badge for players and a certificate for their 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.
- State Pairs** - this is open to all players.
- State President's Pairs & Rookies Pairs** - as determined by the Royal NSW Bowling Association.
- State Senior Pairs** - this is open to bowlers who are aged 60 years or over as at January 1 in the year of the Competition..
- 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 Badge for players 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: The Triples Championship will be played as three events, Triples, State Senior & State President's 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.
- State Triples** - this is open to all players.
- State President's Triples** - as determined by the Royal NSW Bowling Association.
- State Senior Triples** - this is open to bowlers who are aged 60 years or over as at January 1 in the year of the Competition.
- Trophies** - The winners will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time, together with a Badge for players 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: The Triples Championship will be played as three events, Triples, State Senior & State President's 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 21 ends.
State Fours - this is open to all players.
State President's Fours - as determined by the Royal NSW Bowling Association.
State Senior Fours - this is open to bowlers who are aged 60 years or over as at January 1 in the year of the Competition..
6. **Trophies** - The winners will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time, together with a Badge for players 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.
7. **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 current year 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. Substitutes and Replacement Players Singles – Substitutes and replacement players are not permitted
Trophies - The winners will receive a trophy of such value as decided by the Association from time to time, together with a Badge for players and a certificate for their 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 current year reigning champions and who have attained that honour by normal Club championship play. All matches will be of 21 ends.
Substitutes and Replacement Players Pairs – replacement Players are not permitted The Controlling Body may authorise the use of a substitute in a Pairs team (the substitute may be authorised as an affiliated member). The affiliated member MUST be currently registered a member of the club that the team is representing, Must have been eligible to enter the Club Pairs and must NOT have been constituted in the Club Major Pairs.
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 current year reigning champions and who have attained that honour by normal Club championship play. All matches will be of 21 ends.
Substitutes and Replacement Players Fours The Controlling Body may authorise the use of a substitute and replacement players in a Fours team (the substitute may be authorised as an affiliated member and a substitute must be used before a replacement player is allowed). The affiliated member MUST be currently registered a member of the club that the team is representing, Must have been eligible to enter the Club Fours and must NOT have been constituted in the Club Fours.

- (d) **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. 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. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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 of two ends before the commencement of play.
- (g) Ensure that all games commence at the stipulated time. A 15 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
- (l) Provide Markers when required for District Singles Championships.

- 13. **Luncheon:** It is the responsibility of players to make suitable luncheon arrangements.
- 14. For Restricted Championships entries to close a week earlier than normal Championships to allow the NDBA time to check the validity of all entries.
- 15. 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) (i) In No.1 Grade each player will play two bowls and each match will consist of 25 ends.
(ii) In Nos.2 & 3 Grades each player will play three bowls and each match will consist of 21 ends.
(iii) 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 that grade, but are allowed to play in a higher grade. The eliminated players are those that play in the side in the game that it incurs its second loss.
 - (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 sixty-three (63) or more ends in aggregate have been

completed in No.1 Grade & fifty-four (54) or more ends in aggregate have been completed in Nos. 2 & 3 Grades, 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.
- (k) Absentee players in a side game – Domestic Regulation 2.5 applies.

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, State Senior Triples, State Presidents Triples, District Fours State Senior Fours, State Presidents 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 - \$125.00 per side (incl. GST)

Mid-Week Pennants) Grades 1 to 5 - \$110.00 per side (incl. GST)

Rules 12(c) -- Protests

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

Rule 6 -- Forfeits

The current penalty is \$55.00 (incl. GST) or not exceeding \$600/side.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

Rule 9 -- Entry Fees

The current fees are:-

Singles - \$11.00 per player (incl. GST)

Pairs - \$22.00 per team (incl. GST)

Triples - \$33.00 per team (incl. GST)

Fours - \$44.00 per team (incl. GST)

Champion of Club Champions

Singles, Pairs & Fours - \$22.00 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 \$55.00 per side (incl. GST)