



2010-11

Conditions of Play

Effective
For all 2010 & 2011 Association Events
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FOREWORD

The following changes have been made from the 2008-2009 Conditions of Play:

Delete the following Conditions from the 2008-9 Conditions of Play

Note: Numbers refer to the numbering from the 2008-9 Conditions of Play

4.17B Deleted (No longer valid)

New Conditions for 2008-2009

Note: Numbers refer to number appearing in 2008-2009 Conditions of Play

Amended Conditions of Play

Note: Numbers refer to number appearing in 2008-2009 Conditions of Play

- 1.1 Amend Introduction to reflect that Conditions of Play are to govern the conduct of Association Events. Amend from Paragraph 2, dealing with non-negotiable Conditions of Play. Note that the list of non-negotiable Conditions of Play has been removed. The Conditions of Play apply to NSW as a whole, and any variations must be submitted to the State Match Committee for approval
- 1.3 Add cross reference to COP 2.6
- 1.6 Amend to reflect delegation of authority in conducting events, protocol for settling disputes.
- 1.7 Amend requirement for inspection of registration cards
- 2.1 Delete Club Minor Championships, Mid-week Pennants / Triples from list of Association Events, add Rookies Singles and Pairs to Association Events
Add Club Minor Championships, Mid-week Pennants / Triples to Note 1 (Non-Association Events)
- 2.2 Amend to read *“Qualifying play for Association events shall be conducted under the RNSWBA Conditions of Play”*
- 2.3 Delete Club Minor Championships and Midweek Pennants / Triples. Add reference to Rookies Conditions of Play annex/appendix
- 2.5 Add reference to *“Players in a team shall be from the same Club”*
- 2.6 Add reference to Premier League Marquee Players. Divide Condition into sub-clauses for clarity.
- 2.7 Amend to reflect definitions of withdrawal and forfeit for this condition. Add that forfeit notice is binding and cannot be revoked. Re-organise into sub clauses to make clearer
- 2.8 Add “permitted” to second paragraph.
- 2.9 Amend that Starting times determined by the relevant Controlling Body
- 2.15 Amend deposit for Challenge to Bowls.
- 2.17 Amend marker shall be a registered bowler, add defeated player must mark in subsequent round if required by Controlling Body
- 2.19 Add paragraph recognising clubs may have policies requiring play to be suspended under certain conditions.
- 2.24 New requirements concerning communication devices –.
- Sec.3 Delete mid-week Pennants, Minor Championships. Add Rookies
- 4.4A Re-arrange for clarity
- 4.6 Reminder for Result form required
- 4.7A Amend time for rink draw to be advised to Controlling Body to 25 minutes prior to start time.
- 4.11 Amend to read that relevant CB shall determine timetable and procedure for play to be abandoned.
- 4.14 Insert requirement for club forfeiting to submit a written explanation to relevant Controlling Body.

- 4.15 Amend. Club elevations and regression shall also consider grading of players who will be playing with that club. Add requirements for Zones to submit proposed grades and format of play to State Match Committee for approval
- 4.16 Re-arrange and change wording to make clearer. Introduce concept of eligibility for clarity.
- 4.21 Change penalty to \$500
- 4.24 Add rink wins as a method for determining winner of section in Post Sectional play if sides equal on points.
- 4.26 include reference to COP 4.17
- 4.29 Add rink wins as a method for determining winner of section in State Finals Sectional play if sides equal on points.
- 4.30 Change “the alternate” to “an alternate”.
- Sec 5. Include new clause that “This order of precedence shall not apply for Deferment of State Pennants matches. Clubs affected may negotiate with their opponents for affected matches and play on an alternate date, with the approval of the relevant Controlling Body. Failing agreement the match shall be played on the scheduled date”
- Sec 10 Premier League Conditions of Play now published as separate document
- Sec 14 Delete Mod-Bowls Conditions of Play
- Add new “Preferred Procedure for Organisation of BCiB State Pennants (Grades 1-7)”
- Add new “Duties of Controlling Body”

25/3/2010, Condition 4.16(a)

Delete first six words of 2010-11 Condition of Play 4.16(a), so that the condition will then read:

- (a) A player is eligible to play no lower than one (1) Grade below his grading for his previous Pennant Season, except as otherwise provided for in this clause.

Note added to 1.7. refer also to RNSWBA By Law 15

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SECTION 1

1.1 Introduction

All games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

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 District / Zone to the State Match Committee. Such application must be made one (1) month prior to the commencement of any Association event, and approvals are not to be unreasonably withheld.

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.

1.2 General

Terms used

RNSWBA	Royal NSW Bowling Association Inc.
ASSOCIATION	Royal NSW Bowling Association Inc.
ASSOCIATION EVENTS	REFER 2.1
ATTIRE	In accordance with By Law No.8 of RNSWBA.
B.A.	Bowls Australia Inc.
BOARD	Board of the RNSWBA
BY LAWS	By Laws of the RNSWBA.
CONTROLLING BODY	Controlling Body of the Zone/District/Club where authority is delegated by the State Match Committee for the conduct of Association events.
JUNIOR BOWLER	Bowler who is under the age of 18 years as at the completion date of the competition
LAW	Laws of the Sport of Bowls – September 2006.
NATIONAL DRESS GUIDELINES	National Dress Guidelines as laid down by Bowls Australia and in force in NSW through the RNSWBA By Laws
SENIOR BOWLER	Bowler who is aged 60 years or over as at the commencement date of the competition.
STATE MATCH COMMITTEE	Match Committee of the RNSWBA

1.3 Unregistered Member

A player who is not a registered member of the RNSWBA shall be ineligible to enter or play in any Association Event. **(See also Condition 2.6)**

PENALTY - DISQUALIFICATION.

1.4 Bowling Season

Commences January 1st and concludes December 31st each year.

1.5 Playing Schedule

A Club, District and Zone shall include details of the dates of play in their Bowling Programme, including Semi-Finals and Finals of ALL Association events being conducted by them.

Where a State Pennant or Premier League Finals Series is being hosted within a Zone/District, the Zone/District shall not schedule any Zone/District Competitions on the scheduled dates for that Finals Series. An event shall not be postponed except for inclement weather or other justifiable cause. If two events fall on the same date the one with the higher precedence will be played.

A postponed game shall be played on the next available playing date.

If a player or team drawn to play cannot do so a forfeit will apply unless:

- a substitute or replacement player is permitted under Condition of Play 2.27 OR
- the opponents, by mutual arrangement, and with the consent of the Controlling Body, play the game prior to the commencement of the next scheduled round.

An Association event may be commenced before January 1st, but must be completed in the nominated year of the event.

Association Events commenced before 1st January, for the purpose of Condition 2.6 shall be deemed to have been played in the nominated year of the event. (Refer 2.6)

1.6 Club / District / Zone / State Match Committee Responsibility

Zones / Districts / Clubs are delegated the responsibility of ensuring that Association Events are conducted in accordance with the RNSWBA Conditions of Play.

The relevant Match Committee is responsible for the conduct of all Association events under their control.

The relevant Match Committee may, under special circumstances, vary these Conditions of Play.

The relevant Match Committee may change the number of ends to be played, change the days and times of play, change greens or venues for play or make such other adjustments as are deemed necessary to complete an event.

The relevant Match Committee shall inquire into and settle disputes concerning Association events in accordance with agreed procedures.

Appeals and disputes shall be settled according to the protocol through Club, then District then Zone, and then State Match Committee. Any subsequent appeals are finalised by the RNSWBA Board.

Any Match Committee member who is a party to a dispute will not take part in any discussion/resolution of the dispute.

1.7 Compliance with RNSWBA By-Laws

All Players and officials in Association Events shall be required to comply with the provisions of the RNSWBA By-Laws.

1.7.A Attire

All Players and Officials shall be required to be attired in compliance with By Law 8 (Attire)

Note: Bowls Australia logo is mandatory on shirts and jackets / vests

PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANT ATTIRE– Disqualification, & As prescribed by Bowls Australia National Attire / Dress Policy.

1.7.B Registration Card

All players and officials shall be required to carry their registration card, as per the provisions of RNSWBA By Law 15 (Registration Card).

In all Association Events if a query is raised about a player's registration the Controlling Body shall have the authority to inspect registration cards before the commencement of play.

Failure to Produce registration Card

A player who is unable to produce his registration card shall provide written proof of his registration with the RNSWBA (See 2.6). Such proof to be produced within two (2) working days of the date on which the match was played. Such proof to be a copy of his registration card or correspondence from the RNSWBA advising his registration status

Refer also Condition 2.4, Condition 2.6 and Condition 4.26

PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF REGISTRATION- DISQUALIFICATION.

Note: Players changing declared club require a clearance under RNSWBA by-Law 15

Section 2

General Conditions Governing All Championships

2.1 Association Events

- State Pennants / Premier League
- Club Major Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours
- State Championships
- State Senior Championships
- State Junior Championships
- President's Reserve Singles
- President's Reserve Pairs
- Inter-Zone Sides Championships
- Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship
- Junior Inter-Zone Sides Championship
- Champion of Club Champions - Singles
- Champion of Club Champions – Pairs
- Rookies Singles and Pairs
- Australian Indoor Singles Championship (NSW Qualifying)
- Such other events as may be declared as Association Events by the RNSWBA.

Note 1: All other events are NOT Association Events and are not governed by the RNSWBA Conditions of Play. It is the responsibility of the Controlling Body for that event to determine Conditions of Play, however all players must be registered with the RNSWBA (or another State or Territory Association recognised by the RNSWBA) to be permitted to play bowls on the greens of affiliated clubs other than for coaching and promotional games for recruitment purposes.

Note 2 As per Article 47 of the RNSWBA Constitution a person must be registered with the RNSWBA (or another State or Territory Association recognised by the RNSWBA) to be permitted to play bowls on the greens of affiliated clubs other than for coaching and promotional games for recruitment purposes.

2.2 Association Events - Qualifying Play

Qualifying play for Association events shall be conducted under the RNSWBA Conditions of Play.

2.3 Conduct of Association Events

Association events shall be conducted as follows:

State Pennants	-	Open draw
State Championships	-	Open draw, knockout
Club Major Championships	-	Open draw, knockout

Note 1: All Clubs affiliated with the RNSWBA must recognise that in Association Events players shall, at all times, be able to choose their own teams.

Note 2: Members entering Club Championships should be allowed to play to find a winner irrespective of the number of entries received for that event.

Note 3: For all Association Events the venue Controlling Body shall announce, prior to the commencement of play, the name(s) of the Representative of the Controlling Body and Umpire(s) on the day

Special events -Open draw, knockout

Champion of Club Champions - Singles & Pairs (Refer Annexure A)

Australian Indoor Singles Championship (NSW Division) (Refer Annexure B)

State President's Reserve Singles and Pairs (Refer Annexure C)

State Senior Singles & Pairs (Refer Annexure D)

Rookies Singles and Pairs (Refer Annexure)

State Junior Championships (Refer Appendix B)

Play or Forfeit Rule - At least six (6) days notice of play given to all players prior to each game.

2.4 Disqualification

If a player, team or side is disqualified for any reason, the player, team or side LAST DEFEATED by the disqualified player, team or side, shall take the place of the player, team or side disqualified.

2.5 Entries

Nominations for an event showing the player(s) names and RNSWBA Registration Number(s) and accompanied by the applicable entry fee must be made to the Club, District or Zone through its secretary.

Late entries will not be accepted.

Players in a team shall be from the same Club, except as otherwise provided for in RNSWBA Conditions of Play.

Zone winners must be found and their names and RNSWBA Registration Numbers advised to the RNSWBA immediately after the completion of the event and before the date shown in the State Programme.

NOTE: Entry restrictions may apply – Refer Sections 8, 9 and 11 and also Rookies Conditions of Play

2.6 Players Eligibility

2.6.A To Enter Association Events

To enter and play an Association event with a Club, a player shall be a registered member of that Club (ie. registered with the RNSWBA by that Club)

Note: Players changing declared club require a clearance under RNSWBA by-Law 15

2.6.B Declaration Of Club For Season

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.

No member of an affiliated club shall play in Association Events for more than one club during the bowling season, without written permission from the State Match Committee, unless substituting as an affiliated member providing no eligible player is available.

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

PENALTY: PLAYER, TEAM OR SIDE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION.

2.6.C Change Of Declared Club During The Season

A player who wishes to change his declared club during the season must make written application to the State Match Committee. Any such application shall be endorsed by the Clubs, District(s) and Zone(s) involved.

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

- A player changes his place of residence, the change making travel to his declared club impractical. OR
- The player is required to change his declared club as a condition of his **full time** employment with his prospective new club.

Refer 1.5

2.6.D Winners / Qualifiers

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Club, District, Zone or Association Champion always remains eligible to continue to compete in that specific event during the season, irrespective of any change of club membership, provided he is registered with the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association Inc..

2.7 Forfeits or Withdrawals - 2.7.C Players / Teams / Sides Obligations

2.7.A Withdrawal

A player or team may withdraw before becoming constituted in that competition. The player or team so withdrawing is regarded as having not entered the competition and is eligible to act as a substitute or replacement player in that competition.

2.7.B Forfeit

A player or team unable to meet his/their commitment to play on a drawn playing date and to whom dispensation is not applicable shall forfeit the match to their opponents (See also Conditions 1.5, 2.16 and Section 5.)

2.7.C Notification

A player, team or side forfeiting or withdrawing shall notify:

- The District/Zone Association

- The Opponent
- The Venue Club

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

Notification of a forfeit is binding and may not be revoked.

Note: Should play not commence on the date of the forfeited match, the forfeit shall remain in force

2.7.D PENALTY:

Not exceeding \$50 per player for any one offence and/or have their entry declined for any association event for a period of up to one (1) season.

Obligation for Payment of a Fine

Rests with the individual to pay the relevant Controlling Body.

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.

2.8 Championship Draws

A draw sheet for an Association event shall not be added to, amended, altered, or in any way interfered with by any player.

Any permitted changes shall be made by the appropriate Club / District / Zone / State official

Penalty: Disqualification from the event.

2.9 Starting Times

Starting times shall be determined by the relevant Controlling Body, taking into account local conditions.

Thirty (30) minutes to be allowed between games for lunch.

2.10 Trial Ends

A singles player, team or side shall be allowed two (2) trial ends for each game, 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.

2.11 Practice

Players may practice up to commencement of Trial Ends, providing that rink space is available and the Controlling Body approves. **Both players/teams/sides shall be given equal opportunity to practice.**

2.12 Controlling Body / Umpires

The Controlling Body Representative for an Association Event shall not, unless absolutely unavoidable, be a contestant in the said Association Event.

The Controlling Body, through the Umpires Committee / Panel shall appoint a person holding a National Umpire's Certificate to be in attendance at all Association Events. The Umpire so appointed shall not, unless absolutely unavoidable, be a contestant in the said Association Event. If a person holding a National Umpire's Certificate is not available, the Controlling Body of the day shall appoint a suitable person to act as an umpire.

See Annex – Duties of Controlling Body

2.13 Number of Bowls Used in Association Events

Singles.....Four bowls each played singly and alternately.

Pairs.....Four bowls each in order lead 2 bowls, skip 2 bowls, played singly and alternately, then repeat the order.

Triples.....Two bowls each played singly and alternately in order lead, second, skip.

At Club level only may be played as three bowls each played singly and alternately in order lead, second, skip.

Fours.....Two bowls each played singly and alternately in order lead, second, third, skip.

2.14 Bowls Discs

A Club, District, Zone or Association Controlling Body may supply and require identifying bowls discs to be used on bowls and stipulate the occasions they may be used.

Worn or faded discs shall be removed or replaced.

All players, teams and sides shall use identical coloured discs on each side of their bowls.

2.15 Bowls

- 1) The distinguishing marks on a bowls shall be clearly visible from a distance of 1.5m.
- 2) In addition to the manufacturers name, a sponsor's name and/or a personal name and/or a club name can be engraved on that same side of each bowl.
- 3) If the grooved rings and/or dimples are coloured, each bowl in the set shall be coloured the same.
- 4) The deposit to be paid when a set of bowls is challenged is \$150 (Law 8.3.4)
- 5) The RNSWBA does not require bowls to be re-tested and re-stamped every 10 years for RNSWBA Association Events.
- 6) If a player qualifies for an event under the control of Bowls Australia, Bowls Australia requires bowls to carry a stamp of a specified date or later and shall specify the required date.

2.16 Concurrent Events

If a player qualifies for more than one Association Event under the control of the **State Match Committee**, and be instructed to play in one event, the player shall not be penalised through failing to attend any other event which is set down to be played at the same time

Where a player is scheduled to play in a championship event being conducted by a Controlling Body and is not able to do so because of selection to play in or officiate at an International or Interstate event scheduled to be played at the same time, or take part in a selection trial for such an event, reasonable time being allowed for travel;

- The championship event should be rescheduled, or
- If the event cannot be rescheduled the player should decide which event to contest.

Refer to Section 5, Order of Precedence

2.17 Markers

A marker shall be appointed for each singles game

A marker shall be a registered member of a club affiliated with a State, Territory and/or National Lawn Bowls Association.

A player defeated in an AM game, must mark a PM game, if so required by the Controlling Body. If more markers are available than required names shall be drawn by lot, before the first game. A substitute marker may mark.

A player defeated in Clubs Singles game, must mark a game in the subsequent round, if so required by the Club Controlling Body. If more markers are available than required names shall be drawn by lot, before the first game. A substitute marker may mark.

Failure to mark if required - PENALTY not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50).

2.18 Greens for Play

Affiliated Clubs shall provide the best available surface for the playing of Association events.

2.19 Inclement Weather

The Club, as the Controlling Body, may decide to cancel the game prior to its commencement, or during play, if they believe that the weather is not likely to be suitable for play to commence or continue.

A club may have in place a policy under which all play is suspended if certain criteria is reached or met (eg a threshold temperate which if reached or while exceeded all play is then suspended).

Players may appeal to the Controlling Body / Umpire for play to be suspended or abandoned. In a team game, such appeal should be made by the skip (players may request their skip to make the appeal). In a side game, such appeal should be made by the Side Manager (players may request their Side Manager to make the appeal).

In all cases, the health and safety of players should be the prime consideration in determining whether play should be suspended and/or abandoned.

2.20 Duration of Matches

Fours	- 21 Ends
Triples -	- 25 Ends (2 Bowls)
Triples At Club level ONLY may be	- 21 Ends (3 Bowls)
Pairs	- 21 Ends
Singles	- 31 Shots Up
Junior Championships	- Refer Appendix B
Inter-District and Inter-Zone Games	- 21 Ends

2.21 Results

Names of winners, runners-up and equal thirds of District/Zone Championships shall be forwarded to reach the Association immediately after the completion of each event and before the date shown in the State Programme.

2.22 Finalising Championships

Closing Dates for entry and dates of play.

Refer to the State Programme

2.23 Appeals - Disputes

Disputes or appeals arising out of the application of these Conditions of Play should be resolved by the relevant Controlling Body.

A decision taken by a Controlling Body shall be binding in all respects if any immediate result is required.

If an immediate result is not required an appeal may be made to the next highest authority (Club to District: District to Zone: Zone to the State Match Committee/Board RNSWBA)

Appeals must be accompanied by all relevant information.

2.24 Communication Devices

Communication devices shall not be taken onto the green or surrounds in an 'active' mode during the playing of any association match, except with the explicit approval of the controlling body.

Communication Devices shall not be used on the green during the playing of any Association Event, except with the explicit approval of the controlling body.

If approved by the Controlling Body, any communication device used shall be in 'silent mode'.

Penalty

- On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player
- If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the opponent.
- If the player offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent.

2.25 Player - Damaging Green

The Controlling Body shall be at liberty to warn a player if in their opinion he is causing damage to the green. Following the warning, if the player continues to cause damage to the green, the Controlling Body may request the player to retire from the green and take no further part in the match.

Wheelchair Bowlers: (See RNSWBA By Law 20)

Should wheelchair bowlers wish to compete on a regular basis, they must have tyres that can minimise damage to the green (inverted tread or 'slicks' as they are known available in 20" x 1.75" and 24" x 2" sizes). Sharp turns which could screw a tyre should be avoided. Condition of the green is paramount and remains in the hands of the umpire or Controlling Body.

2.26 Coaching

The name of the team or side coach shall be nominated to the Controlling Body before the commencement of play. The Umpires shall also be informed of the name of the nominated coach for the team or side.

2.27 Substitutes and Replacement Players

- 1) An **eligible member** is a player who could have been included in the original team or side.
- 2) An **intended member** is one whose entry has been accepted in a team or side for a particular competition. From the time that the entry is lodged until the game commences the player is an intended player.
- 3) A **replacement player** is one who is appointed to take the position of an intended member who is unable to play in or continue playing in a competition for a reason accepted by the controlling body and unable to return before the completion of the competition. The appointment will be subject to approval by the controlling body and the replacement player will be:
 - (a) a player who has not already participated in the competition;
 - (b) a player who satisfies the eligibility requirements to be a member of a team as stated in the conditions of play;
 - (c) Only one replacement player per team shall be permitted per competition;
 - (d) Players shall not be transferred from one team to another.A replacement player can play in any position and will have the same rights as the original team member.
- 4) A substitute is a member who acts as a proxy for an intended member or a constituted player in a team who is unavailable or physically incapable and therefore prevented from attending or continuing in a game.
- 5) If an original team member is unable to play at any time, including in the first end of the first game, for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body & or Umpire, then a substitute shall be permitted under the provisions of Law 51 and their name shall be recorded as a substitute for the team member.
- 6) A substitute should be chosen from available eligible players whose playing ability should not be taken into account.
- 7) An affiliated member is one who is a member of a club that is affiliated either directly or indirectly with a State or Territory Authority.
- 8) If there is no eligible member available, an affiliated member may act as replacement or substitute, provided the umpire is satisfied that the affiliated member's playing ability is not better than that of the absent player in the team.
- 9)
 - (a) The use of a Substitute is subject to the prior approval of the Controlling Body & or Umpire for the competition
 - (b) A controlling body may define the circumstances which it will not accept as valid reason for a player's unavailability. However, a substitute is not to be permitted if an intended player enters another competition scheduled to be played at the same time
 - (c) If a substitute is refused on these grounds the controlling body shall declare the position of the absent player vacant and the provisions of 2.27.3 shall apply
 - (d) Only one player may be replaced in a team
 - (e) Only one substitute will be allowed in a team

- (f) Only a fours team may contain a substitute and a replacement player simultaneously
- (g) A triples or pairs team shall be permitted one substitute or one replacement player, but not both simultaneously
- (h) No substitute or change of personnel shall be permitted in any singles game, except that in any sides match a substitute or replacement player may be permitted to play in any singles game
- 10) In a team which is not part of a side a game shall be forfeited if one member be absent and no substitute be approved by the controlling body.
- 11) In a side one substitute may be allowed in each team.
- 12) In a side, if the required substitutes are either not available, or not allowed, the game shall be forfeited unless the controlling body allows, if circumstances warrant, a side to play with its teams one player short.
- 13) A member who acts as a substitute, if he remains eligible, may continue to act as a substitute in that or any other team in the same competition.
- 14) A substitute can play in any position except that of skip, and the other players can arrange their positions as desired.
- 15) A substitute can be changed at the completion of any end during the game or between succeeding games in the same competition.
- 16) Each member of a team will become a constituted player in a team immediately that member delivers his first bowl.
- 17) An intended member will become a constituted player in the team immediately a substitute acting for the intended member delivers his first bowl.
- 18) (a) Each player having delivered a bowl, the team shall become constituted and shall not be altered during a game in either personnel or playing positions, except as provided in clause 9(c), or as necessitated by the introduction of a substitute.
- (b) Prior to the start of any subsequent game in the same competition the playing positions of the constituted personnel may be changed.
- 19) A constituted player for whom a substitute was obtained should, if available and physically capable and still eligible, rejoin the team in the constituted player's original position at the start of the next end and the other players should revert to their original positions.
- 20) A constituted player in a team or a side, whether defeated or not shall be ineligible to become a constituted player in any other team in the same competition.
- 21) A constituted member of a team, whether defeated or not, cannot act as a substitute in another team in that competition.
- 22) If an intended member, team or side withdraws without being constituted, the member will be regarded as not having entered the competition and be eligible to be a replacement player or substitute in that competition.
- 23) An intended team credited with a win by forfeit will be a constituted team.
- 24) An intended team receiving a bye in the first round of a competition will be a constituted team as soon as their opponents in the next round play their first bowl.
- 25) The controlling body may impose special conditions on the composition of teams and the qualification of team members. Such information shall be stated in the conditions of play which shall be published at the time entries are requested.
- 26) The awarding of a trophy to a substitute in a winning team shall be the prerogative of the controlling body.

2.28 Delaying Play

If the Umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips or the opponents in singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl:

- On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player

- If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the opponent.
- If the player offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent.

Section 3

State Championships

3.1 State Championships: Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours

The winners from each District shall play off, in an Open Draw Knockout Competition, to determine the Zone winner in each Association event,

3.2 Zone Winners

Names of Zone winners to be advised to the RNSWBA immediately after the completion of the event and before the date shown in the State Programme.

3.3 Champion of Club Champions Singles

Champion of Club Champions Pairs

Refer to Annexure "A"

3.4 Australian Indoor Singles Championship (NSW Division)

Refer to Annexure "B"

3.5 State President's Reserve Singles State President's Reserve Pairs

Refer to Annexure "C"

3.6 State Senior Singles State Senior Pairs

Refer to Annexure "D"

3.7 State Pennants (Grades 1-7)

Refer Section 4

3.8 Premier League

Refer Premier League Conditions of Play (published separately)

3.9 NSW State Junior Championships

Refer to Appendix "B" - NSW Junior Bowls Events (Section 11)

3.10 State Rookies Singles State Rookies Pairs

Refer Rookies Conditions of Play (published separately)

3.11 Bowls NSW Club Challenge

Refer Bowls NSW Club Challenge Conditions of Play (published separately)

**SECTION 4
PENNANTS**

4.1 Pennants - General

Pennants shall be conducted under the control of the State Match Committee.

The State Match Committee delegates to Zones control of Pennants, Zones may, in turn, delegate authority to Districts (where applicable)

4.2 Pennant Play

The minimum number of sides allowable in a section shall be two (2).

The maximum number of sides allowable in a section shall be six (6).

All games shall be played on a **home** and **away** basis.

Number of Sides in a Section.....	Number of Rounds
Two (2).....	Four (4)
Three (3).....	Six (6), including two (2) byes
Four (4).....	Six (6)
Five (5).....	Ten (10), including two (2) byes
Six (6).....	Ten (10)

Any variation to above is subject to approval by the State Match Committee.

4.3 Pennant Grades

There shall be seven (7) grades of pennants available. 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 each of Grades 1, 2 or 3 except as provided for in Condition 4.15. Where two or more sides are entered in any grade they shall be identified as No.1, No.2, No.3, etc. and for the purpose of elevation and regression of players (in the second half of matches) shall be deemed a higher and lower side.

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

A combined Grade competition, where sides entered in more than one grade play each other, may be organised. Any such competition shall have written approval from the State Match Committee

Note: Each Zone must be represented by a Side in each Grade at the State Pennant Finals Series.

4.3.A Composite Sides

Clubs with less than 30 registered members may combine to enter a side in Pennants, if they are otherwise unable to independently enter a side.

A maximum of eight (8) players from one of the clubs shall be permitted to play in any match.

For the purpose of Condition 2.6, players playing in the composite side shall be deemed to be playing for the declared club.

If a player is registered as a member of both of the clubs making up the composite side and has not otherwise declared his club for the season, he shall nominate his declared club before taking part in any match played by the composite side.

Clubs wishing to enter a composite side shall forward a written application, which shall be endorsed by the Zone and submitted to the State Match Committee for approval.

Such written application shall detail:

- Which club shall host home matches, or the number of home matches to be allocated to each club
- The playing uniform to be worn by the composite side, which shall be compliant with Condition 1.7 and RNSWBA By-Law 8.
- The financial Commitment of each of the clubs towards entry fees, fines, players costs, etc.

4.4 Single Entry in a Grade in a District

4.4.A Single Entry Side

Single Entry Side: is a side which is the only entry in a grade in a District.

Where a District has only one entry in a grade they may place that entry in a section in the next lower grade played by that District or they may engage in competition with another District with only one entry in the same grade.

The single entry side must win the section in order to qualify to play in a Zone play off in the higher grade. If the single entry is the winner the second placed side will represent the grade in which the single entry side played.

Where a District has two single entry sides in different grades, they may organise a competition between the two sides. To qualify for Zone Play off, the higher grade must win.

Any such combined Grade competition must be approved by the State Match Committee (See 4.3)

4.4.B Stand Out Side

Stand Out Side: A stand out side is a single entry side that is not participating in a combined grade competition and is proceeding directly to Post Sectional play at Zone level.

A single entry side can not be a Stand-Out Side unless a written application is made to the State Match Committee for approval. The names of the players for the Stand-Out Side must be nominated to the District, Zone & State prior to the commencement of play in ANY Grade of Pennant in that Season. Those players nominated are ineligible to play in any other grade except with the approval of the State Match Committee.

4.5 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 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.

4.6 Side Managers

A Side Manager shall be registered with the RNSWBA as a member of the Club and be responsible for drawing of cards and of rinks, the toss for the mat and the completion of the pennant result form.

A Pennant result form shall be completed for **all** scheduled games

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

The Side Manager shall be his Side's representative in all matters concerning the playing of a match. A second person may be allowed to assist the Side Manager.

4.7 Timetable

4.7.A 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 **twenty five (25) 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.

4.7.B Practice

Players may practice up to commencement of Trial Ends, providing that rink space is available and the Controlling Body approves.

The Controlling Body shall advise the rinks allocated to each Grade not less than 1 hour before the starting time of the event.

Both Sides shall be given equal opportunity to practice.

SECTIONAL PLAY

4.8 Play**Number of Ends - Sectional Play**

Games shall be played over 63 ends (21 ends on each rink)

4.9 Play Not Commenced

Games not commenced shall be played (Saturday and Sunday) as necessary or at the discretion of the **Zone/District** Controlling Body

If the **Zone/District** 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 three (3) points.

The Home Side is responsible for ensuring that the **Zone/District** Controlling Body is notified that play was not commenced.

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

4.10 Play Not Completed

A minimum of 54 ends shall constitute a completed game.

If less than 54 ends are completed the game shall be continued to 63 ends.

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 three (3) points.

NOTE: Players selected in a resumed game shall not have played in any other grade in the same round.

NOTE: Each side shall retain its score cards and a copy of the Pennant result Form, for use when the match is resumed. The skips should sign/initial the score cards at the point where play was interrupted.

(PENALTY - refer to 4.26.)

4.11 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.

The procedure should include the method of communicating that decision to all concerned.

4.12 Method of Scoring

The method of scoring for ALL SECTIONAL PENNANT GAMES shall be:

A maximum of six (6) points for a win distributed as follows:

Highest aggregate shots-	3 points
Equal shots (sides)	- 1 ½ points each
Winning team	- 1 point each
Equal shots (team)	- ½ point each
Loss	- 0 Point

To determine the section winner if two or more sides are equal on points, the side with the largest difference between 'total shots for' and 'total shots against' shall be the winner.

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

4.13 Bye

Where a Club withdraws before the commencement of a competition OR where there is an odd number of teams in a section, a bye shall occur.

Nil points for a bye.

A side receiving a bye shall submit a Pennant Result Form. For the purpose of grading of players and eligibility for post sectional play, the BYE shall be deemed to be a match played and the players declared on the Result Form as having played the match.

4.14 Forfeit

A side receiving a forfeit during sectional play shall be awarded maximum points and the average of the margins scored by the other sides in that section in that round.

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

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

See Also 2.7:

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 game, unless there is a satisfactory explanation for not doing so.

PENALTY(as prescribed by 2.7): 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 one (1) season.

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.

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 one (1) season.

ELEVATION AND REGRESSION

4.15 Clubs

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, shall be elevated to the next highest grade-with no club being compelled to have more than **one** side in each of Grades 1, 2 or 3, except as provided for in **(a), (c) and (e)** of this condition.
- (c) A Club winning a Zone Pennant, Grades 2 to 7, in successive years (ie winning same grade 2 years in a row) shall be elevated to the next highest Grade irrespective of whether that club has a side already entered in that higher grade.
- (d) Zones (and Districts) shall, subject to 4.15 (a) (b)and (c), elevate Clubs having regard to the previous years' Pennant performances and according to the previous season gradings of the players indicated as playing with each club.

Regression of Clubs

- (e) Zones (and Districts) shall regress Clubs having regard to the previous years' Pennant performances and according to the previous season gradings of the players indicated as playing with each club.

- (f) A club shall be regressed no more than one grade from its previous year's grade(s)

Approval & Reporting

- (g) All Districts shall submit a summary of the Grades of Pennant to be played by each Club within their District to the Zone for endorsement no later than eleven (11) weeks prior to the date of the first scheduled match in that competition.
- (h) 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.
The submission shall include the proposed competition format, including sectional and post-sectional play.
- (i) All Zones shall submit a summary of results to the State Match Committee, showing the points scored by each side in each grade of Pennants contested, no later than four (4) weeks following the completion of Play.
- (j) The State Match Committee shall withhold approval of competitions should the required information not be received.

Note: • Clubs should ensure that a list of players who have indicated that they are available for selection for the club for the season is included with their nomination. [See 4.15 (d) and (f)]

4.16 Player Grading/Elevation/Regression

Eligibility

A player's eligibility shall be determined by

- (i) His grading from his previous season, until he is graded in the current season
- (ii) His current season grading, once determined.

Note: A player who plays in 50% or more of Premier League matches shall be graded as a Premier League player, which shall be regarded as a one grade above Grade 1 for the purposes of this condition.

- (a) Where a club has consecutive grades, a player is eligible to play no lower than one (1) Grade below his grading for his previous Pennant Season, except as otherwise provided for in this clause.
- (b) (i) A player who has changed his declared club from his previous Pennant Season shall be eligible to play no more than one grade below his grading for his previous Pennant Season, OR
(ii) If his new Club does not have a side entered in his previous season's Pennant Grade or one grade below, he shall be eligible to play no lower than the club's next highest grade. He shall be included as one of the four players permitted to be regressed more than one grade below their previous season grading under Condition 4.16(c), if applicable.
- (c) (i) Where a Club does not have consecutive Grades, a maximum of four (4) players only from each of those non-consecutive grades shall be eligible to play more than one grade below their previous season's grading, no lower than the Club's next highest Grade. The maximum of four players shall apply for the whole of the season.
(ii) A Club having consecutive grades as a result of regression shall be entitled to apply the conditions of 4.16(c)(i) to those consecutive grades.
(iii) Clubs shall submit to the relevant Controlling Body a list of players regressed
- (d) Any variation must have the written approval of the State Match Committee.

First Half Of Sectional Matches

- (e) A player may be elevated at any time

Grading Match

(f) The last match of the first half of sectional matches is the 'Grading Match'. Should all matches scheduled to be the last match of the first half of sectional matches within a Zone / District not be commenced then the next match to be played shall be declared the 'Grading Match'.

(g) A player's grading in the current season shall be determined by the Grade in which he played in the "Grading Match, except as following

(i) A player elevated for the Grading Match may be regressed in the next round he plays to a grade no lower than that from which he was elevated.

(ii) A player who did not play in the 'Grading Match' shall have his current season grade determined by the last match of the first half of matches in which he played (including byes).

If he was elevated for that match he may be regressed in the next round he plays (and be graded) to a grade no lower than that from which he was elevated.

Or, as provided for in (i) and (j) below

Second Half Of Sectional Matches

(h) In the second half of the sectional matches a player shall not play in a lower grade than his current season grading.

(i) A player who has not played in any of the first half of matches to be played, shall be graded in the current season according to the grade in which he plays his first match.

(j) In the second half of matches to be played a player may play one (1) game only in a grade higher than his current season grading. A player who plays in two matches above his current season grading shall have his current season grading elevated.

A player who plays a second match in a grade above his current season grading in the second half of matches shall be graded:

(i) to the grade he was elevated, if both matches were in the same grade

(ii) to the second highest grade in which he played, if the matches he played were in different grades.

Post Sectional Play

(k) A player shall be eligible to play in Post Sectional Play in a grade no lower than his current season grading. (Note – eligibility subject to COP 4.23)

Elevation in Post Sectional Games does not affect a players current season grading.

Penalties: (Refer 4.26)**Sectional Play**

The offending side disqualified with loss of all points for the match involved.

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

The offending side is credited with a **similar negative margin**.

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.

4.17 Participation in State Pennants

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

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

Penalties: (Refer 4.26)

Sectional Play

The offending side disqualified with loss of all points for the match involved.

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

The offending side is credited with a **similar negative margin.**

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.

4.18 Interchange of Players

See 4.3 Pennant Grades and 4.16 Player Grading, Elevation and Regression.

4.19 Artificial Light

Artificial light is permitted.

4.20 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.**

4.21 Results

Results shall be forwarded to the Zone / District by the DESIGNATED HOME SIDE# immediately after the completion of play.

PENALTY FOR SUPPLYING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION:

A FINE OF FIVE HUNDRED (\$500) DOLLARS +GST

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

POST SECTIONAL PLAY

4.22 Determination of District / Zone Winners

Zones and Districts shall determine the format for Post-Sectional Play, which shall be submitted to the State Match Committee for endorsement (See also 4.15).

4.23 Eligibility for Post Sectional Play

To be eligible for post sectional play a player must have played a minimum of Fifty per cent (50%) of all sectional matches in any grade (including Premier League) and be eligible for the grade to be contested.

This requirement may be waived, with the approval of the District and Zone and endorsement of the State Match Committee. Any player for whom approval is sought shall be a registered member of that Club.

Where a Club has more than one side in the same grade and the higher of those sides wins a section, players from the other side may act as replacements, **subject to eligibility AND with the approval of the relevant Controlling Body. Refer to 4.3**

4.24 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. Sectional Play

In each match of sectional play points shall be awarded as follows:

- Win 2 Points (Side scoring the highest aggregate number of shots)
- Tie (Draw) 1 Point (Both Sides Score equal aggregate number of shots)
- Loss 0 Point (Side scoring the lesser aggregate number of shots)

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 two or more sides are equal on points, 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 with the greater number of rink wins shall be the winner.
- (v.) If there is still a tie, the side winning the highest number of ends over all games of the Sectional shall be declared the winner

4.25 Names of Zone Winners

Names of Zone winners must be advised to the RNSWBA immediately after the completion of the event and before the date shown in the State Programme.

PENALTIES

4.26 Penalty for Pennant Infringements

The following penalties apply for Playing an Unregistered Player, Playing an Ineligible or Grading Infringement Player or forfeiture of match due to a breach of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. (Refer to Conditions of Play 1.3, 4.10(note), 4.16,4.17, 4.23, Law 8.5 and Law 46.2.1)

Sectional Play

The offending side disqualified with loss of all points for the match involved.

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

The offending side is credited with a similar negative margin.

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.

STATE FINALS

4.27 Determination of State Winners

Play for the 16 Zones shall be on an open draw Sectional basis. (Four (4) sections of four).

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
A -v- D	A -v- B	A -v- C
B -v- C	C -v- D	B -v- D

4.28 Sectional Draw - See State Programme

All matches shall be of Sixty-Three (63) ends.

Where matches are not able to be completed Fifty-Four (54) ends in aggregate shall constitute a game.

4.29 Method of Scoring

Sectional Play -

In each match of sectional play points shall be awarded as follows:

Win	2 Points	(Side scoring the highest aggregate number of shots)
Tie (Draw).....	1 Point	(Both Sides Score equal aggregate number of shots)
Loss.....	0 Point	(Side scoring the lesser aggregate number of shots)

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 two or more sides are equal on points, 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 greater number of rink wins shall be the winner.
- (iv.) If there is still a tie, the side with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- (v.) If there is still a tie, the side winning the highest number of ends over all games in Sectional play shall be declared the winner

Semi-Finals and Finals

Sectional winners will play off in Semi-Finals - Knock Out Play (highest aggregate number of shots).

Semi-Finals and Finals shall be played over Sixty-Three (63) ends.

In each Semi Final and Final match 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.

Semi-Finals

Winner Section 1 -v- Winner Section 2

Winner Section 3 -v- Winner Section 4

Final

Winner (1 -v- 2) -v- Winner (3 -v- 4)

4.30 Coloured Discs

Clubs shall use their own Club coloured discs (if available).

In the event of opposing sides having the same coloured discs one of the sides will be asked to remove their disks, or use an alternate colour. The toss of a coin will be used to decide which club to remove / use an alternate colour if necessary.

Clubs shall provide their own Club identification names for:

Three (3) rink score boards and One (1) Masterboard.

4.31 Awards

Pennant Flags

Winners and Runners-up Pennant Flags will be awarded to Clubs.

Pennant Badges

Winners and Runners-up Badges will be awarded to players participating in the final. (12 to each side).

An additional 2 badges (for each of the Winners and Runners Up) will be available at State Pennant Finals for presentation to Reserves who are eligible to qualify for the award of an additional badge.

Side Manager's Badges

Winners and Runners Up "Manager" Badges will be awarded to the Manager of Sides participating in the final. (1 badge per side)

Additional Badges

Clubs may apply for additional badges using the prescribed form.

Only players who have played in 50% of matches in that Grade are eligible to qualify for the award of an additional badge.

Clubs will be invoiced for the cost of additional (to original supply of 14 -12 players and 2 reserves) badges

John Young Shield

The Club winning the State No.1 Pennant will receive the John Young Shield, to be held at the Club for the ensuing year.

4.32 RNSWBA Pennants

Winners and Runners-Up Pennants Flags will be awarded for each Grade of Pennants (No. 1 to No. 7 inclusive) as follows:

- No. 1 Pennant.....Union Jack Blue with White letters
- No. 2 Pennant.....Red with White letters
- No. 3 Pennant.....White with Royal Blue letters
- No. 4 Pennant.....Green with White letters
- No. 5 Pennant.....Gold with Green letters
- No. 6 Pennant.....Airforce Blue (Sky Blue) with White letters
- No. 7 Pennant.....Brown with White letters

SECTION 5 - ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

This order of precedence applies to players in Clubs, Districts and Zones throughout New South Wales. Events within categories A, C, and H, are considered to be of equal status in those categories.

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

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

This order of precedence shall not apply for deferment of State Pennants matches. Clubs affected may negotiate with their opponents for affected matches and play on an alternate date, with the approval of the relevant Controlling Body. Failing agreement the match shall be played on the scheduled date

The Order of Precedence shall also apply to officials nominated by the relevant Controlling Body for matches in Categories A, B, C, D, E, F and G. 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.

A Bowls Australia Events

Australian Indoor Singles Championship

Australian Championships (Including Australian Open, Grand Prix Open and Australian Junior Championships, including qualifying)

Australian Sides Championships

Representation in an Australian National selected side (eg Trans-Tasman Series)

B Representation

Representation in an Inter-State selected side.

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

C Royal NSW Bowling Association Events

Premier League & State Pennants

State Champion of Club Champions events

State Singles, State Pairs, State Triples, State Fours

State Junior Singles, State Junior Pairs, State Junior Fours

State Senior Singles, State Senior Pairs

State President's Reserve Singles, State President's Reserve Pairs

Inter Zone Sides Championship (including Senior & Junior Inter-Zone Sides Championship)

D Zone Events

Competition as in "C" above - at Zone Level

E Zone Representation #

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

F District Events

Competition as in "C" above - District Level

G District Representation #

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

H Clubs

Club Major Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours

#Note: Zones/Districts shall nominate the events (referred to in E and G above) that the Zone/District wishes to take precedence over Club Championships within the Zone/District. Notice of such nominations shall be made in the Zone/District programme of Events for the Association year.

#Note Sections 8, 9 and 11 provide specific exceptions to the application of precedence.

SECTION 6
ANNEXURE "A"
CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPIONS SINGLES & PAIRS

Entry – Champion of Club Champions Singles

Open to players who win their Club Major Singles Championship in the current year.

Entry – Champion of Club Champions Pairs

Open to players who win their Club Major Pairs Championship in the current year.

Conduct

Districts/Zones conduct knockout play to find a winner.

District winners play off to find Zone winners (as required).

Sixteen (16) Zone winners play off to find the Champion of Club Champions. All games knockout play. Singles - 31 shots up, Pairs - 21 ends.

Pairs – Substitutes / Replacement Players

Substitutes and Replacement Players will be permitted subject to the Laws (See Also COP 2.26)

Prize Money

See State programme.

SECTION 7
ANNEXURE "B"
AUSTRALIAN INDOOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (NSW QUALIFYING)

Entry

The New South Wales qualifying tournament is open to all bowlers registered with the RNSWBA & identified as playing State Championships in NSW.

State qualifying rounds will be conducted at an indoor bowling centre or best available surface.

Players are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and meals.

Format

As set by Bowls Australia.

Entry Fee

As set by Bowls Australia.

SECTION 8**ANNEXURE "C" STATE PRESIDENT'S RESERVE SINGLES & PAIRS****Entry : State President's Reserve Singles**

Open to bowlers who were graded or would have been graded to play in No.5 Pennants or below in both the current and his previous **Bowling Season**. (Refer 4.16 and 4.17) and who have not entered the State Singles or State Senior Singles Championship.

Previous winners of State President's Reserve Singles at State level are not eligible to enter the State President's Reserve Singles.

Entry: State President's Reserve Pairs

Open to bowlers who were graded or would have been graded to play in No.5 Pennants or below in both the current and his previous **Bowling Season**. (Refer 4.16 and 4.17) and who have not entered the State Pairs or State Senior Pairs Championship.

Previous winners of State President's Reserve Pairs at State level are not eligible to enter the State President's Reserve Pairs.

Conduct

Sixteen (16) Zone winners will play off to determine the State winner.

Note : If a player is only elevated in his last game of Sectional Play in Pennants his Grading will be no lower than that grade from which he was elevated.

Note: Grading in current year to be determined as at close of entries for the event.

SECTION 9**ANNEXURE "D" STATE SENIOR SINGLES & PAIRS****Entry : State Senior Singles**

Open to bowlers who are aged 60 years or over as at the commencement date of the competition who have not entered the State Singles or State President's Reserve Singles Championships.

Entry: State Senior Pairs

Open to bowlers who are aged 60 years or over as at the commencement date of the competition and who have not entered the State Pairs or State President's Reserve Pairs Championships

Conduct

Sixteen (16) Zone winners will play off to determine the State winner.

Note: Commencement date is first scheduled date for play in the competition at District/Zone level (as applicable)

SECTION 10

Appendix "B" - NSW JUNIOR BOWLS EVENTS

NSW Junior Bowls Events shall be conducted under the Control of the RNSWBA State Match Committee and RNSWBA Junior Committee.

Where an event is not specifically covered in this section the RNSWBA Conditions of Play apply.

10.1 GENERAL

10.1.A Eligibility RNSWBA Junior Events

To enter an RNSWBA Junior event a player must be registered with the RNSWBA or NSWBA and be under the age of 18 years as at the completion date of the competition.

10.1.A.1 State Junior Singles

A player may enter the State Junior Singles and also nominate to play in the State President's Reserve Singles and/or State Singles Championship (See Section 8)

10.1.A.2 State Junior Pairs

A player or team may enter the State Junior Pairs and also nominate to play in the State President's Reserve Pairs and/or State Pairs Championship (See Section 8)

PENALTY: Player, Team or Side disqualified from the competition.

10.1.B Entries

Nominations for an event and showing the player(s) Registration Number(s) and accompanied by the applicable entry fee must be made to the District, Zone or State Body (as applicable) through its secretary. Late entries will not be accepted.

10.2 NSW STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - FINALS

10.2.A State Junior Championships

For State Junior Pairs and Fours Championships players in a team must be from the same District (Players need not be from the same Club), except as provided for below.

Where there are insufficient players in a District for the competition to be played the District shall arrange, through its Zone Association, for qualifying play to be at combined District or Zone level.

Where play commences at combined District level, the players in a team must be from one of the Districts combined for play.

Where play commences at Zone level the players must be from within that Zone.

10.2.B NSW State Junior Championships: Singles, Pairs and Fours

Competition shall be conducted as Sectional, Knockout or combination, as determined by the relevant Controlling Body.

The winners from each District shall play off, in an Open Draw Knockout or Sectional Competition, to determine the Zone winner in each Association event,

Note: Where there are sufficient player numbers to conduct a District Competition. See above

10.2.C Zone Winners

Names of Zone winners to be advised to the RNSWBA immediately after the completion of the event and before the date shown in the State Programme.

10.2.D Duration of Matches

Duration of matches shall be:

	Sectional (or 3 games per day)	Finals (or 2 games per day)
Singles	25 shots up	31 shots up
Pairs & Fours	15 ends	21 ends

The Controlling Body may alter the duration of matches to allow the competition to be brought to a successful conclusion.

APPENDIX C**Section 11 Inter-Zone Sides Championship****11.1 Controlling Body**

The State Match Committee shall be the Controlling Body for the Inter-Zone Sides Championship

11.2 Composition of Sides

Each Side shall comprise of four teams, each of four players.

11.3 Eligibility

Players shall be registered with the RNSWBA as a member of an affiliated club, and shall have a declared club which is affiliated with the Zone in which they are selected (refer COP 2.6).

To be eligible to be selected to represent a Zone, players shall be eligible to be selected for NSW and Australia.

11.4 Duration of Matches

Each Match shall comprise of 84 ends (21 ends per rink)

Dead ends do not count

11.5 Trial Ends

Two (2) trial ends shall be permitted at the commencement of each match.

11.6 Play Not Completed

If a match is not able to be completed (to 84 completed ends), a minimum of 64 completed ends shall constitute a completed match.

11.7 Determination of Section Winners

In each match of sectional play points shall be awarded as follows:

Win	2 Points	(Side scoring the highest aggregate number of shots)
Tie (Draw)	1 Point	(Both Sides Score equal aggregate number of shots)
Loss	0 Point	(Side scoring the lesser aggregate number of shots)

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

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- i. The Side scoring the highest number of points shall be declared the winner
- ii. If two or more sides are equal on points, 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 greater number of rink wins shall be the winner.
- iv. If there is still a tie, the side with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- v. If there is still a tie, the side winning the highest number of ends over all games in Sectional play shall be declared the winner

11.8 Post Sectional Play

The Winner of each section shall play semi finals:

Winner Section 1 v Winner Section 2

Winner Section 3 v Winner Section 4

The winners of the Semi Finals shall play a final.

In each Semi Final and Final match 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.

11.9 Variations to Conditions of Play

The Controlling Body shall have the authority to vary Conditions of Play to bring the Championship to a successful conclusion.

The Controlling Body shall consult the Side Managers of the participating sides.

The decision of the Controlling Body shall be final.

APPENDIX D**Section 12 Senior (60& Over) Inter-Zone Sides Championship****12.1 Controlling Body**

The RNSWBA State Match Committee shall be the Controlling Body for the Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship

12.2 Composition of Sides

Each Side shall comprise of three teams, each of four players.

12.3 Eligibility

Players shall be aged 60 years or over as at the commencement date of the competition.

Players shall be registered with the RNSWBA as a member of an affiliated club, and shall have a declared club which is affiliated with the Zone in which they are selected (refer COP 2.6).

To be eligible to be selected to represent a Zone, players shall be eligible to be selected for NSW and Australia.

12.4 Duration of Matches

Each Match shall comprise of 63 ends (21 ends per rink)

Dead ends do not count

12.5 Trial Ends

Two (2) trial ends shall be permitted at the commencement of each match.

12.6 Play Not Completed

If a match is not able to be completed (to 63 completed ends), a minimum of 54 completed ends shall constitute a completed match.

12.7 Determination of Section Winners

In each match of sectional play points shall be awarded as follows:

Win	2 Points	(Side scoring the highest aggregate number of shots)
Tie (Draw)	1 Point	(Both Sides Score equal aggregate number of shots)
Loss	0 Point	(Side scoring the lesser aggregate number of shots)

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 two or more sides are equal on points, 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 greater number of rink wins shall be the winner.
- iv. If there is still a tie, the side with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- v. If there is still a tie, the side winning the highest number of ends over all games in Sectional play shall be declared the winner

12.8 Post Sectional Play

The Winner of each section shall play semi finals:

Winner Section 1 v Winner Section 2

Winner Section 3 v Winner Section 4

The winners of the Semi Finals shall play a final.

In each Semi Final and Final match 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.

12.9 Variations to Conditions of Play

The Controlling Body shall have the authority to vary Conditions of Play to bring the Championship to a successful conclusion.

The Controlling Body shall consult the Side Managers of the participating sides.

The decision of the Controlling Body shall be final.

Preferred Procedure for Organisation of State Pennants (Grades 1-7)
To be followed by Districts and Zones

The State Match Committee has produced the preferred procedure for organisation of State Pennants at Zone / District level.

The procedure and timeline below is designed to allow sufficient time for Pennants to be organised at a Zone / District level.

The procedure also allows time for the State Match Committee to endorse the proposed grades or seek further information or advise the relevant Zone/District that of any adjustments necessary to comply with the Conditions of Play.

TIME – TO/FROM START OF COMPETITION	ACTION
18 weeks prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone to advise SMC of proposed starting date of Pennants.
18 weeks prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs advised that they must nominate their sides for Pennants, closing date 14 weeks prior to scheduled date of first round Clubs should nominate the number of sides to be entered and may be given opportunity to nominate which grades they wish to enter.
14 weeks prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close of nominations Clubs should ensure that a list of players who have indicated that they are available for selection for the club for the season is included with their nomination
13 weeks prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone to determine grades allocated to each club, ensuring that elevations and regressions are compliant with Conditions of Play
12 weeks prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs to be advised of proposed grades allocated. Clubs to be advised that any appeals to allocated grades must be lodged no later than 10 weeks prior to commencement of competition
10 weeks prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing date for appeals against allocated grades. Any appeals lodged to be assessed, and if necessary changes made – ensuring that allocated grades are compliant with Conditions of Play. Clubs with changed grades or rejected appeals to be immediately contacted to ensure that no further appeals are to be lodged
9 weeks prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone to submit proposed grades for all clubs to State Match Committee for endorsement. Any appeals against Zone's allocation to be lodged with submission. Submission to include any applications for variation of COP 4.15 (or equivalent)
7 weeks prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Match Committee to advise of any issues with proposed grades, or advise endorsement of proposed grades.
6 weeks prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone to submit any further information or re-submission on request of State Match Committee
5 weeks prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Match to reply to any requested re-submission
4 weeks prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final draw to be advised to participating clubs Forum for Side Managers and Selectors (suggested)

Duties of the Controlling Body

This is intended as a guideline for those who perform the duties of the Controlling Body, other functions may be required of the Controlling Body for certain events or under certain circumstances.

Before the commencement of play on any day, the name(s) of the person(s) representing the Controlling Body and the Umpire(s) of the day should be announced.

The duties of the Controlling Body include

- They ensure that Association Events are played in accordance with the RNSWBA Conditions of Play
- Being present at all times during the match, plus for a reasonable time before the start of play and after play finishes
- Advising players on their eligibility for pre-match practice and the availability of rink space for that practice
- They ensure that the rinks on which players are drawn to play are announced not less than 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time (Noting that for Pennants the rinks allocated for a Pennant Match should be known not less than 1 hour before the start of play, as per COP 4.7B)
- They should ensure that an umpire has been appointed to officiate for the matches being played.
- They should ensure that there are markers in attendance for singles games
- They should ensure that the players, umpires and markers are aware of any non-standard playing conditions
- They decide when to start play if the weather is doubtful
- They are responsible for ensuring that the player's attire is in accordance with the RNSWBA By-Laws and Conditions of Play (or in line with the requirements for that event if not an Association Event)
- They declare the position of a constituted member in a team to be vacant under conditions listed in DR4 (COP 2.27), they can then authorise an eligible member to join that team as a replacement player.
- They can authorise one team in a side to play one player short if there is no eligible player or substitute available.
- They may, if circumstances warrant it, extend the time allowed for late arrivals.
- They can award the match to the opponent if a player, team or side fails to show or otherwise forfeits its match.
- They can warn the player involved if he is causing damage to the green, then they can ask him to retire from the green and take no further part in the match (the Umpire may also do this)
- They can replace a marker whose performance or behaviour is less than acceptable standard.
- They can take action to have spectators refrain from disturbing, advising or interfering with players.
- They are the ones to whom the umpire hands the set of bowls and the \$150 deposit if there has been a challenge to a set of bowls. They arrange to have the confiscated bowls tested.
- They can award the match to the opponent if advised by the umpire that there has been an infringement of a law that requires a penalty.
- They decide when to abandon play for the day because of darkness, the conditions of the weather or any other valid reason.
- They ensure that any necessary closing announcements are made

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