



2012

Conditions of Play

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FOREWORD

**The following changes have been made from the 2010-2011 Conditions of Play:
Amendments may occur to this document, as and when necessary**

- 1.1 Add Amendments may occur...
- 1.7C New Clause NSW Club Player Clearance
- 2.1 Add Bowls NSW Club Challenge to list of Association Events
- 2.6B Add reference to NSW Club Player Clearances
- 2.6C Add reference to NSW Club Player Clearances
- 2.7D Amend period of suspension to 12 months
- 2.8 Add the Draw for each Association Event should include the names of all intended players
- 2.14 Change order with 2.15
- 2.15 Order with 2.14 – add new clause one set of discs only to be used on a bowl.
- 2.17 Amend requirement to player must mark in the next round scheduled on that day.
- 2.27 Renumbered – delaying player
- 2.28 Include new clause relating to Substitutes and Replacement Players
- 4.2 Amend requirements – allowing for Zones/Districts to format competitions with approval of SMC.
- 4.3 Add ‘eligibility and grading of players ’in paragraph 1 and ‘within Zones / Districts) in paragraph 3
- 4.3A Remove requirement of less than 30 members to enter a composite side.
- 4.4A Amend to read may play in a multi-grade competition and that method of determining qualification needs to be determined and approved.
- 4.6 Side Manager – may now use a female.
- 4.10 Add two new notes
- 4.14 Amend penalty to 12 months
- 4.15 Add “Sectional” in (j) and (k)
- 4.16 Change Eligibility statement, add “This shall” to clause (c). New clauses (d) and (e) new note in (f) New Headings. Change in current season grading concept
- 4.17 Add “player Grading &” Eligibility
- 4.21 Add requirement to record names of substitutes on result form, Penalty add “up to”
- 4.22 Amend to read that Zones/District shall submit format of Post-Sectional play to SMC for approval
- 4.23 Amend eligibility requirement that player must have current season grading in that grade or lower.
- Section 5 Add explanation of category precedence; add Rookies and Club Challenge regional and State Finals to Category C
- Section 6 Pairs Substitutes subject to DR4 and COP 2.28
- Section 8 Amend Eligibility requirements, Players must be graded 5 or below in previous and current season –may not become graded higher than 5 and player in State president’s Reserve Events
- Section 11 Amend order of determining section winner clause 7
- Section 12 Amend order of determining section winner clause 7
- Preferred Procedures Slight amendments (now 4 weeks prior)
- Duties of Controlling Body Slight amendments

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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.

Amendments may occur to this document, as and when necessary. Refer RNSWBA web site and Circulars

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 – January 2011.
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 Domestic Regulation 4 or COP 2.28
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.

1.7.C NSW Club Player Clearances

Players changing declared club from one season to the next require a clearance before they become eligible to enter or play any Association Events with their new club. See 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)
- Bowls NSW Club Challenge
- 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)

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.

A player changing their declared club from one season to the next requires a NSW Club Players Clearance Form to be lodged (with the appropriate fee) to the RNSWBA, as required in RNSWBA By-Law 15.

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

Note: Premier League Conditions of Play provide for '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

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 and a NSW Club Players Clearance form lodged with the RNSWBA.

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 Withdrawals or Forfeits - Players / Teams / Sides Obligations

2.7.A Withdrawal

An intended 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 twelve (12) months.

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 twelve (12) months.

2.8 Championship Draws

The draw for each Association Event should include the names of all intended players.

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

- 1) The distinguishing marks on a bowls shall be clearly visible from a distance of 1.5m.
- 2) In addition to the manufacturer's 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.

2.15 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. Bowls shall have only one set of discs used at a time. (that is, each bowl shall have one sticker on each side only)

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

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 must mark in the next round scheduled on that day, 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 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.

2.28 Substitutes and Replacement Players

Refer Domestic Regulation 4

A. Replacement Player Pre- Competition (Refer DR4)

As prescribed under Domestic Regulation 4

B. Substitute Player During Competition (Refer DR4)

As prescribed under Domestic Regulation 4

C. Replacement Player During Competition (Refer Laws 16.3.2)

If a Constituted player becomes unavailable and is unable to play in the remainder of the competition for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body, a replacement player shall be permitted to take the place of the unavailable player.

Only one replacement player per team shall be permitted (including pre-competition)

The replacement player shall be one who was eligible to be included in the original team and is not a constituted player in that competition.

Note: Replacement Players are not permitted in Pennant Matches. One substitute per team is permitted in a Pennant Match, refer also Law 46.2.2, and Law 50.4

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,

3.1.A 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.

3.2 Champion of Club Champions Singles Champion of Club Champions Pairs

Refer to Annexure "A"

3.3 Australian Indoor Singles Championship (NSW Division)

Refer to Annexure "B"

3.4 State President's Reserve Singles State President's Reserve Pairs

Refer to Annexure "C"

3.5 State Senior Singles State Senior Pairs

Refer to Annexure "D"

3.6 State Pennants (Grades 1-7)

Refer Section 4

3.7 Premier League

Refer Premier League Conditions of Play (published separately)

3.8 NSW State Junior Championships

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

3.9 State Rookies Singles State Rookies Pairs

Refer Rookies Conditions of Play (published separately)

3.10 Bowls NSW Club Challenge

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

3.11 Inter Zone Sides Championships

3.11.A INTER-ZONE SIDES CHAMPIONSHIP

Refer Appendix C Condition of Play 11

3.11.B SENIOR INTER-ZONE SIDES CHAMPIONSHIP

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3.11.C JUNIOR INTER-ZONE 7-A-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

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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

Zones (and Districts) shall submit their proposed format for sectional play and post sectional play for approval by the State Match Committee. Submissions should include the number of sides and number of rounds to be played in each grade. (refer 4.15)

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 eligibility and grading of players (in the current season) shall be deemed a higher and lower side.

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

A combined Grade competition (within Zones/Districts), 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 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 multi-grade competition or the side may play in that grade in another District within that Zone.

Any such combined Grade competition must be approved by the State Match Committee (See 4.3). The submission should include the method of qualification for Post-sectional play for each grade involved.

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 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.

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.**

4.8 Play

Number of Ends

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

SECTIONAL PLAY

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.

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 (as the game has not commenced, the sides may be changed when the match is played).

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.)

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

Note: Replacement Players are not permitted in Pennant Matches. One substitute per team is permitted in a Pennant Match, refer also Law 46.2.2, and Law 50.4

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 twelve (12) months.

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 twelve (12) months.

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. (Refer 4.2).
- (i) The State Match Committee shall withhold approval of competitions should the required information not be received.
- (j) All Zones shall submit a summary of results for the current season 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 **Sectional** Play.
- (k) All Zones shall submit their Pennant player gradings for the current season to the State Match Committee no later than four (4) weeks following the completion of **Sectional** Play.

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 & Eligibility**Eligibility**

A player's eligibility shall be determined by

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

Then,

- (ii) His current season grading, once determined by his participation in matches in the current season [refer 4.16(e)].

- (a) A player is eligible to play no lower than one (1) Grade below his grading for his previous Pennant Season, except as otherwise provided for in this clause.
- (b) (i) A player who has changed his declared club from his previous Pennant Season shall be eligible to play no more than one grade below his grading for his previous Pennant Season, OR
(ii) If his new Club does not have a side entered in his previous season's Pennant Grade or one grade below, he shall be eligible to play no lower than the club's next highest grade. He shall be included as one of the four players permitted to be regressed more than one grade below their previous season grading under Condition 4.16(c), if applicable.

Note: A player changing his declaring club from his previous season may require a NSW Club Player clearance, refer 1.7 and 2.6.

- (c) (i) Where a Club does not have consecutive Grades, a maximum of four (4) players only from each of those non-consecutive grades shall be eligible to play more than one grade below their previous season's grading. This shall be no lower than the Club's next highest Grade.

The maximum of four players shall apply for the whole of the season. Refer also 4.16(d)

- (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. Clubs may make application for specific players to have their grading or eligibility varied, submitting all relevant details through their District and Zone Association.

Current Season Grading

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

Graded During the Current Season

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

Graded at end of Current Season

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

Post Sectional Play

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

Post Sectional Games do not affect a players current season grading.

Penalties: (Refer 4.26)

Note Penalties compliant with Law 46

(g) Sectional Play

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

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

The offending side is credited with a similar negative margin.

(h) Knock Out Play

The offending side is disqualified. The Match Committee shall when so notified, substitute in the next succeeding round the side last defeated by the offending side.

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 & Eligibility.

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.

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

Any substitute during a game must be recorded on the result form

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

**PENALTY FOR FAILING TO SUPPLY RESULTS OR SUPPLYING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION:
A FINE OF UP TO FIVE HUNDRED (\$500) DOLLARS +GST**

Note – Zone/District 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 4.2, 4.15).

4.23 Eligibility for Post Sectional Play

To be eligible for post sectional play a player must have a current season grading in that grade or lower and be eligible for the grade to be contested.

This requirement may be waived, with the approval of the District and Zone and endorsement of the State Match Committee. Any player for 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 8.6 and Law 46.2.1 and RNSWBA By-Laws)

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 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 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 (**Matches in category A are higher than Category B 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

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 (*Precedence not applicable to marquee/import players)

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)

Bowls NSW Rookies Championships

Bowls NSW Club Challenge (Regional and State Finals / Post-Sectional Matches Only)

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

Substitutes will be permitted subject to Domestic Regulation 4 and Condition 2.28

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 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 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: A player who becomes graded higher than Grade 5 in the Current Season shall become ineligible to continue in the event (ie the player / team shall be disqualified)

Players not having played Pennants are eligible to enter this competition

NOTE: It is recommended that State President's Reserve Events be conducted after the completion of Pennant Sectional Play

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 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 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 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 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 & format of competition (including finals) to be advised to participating clubs Forum for Side Managers and Selectors (suggested)
Each Round of Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check result sheets to ensure all players eligible for the Club and the grade in which they played

Duties of the Controlling Body

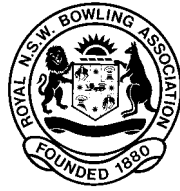
This is intended as a guideline for those who perform the duties of the Controlling Body, other functions may be required of the Controlling Body for certain events or under certain circumstances.

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 to allow trial ends to commence 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 can authorise an eligible member to join a team as a replacement player Under RNSWBA Condition of Play 2.28.
- 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 or change greens/rinks for the day because of darkness, the conditions of the weather or any other valid reason.
- They shall determine if a change of green or change of club is necessary to complete a match or competition.
- They receive an appeal against an Umpire's decision relating to the meaning or interpretation of a law or a given set of circumstances not covered in the Law Book. Such appeal may be lodged by the skip of either team, a singles player or the manager of a side and should be accompanied by a deposit of \$50. The appeal should be referred to the RNSWBA through the District/Zone (as applicable). *Refer Bowls Australia appeals policy (www.bowlsaustralia.com.au)*
- They ensure that any necessary closing announcements are made

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