

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 2020 should be referred to, for further information follow the link below**

<https://rnsdba.org.au/competitions-events/conditions-of-play/>

1. **Compliance with Bowls NSW Constitution, Regulations & Policies**  
All Players and officials in Association Events shall be required to comply with the provisions of the Constitution, Regulations and Policies.
2. **All matches will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls 3rd edition version 3.1 April 2019 and the 2020 BNSW Conditions of Play and any other conditions in these regulation.**  
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](http://www.bowlsnsw.com.au)) and Circulars.
3. **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 Zone 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.
4. **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 host Club for the conduct of Association events.
5. **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 to Zone through its secretary. Late entries will not be accepted.
6. **Players Eligibility:**  
**Enter Association Events a player must be a registered member of Bowls NSW.**  
**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);
  - (iii.) Not have another club as their declared club for that Bowling Season in accordance with condition 2.3.1.2; and
  - (iv.) If applicable, have a membership category at that Club that entitles them to play Association Events.

## 7. 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. [https://rnswwa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/BowlsNSW\\_Regulations\\_Amendment\\_2019\\_0329.pdf?x84141](https://rnswwa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/BowlsNSW_Regulations_Amendment_2019_0329.pdf?x84141)

If two or more Clubs each have registered the same person as a member in any Bowling Season, that person's declared club shall be the club that they first played for, or became a constituted player, in any Association Event during that Bowling Season.

No Bowling Member shall play in Association Events for more than one Club during a 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 COP Condition 2.2.5).

(ii.) Penalties for Pennants matches apply only to the Round(s) in which an ineligible player played (refer COP condition 3.6.34).

## 8. Change of Declared Club During the Season

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

Permission to change declared Club for the season shall only be considered when:

A player changes their place of residence, the change making travel to their declared Club impractical. Or,

The player is required to change their declared Club as a condition of their employment with their prospective new Club. Employment must be full-time or a primary source of income. Or,

There are other special or exceptional circumstances which apply.

Once approved by the State Match Committee, the player shall cease to be eligible to enter or play in ANY Association Event in the current Bowling Season with their former club (except as provided for in condition 2.3.1.4) and shall become eligible to play in any Association Event in which they have not already become constituted during the current Bowling Season.

## 9. Association Fixtures to Take Precedence:

This order of precedence applies to players in Clubs, Districts and Zones throughout New South Wales. Events within categories 2.14.1, 2.14.2 and 2.14.3 are of equal status in those categories.

(ii.) Districts and Zones may arrange Inter-Zone and Inter-Zone 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 (Matches in category 2.14.1 are higher than Category 2.14.2 and so on) 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 except for matches affected by players selected to represent NSW or BA at the Australian Sides Championship in a playing or coaching/administrative capacity. 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.

(vi) Zones may allocate Bowls NSW events on the same weekend as other Bowls NSW events, if there are NO players affected by this Order of Preference.

#### **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).

#### **State 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, Over 40s Pairs.

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**

Competition as in 2.14.3 above - at Zone Level.

#### **Zone Representation**

Zones are restricted to four (4) nominated Zone events for which precedence will apply. Such events shall be included in the Season Program for the Zone.

#### **Zone Events**

Competition as in 2.14.3 above - Zone Level.

#### **Zone Representation**

Zones are restricted to two (2) nominated Zone events for which precedence will apply. Such events shall be included in the Season Program for the Zone.

#### **Clubs**

Club Major Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.

Zones shall nominate the events (referred to in 2.14.5 and 2.14.7 above) that the District / Zone wishes to take precedence over Club Championships within the Zone

Notice of such nominations shall be made in the Zone program of Events for the Association year.

#### **Other events may include**

- Zone 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
- Zone Selectors attending representative or similar matches
- Club Championships

10. **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.

**11. Condition Of Greens:**

- (a) Clubs shall provide the best available / most suitable playing surface for Association events. The NDBA will direct the club as to which green is to be used should only 1 green be required.
- (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.

**12. Lights:** Artificial light is permitted to be used to complete matches in Zone Pennants and Championship Competitions.

**13. Play On Date Set Down:**

- (a) All Association Zone 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 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) Zone 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 is to be scheduled for that weekend.

**14. 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) The controlling body can allow up to 30 minutes if they are aware of circumstances that has delayed the player, team or side.

**15. 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. Should a player or team not be present at the time of trial ends then they forfeit their right to the trial ends before the match.

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.

**16. Association Events:**

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

**17. 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.

**18. 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.

**19. Attire:** refer to Association Event Attire Policy Bowls NSW website,

[https://rnswnba.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Association\\_event\\_attire\\_policy\\_2019.pdf?x84141](https://rnswnba.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Association_event_attire_policy_2019.pdf?x84141)

20. **Catering** – Catering at Zone Matches is to be at the sole discretion of the Host Club.

21. **Inclement weather:**

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](http://www.ndba.com.au). AND ZONE 2 FACEBOOK PAGE Newcastle Zone Bowling Association / Zone 2 and Zone 2 Bowlers 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 (page 6) between 10.00am and 10.45am on the day the match is drawn to be played. DO NOT RING TO TELL THEM 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, the Clubs involved should check the Zone 2 website or contact the host club.
- (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 their 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 alert their members through their normal communication channels.



(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 – STEVE GILSHENAN – 0414 849619**

Carrington, Catherine Hill Bay, Charlestown, Dora Creek Workers, East Maitland, Edgeworth, Fingal Bay.

**TO RING STEVE GILSHENAN – 0414 849619**

**IF UNANSWERED RING – DANNY ROWE - 0403 122549.**

Hamilton North, Heaton-Birmingham Gardens, Hexham, Kahibah, Karuah RSL, Kotara, Kurri Kurri,

**TO RING DANNY ROWE – 0403 122549**

**IF UNANSWERED RING – DAVID GILDAY - 0407 441 999**

Lambton, Lemon Tree Passage, Lorn Park, Lowlands. Maitland City, Marks Point, Mayfield, Mayfield West,

**TO RING DAVID GILDAY – 0407 441999**

**IF UNANSWERED RING – PHIL BROCKBANK - 0412 733 028**

Merewether, Nelson Bay, New Lambton, Rathmines Memorial, Raymond Terrace, Redhead.

**TO RING PHIL BROCKBANK – 0412 733028**

**IF UNANSWERED RING – RICHARD GIRVAN - 0449 138119**

Soldiers Point, Stockton, Swansea Workers, Tea Gardens, Telarah, Teralba, Tomago,

**TO RING RICHARD GIRVAN – 0449 138119**

**IF UNANSWERED RING – JOHN SMITH – 0432 148408**

**Toronto Workers, Valentine. Wallsend, Wangi, Warners Bay, Water Board, Windale/Gateshead.**

**TO RING JOHN SMITH – 0432 148408**

**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.

## **ZONE PENNANT COMPETITIONS**

**State Pennants (Sides Event) Open to all eligible members. (See rule 5 on page 1)**

### **22. 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.

### **23. Pennant Grades**

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.

**24. 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: This grade is open to all registered members.

No. 2 Grade: This grade is open to No.2 Saturday Pennant players' standard or lower.

No.3 Grade: This grade is open to No.3 Saturday Pennant players' standard or lower.

No.4 Grade: This grade is open to No.4 Saturday Pennant players' standard or lower.

No.5 Grade: 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 their previous season's Saturday Pennant Competition Grade. A player shall retain their 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, their 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. Clubs cannot apply to have any other players regressed.

(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) A club can apply for 1 player only to play more than 1 grade below their previous Saturday grade. If approved by the Zone Match Committee, the one player will be the only player allowed to play and they cannot be replaced if they become unavailable.

(f) Scheduled games will not be deferred in the event of a player or players being selected to represent the State. But will be deferred, on appeal, if player's are representing the Zone.

(g) Composite sides are allowable for Mid-Week Pennants as per State Conditions of Play.

**25. Club Grades - Players Eligibility**

Clubs shall be allocated grades in accordance with Conditions of Play.

Clubs shall submit (by the due date) a list of all players indicated as playing with their club in that Bowling 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 their Zone, as applicable). Applications to be submitted using the prescribed form and must be received by State Match Committee before 5PM on the Tuesday prior to the match required.

**26. Host Clubs**

All players are eligible to play in Association Events unless suspended for a bowls related matter by a Host Club. Should a club hosting a Zone or State Association Event decline to allow a player entry to their premises, the affected match may be transferred to another venue on appeal to the State Match Committee with Zone endorsement.

Any such appeal shall be submitted a minimum of seven (7) days before the scheduled date/time of the match together with an appeal fee of \$200.00 made payable to Bowls NSW.

All players suspended or de-registered under Bowls NSW regulations are ineligible to participate in Association events.

**27. Withdrawals Pennants Sides**

If a side is withdrawn from the competition after the draw has been made it shall be the lowest grade entered. If a side is withdrawn without a satisfactory explanation to the relevant Controlling Body the penalty shall be a fine not exceeding six hundred dollars (\$600) and/or refusal of entry in a subsequent competition, at the discretion of the relevant Controlling Body.

**28. Side Officials**

All Side Officials are regarded as members of the side and shall be attired in a manner that identifies them as a member of that club.

All Side Officials shall be nominated to the Controlling Body and names supplied to the umpire before the commencement of play.

**29. Side Managers**

A Club shall appoint a Side Manager (male or female) who shall be a member of the Club and will be responsible for drawing of cards and of rinks, the toss for the mat and the completion of the pennant result form.

The Side Manager shall be the Side's representative in all matters concerning the playing of a match.

A second person may be allowed to assist the Side Manager.

**30. Side Coach**

A Club may appoint a coach to give advice to players during a match.

The appointment and actions of the coach shall be in accordance with condition 2.21.

In the absence of a nominated Coach, the Side Manager shall be the delegated deputy as prescribed by the Laws.

The Coach shall be a member of the Club.

**31. 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.

- (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. Saturday and Sunday Post Sectional matches are to commence at 9:00am with call of cards at 8:30am and trial ends at 8:40am. The afternoon matches are to commence at 1:15pm with call of cards at 12:45pm and trial ends 12:55pm or as close as possible to this time table. If only 1 match is required on Sunday then it is to commence at 10:00am with call of cards at 9:30am and trial ends at 9:40am.
- (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.
- (c) Pennant sectional matches played on a Sunday are to commence at 10.00am, with trial ends allowed from 9.40am, cards are to be called at 9.30am. A different starting time as agreed between the two clubs can be applied for on the correct form to the Zone match committee. **(see rule 22 below)**
- (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.



**32. Application to change time or day of Match.**

Saturday Pennants (all grades) may be played on a Friday Night, Saturday Night or Sunday morning, with agreement from both clubs. Matches not commenced or not completed are to be played after the last round of the normal season. A spare weekend has been designated for washout matches.

- a) The Application Form for a Friday Night, Saturday Night or Sunday morning for 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. (the form can be found on the link below)  
[https://rnswwa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2020\\_State\\_Pennants\\_match\\_start\\_time\\_variation.pdf?x84141](https://rnswwa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2020_State_Pennants_match_start_time_variation.pdf?x84141)
- b) Once approval is given by Zone 2 or BNSW then the match becomes a Play or Forfeit game, subject to weather conditions.
- c) Mid-Week Pennant Fixtures are allowed to commence at a mutual agreeable time, subject to Zone 2 Match Committee approval
- d) Greens for pennant play-offs to be allocated by the Match Committee, from those clubs that apply to host similar to Mattara.

**33. Play Number of Ends** – Matches shall be played over 63 ends (21 ends on each rink).

**34. Absentee Players – incomplete side**

In Sides events, play may proceed with one or more teams missing one player.

For Pennant Play this means that each team of a side may consist of three players. In this case each player shall play 2 bowls as per condition 2.24.7.

**35. Play Not Commenced**

Matches not commenced shall be played after the last round of the regular season or as directed by the Match Committee/Controlling Body. If the 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.

The Home Side is responsible for ensuring that the Controlling Body is notified that play was not commenced. Both sides should send their intended side to the Controlling Body. If not played the match may be used for eligibility for Post-Sectional Play.

Players selected to play in a rescheduled match not commenced 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 rescheduled. (Note that an originally named intended player may become ineligible to play on the rescheduled match date) Refer 3.6.24.11.

It is recommended that Zones/Zones allow in their programming an early date for the playing of matches either not commenced or not completed.

**36. Play 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 two 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).

**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.

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

**Note:** In a resumed match (See condition 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.

### 37. **Inclement Weather**

The relevant Controlling Body shall determine the procedure and timetable under which a decision may be made that play will not proceed on any scheduled playing date due to inclement weather. The Bowls Australia Extreme Weather Policy and any applicable local weather policy shall also be used.

<https://www.bowls.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/WEATHER-POLICY.pdf>

The procedure should include the method of communicating that decision to all concerned. Please see point 19. Of this document.

### 38. **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 after the last round of the regular season or as directed by the Match Committee.

### 39. **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.

### 40. **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. Clubs may also come to some other agreement regarding the drawing of score cards if they wish.

### 41. **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 Points (Both Sides Score equal aggregate number of shots)

**Side Loss** 0 Points (Side scoring the lesser aggregate number of shots)

**Team Win** 1 Point (one point for each team of side that wins (rink win)

**Team Tie** 0.5 Points (0.5 points for each team of side that ties (rink tie)

Maximum 10 points scored in any match.

### 42. **Determining Section Results**

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

(a) The Side scoring the highest number of points shall be declared the winner.

(b) If there is a tie, the side with the largest difference between 'total shots for' and 'total shots against' shall be the winner.

(c) If there is still a tie, the side with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.

(d) 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.

(e) Rankings within sections shall also be determined using the above method.

**43. Knockout-matches**

The Side scoring the higher aggregate number of shots shall be declared the winner. If at the completion of the scheduled number of ends scores are tied an extra end or ends shall be played to determine a result. As per Law 28

**44. 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 player's eligibility for post section or grading.

**45. Forfeit**

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

(b) 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 condition 3.6.16.1) the match scores shall be calculated as: a. Side forfeiting shall be credited as scoring the average number of shots of losing sides in that section over the season.

A Side receiving forfeit shall be credited with average losing score +15 shots.

(c) 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.

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

(e) A side forfeiting shall notify: The Controlling Body, the Opponent and 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.

(f) 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.

(g) 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.

(h) 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.

**46. Elevation of Clubs**

(a) 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.

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

(c) 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.

**47. Regression of Clubs**

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

**48. Approval & Reporting**

All Clubs shall provide a list of all registered players, indicating those who are or may be available for selection for the club for the season and showing all players who are NOT available for selection for any match of Pennants during that season. Such list should show the players previous season grading, a summary of player losses and gains from the previous season and should accompany application for grades in that season.

All Zones shall submit a summary of the Grades of Pennant to be played by each Club within their Zone to the State Match Committee for approval no later than nine (9) weeks prior to the date of the first scheduled match in that competition (Submission to include Club's intended player lists).

The submission shall include the proposed competition format, including sectional and post-sectional play.

The State Match Committee shall withhold approval of competitions should the required information not be received or not be received within timeframes.

**49. End of Season Reporting**

All Zones shall submit a summary of results for the current season to the State Match Committee on the prescribed form and in prescribed format, showing the points scored by each side in each grade of Pennants contested, no later than one (1) week following the completion of Zone Play.

All Zones shall submit their Pennant player gradings for the current season (including indicating players graded in Zone winning Sides) to the State Match Committee no later than one (1) week following the completion of Zone Play.

**50. Variation of Player Grading**

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 4.16) 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.

**51. Grading Eligibility**

A player's eligibility shall be determined as follows:

**a) 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 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.

**b) 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 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 season.

**c) 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/Zone) 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 an NSW Club Player Clearance; refer Condition 2.3.1.2 and Bowls NSW Regulations.

**d) Players with "Nominated" Club other than NSW**

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 Zone/Zone) to be eligible to play.
- (iv.) A player who had a nominated club outside of NSW for the previous Bowling Season shall be included in this clause unless they:
  - a) Are registered with Bowls NSW as a member of the NSW Club as at 1 January in the year of competition AND
  - b) Have an Interstate Clearance lodged with Bowls NSW to become an 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?
  - c) Receive written permission from the State Match Committee to be considered an NSW based player. The player shall make written application and shall submit evidence of their case to be considered as an NSW based player.

**e) Players from outside NSW**

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.

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

The eligibility of players may be varied on written application (through relevant Zone/Zone) to the State Match Committee.

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 Zone/Zone) to be eligible to play.

**f) All Other Pennant 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.

**g) 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.) Those four players are for the whole of the season (and includes any players who have changed declared club (Refer 3.6.24.3) and is irrespective of whether the club has two sides in any of those grades. 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.

**h) Consecutive Grade Clubs**

A maximum of four players in each grade 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 and is irrespective of whether the club has two sides in any of those grades.).

**i) 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)

**j) Current Season Grading**

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

**k) Graded during the Current Season Table of Threshold matches**

A player who has played a minimum of **Threshold Number of Matches** (Byes do NOT count as a match played)

below) shall be graded in that grade for the current season. (Byes do not count as a match played) **Number of**

**Sectional Matches Scheduled**

11 or more	6 matches
9 or 10	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
3 or 4 (plus 1 or more byes)	2 matches
3 or 4	2 matches
2 (plus 1 more byes)	1 match
2	1 match

**l) 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.

**52. Player Grading Records**

Clubs and Zones 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

**53. Participation by player in same round in 2 different grades**

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** 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.

**54. 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**.

**55. Eligibility for Post Sectional Play**

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 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.

**56. Post Sectional Play - Method of Scoring****a) 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.

**b) Round Robin Play**

**See Method of Scoring on page 10**

**57. 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 or the COP.

**a) 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).

**b) 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

**58. Grading 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 Zone Match Committee.

**59. 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 Wednesday if playing on a Saturday and the Friday prior to a mid-week game. Clubs to email their nominated team(s) **on the correct form** to the Zone 2 office for acceptance.

**60. Substitutes and Replacements:**

**Refer to COP 2.24. Substitutes and Replacements**

<https://rnswwa.org.au/competitions-events/conditions-of-play/>

**61. 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 levy will help meet the costs of pennant players from Zone 2 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.

- 62. 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 (16 badges are awarded to each side). **Additional Badges** – can be arranged to be purchased at a cost to the club.
- 63. 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 will be devoted to local charitable organizations as decided by the March Meeting of the Management Committee. 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. Pepper Memorial Shield. The dates set aside for the “Bob-In” Days will be advised with the pennant draw.
- 64. 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.
- 65. 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 their 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 their 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.
- 66. Protests On Other Grounds:** These shall be made as per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
- 67. 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.
- 68. Death Of A Player:** Should the death of a player occur during a pennant game, or other Zone 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.



**69. Pennant Results information** 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 through the host club.
- (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.

**70. 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 their 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 their 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 their 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.**

**71. 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.

**72. Disposal of Result Forms:** a member 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 the Zone 2 office **not later than 12 noon Tuesday (Saturday) and 12 noon Friday (Mid Week)**. This can be done by:

- 1) Scanning the result form and e-mailing to [zone2@ndba.com.au](mailto:zone2@ndba.com.au) or [louise@ndba.com.au](mailto:louise@ndba.com.au)
- 2) Taking a photo of result form and texting to 0448 803 590 or emailing photo to zone [2@ndba.com.au](mailto:2@ndba.com.au) or [louise@ndba.com.au](mailto:louise@ndba.com.au)

A COPY – should be given to the opposing Side Captain - ENSURE THAT HE AGREES WITH RECORDED RESULT. A COPY - To be retained BY HOME CLUB for the Club's records.

- 73. Incomplete Matches:** - 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 or as directed by the Zone Match Committee.

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- 75. 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". Forfeits are counted toward player grading.

**76. Bowls Stickers/Adhesive Markings:**

A Club, Zone, 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.



## ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

1. **Times Of Play:** (Commencing dates as decided by the Management Committee)
  - (a) **Singles (Major, State Senior, State President's & 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** - 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 Zone 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 Zone 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.
2. **Singles:** The Singles Championship will be played as four events, Major, State Senior, State Presidents 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** - 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 Zone Major Singles Championship, a Zone Minor Singles Championship, a Club Major Singles Championship. Further, any player who has been graded 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. The winning of a Club Minor Singles Championship does not disqualify a player from playing in the Zone 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 their 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 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** - 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 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 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..
- 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.
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 Zone 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 their Club.
- (b) **Champion of Club Champions Pairs Competition** - Entries in this competition are restricted to two players from any Affiliated Club in the Newcastle Zone 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 as 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 Zone 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.

**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 Zone 2 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 Junior Championship Competition. **(July 18, 2020.)**

- (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. **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.

9. **Forfeits:** If any player or team fails to fulfil an engagement in these Zone 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 their entry declined for Association Events for a period of up to one (1) season.

**10. Duties of Club Officials - Zone 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 their 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 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. The controlling body may extend the 15 minutes to 30 minutes if they are aware of circumstances that have delayed competitors.
- (h) 30 minutes before 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 NOT BE 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 Zone 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) Provide Markers when required for Zone Singles Championships.

**11. Notifying result**

Host clubs are asked to follow the instructions on the draw as to where results should be sent.

**12. Luncheon:** It is the responsibility of players to make suitable luncheon arrangements.

## 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 teams of three and there is no restriction on the number of entries from any one Club.
2. 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 to all players. The No.2 grade is open only to players of 3 grade, OR LOWER, Saturday pennant players' standard. The No.3 grade is open only to players of 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.
    - (ii) 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 each side.
  - d) 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.
  - e) 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 and is eliminated.
  - f) All matches will be played on the home-and-away basis with, as far as possible. Due to the large number of home sides winning each week and undefeated sides to be drawn against each other and defeated sides to also be drawn against each other, it is impossible for every club to receive the same amount of home matches, but every effort is made to try and do so. 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.
  - g) 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.
  - h) 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 neutral green shall be that of the club of the 3 remaining sides that has the bye. 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.

5. 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.
- i) 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.
6. **Results:** The home club or host club in round robin, should email or text score to [zone2@ndba.com.au](mailto:zone2@ndba.com.au) or [louise@ndba.com.au](mailto:louise@ndba.com.au) or 0448 803 590 ASAP after all matches at the venue have been completed.
7. **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 following day.
8. **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 Zone Singles, State Senior Singles, State Presidents Singles, Rookies Singles & Junior Singles, Zone Pairs, State Senior Pairs, State Presidents Pairs, Rookies Pairs & Junior Pairs, Zone Triples, State Senior Triples, State Presidents Triples, Zone 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)

#### **ZONE PENNANT COMPETITIONS**

##### Entry Fees

The current fees are:-

<u>Saturday Pennants</u>	)	Grades 1 to 7	-	\$125.00 per side (incl. GST)
<u>Mid-Week Pennants</u>	)	Grades 1 to 5	-	\$110.00 per side (incl. GST)

#### **ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS**

##### Entry Fees

The current fees are:-

Singles	-	\$15.00 per player	(incl. GST)
Pairs	-	\$30.00 per team	(incl. GST)
Triples	-	\$45.00 per team	(incl. GST)
Fours	-	\$60.00 per team	(incl. GST)
Champion of Club Champions Singles, Pairs & Fours	-	\$25.00 per player per event	(incl. GST)

#### **THREE THREES COMPETITION**

##### Rule 3 -- Entry Fee

The current fee is \$55.00 per side (incl. GST)