



2008-9

Conditions Of Play

Effective

For all 2008 & 2009 Association Events

1st January 2008

(As amended 22 January 2009)

FOREWORD

30/1/08 Following the meeting of World Bowls in January 2008, the RNSWBA Board has resolved that the Conditions of Play relating to 'Variations of Laws' be deleted. All matches in NSW will be played in compliance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

30/1/08 The RNSWBA Board also resolved to approve amendments to the Conditions of Play for the Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship, following the recommendation from Zones that all Zones compete at one venue.

22/1/09 Condition of Play 4.17B deleted.

The following changes have been made from the 2007 Conditions of Play to the 2008-2009 Conditions of Play: Delete the following Conditions from the 2007 Conditions of Play

Note: Numbers refer to the numbering from the 2007 Conditions of Play

2.10 Late Appearances	2.21 Teams See also Substitutes
2.16 Possession of the Rink	2.23 Postponements
2.17 Position of Players	2.24 Incomplete team or Side
2.18 Delaying Play	2.27 Inclement Weather (NB See new 2.18)
2.19 Penalties for Infringements	2.28 Appeals re Inclement Weather (NB See new 2.18)
2.20 Players	2.31 Prize Money

New Conditions for 2008-2009

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

~~1.8 Variations to Laws~~ (Deleted 30/1/08)

- 2.15 Bows
- 2.27 Substitutes and Replacement Players
- 2.28 Delaying Play

Appendix E – Mod Bowls Conditions of Play

Amended Conditions of Play

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

- 1.1 Add "**All games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.**",
- 1.1 delete "**, except as provided for in these Conditions of Play (see Condition 1.8)**" amended 30/1/08
- 1.1 List of non-negotiable Conditions of Play corrected.
- 1.5 Amend fourth paragraph to reflect new Condition of Play 2.27
- 2.1 Add Junior Inter-Zone Sides Championship and Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship to list of Association Events. **Add Minor Championships and Mid Week Pennants/Triples.**
- 2.3 **Add new paragraphs Minor Championships & Midweek Pennants/Triples, which shall be played "Under Conditions set by relevant Controlling Body"**
- 2.3 **Amend Note 1 to reflect that Minor Championships now Association Events**
- 2.11 Amend to read "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 Amend Title to read "Controlling Body / Umpires" add new first paragraph "The Controlling Body Representative for an Association Event shall not, unless absolutely unavoidable, be a contestant in the said Association Event.
- 2.16 Add new second clause reflect actions where a player is scheduled to play an event an is selected to participate in an Interstate or International Event
- 2.18 Delete "outdoor"
- 2.19 Add 2 new clauses dealing with the process of suspending or cancelling/ abandoning play due to inclement weather.
- 2.25 delete the words "Umpire or" (twice)
- 2.26 Change title to "Coaching" delete 2nd and 3rd paragraph
- 2.27 Add new clause "Substitutes and Replacement Players"

- 3.10 Add new clause Minor Championships
- 3.11 Add new clause Midweek Pennants / Triples
- 4.1 change to clarify order of protocol for conduct of Pennants – State – Zone – District
- 4.3 Amend to reflect changes to 4.15. Add new clause 4.3A Composite Sides.
- 4.4 Reorganise to group definitions with relevant clause.
- 4.6 Add requirement that Pennant Result Form to be submitted for Byes, Forfeits, Matches no completed and matches not commenced.
- 4.7A Change requirement – Side Managers to be at venue 40 minutes before start, draw and rink allocation to advised to Controlling Body 30 minutes before start.
- 4.7B amend to read “Players may practice up to commencement of Trial Ends, providing that rink space is available and the Controlling Body approves. **Both sides shall be given equal opportunity to practice.**” Add requirement for Controlling Body to advise rinks for play in each grade not less than 1 hour before the start time.
- 4.9 Amend second paragraph to make consistent with play not completed
- 4.10 Add new note instructing sides to keep score cards and result form.
- 4.14 Amend to side receiving forfeit to receive maximum points.
- 4.15 Add “already” to clarify intent
- 4.15 (b) delete ‘District’ so that requirement is Zone Winners to be elevated. Amend to have clubs not required to have more than one side in each of Grades 1-3, except as provided for in 4.15(a) and (c)
- 4.15(a) Insert new (c) and renumber following, Side winning Zone Grade 2 years in a row to go up irrespective of whether have side in higher grade.
- 4.15(g) Add requirement for Districts to submit summary of proposed Pennant Grades for endorsement. (Zone required to submit to State Match Committee)
- 4.16(a) Add “Where a club has consecutive grades...”
- 4.16 b(ii) amend to read “If his new Club does not have a side entered in his previous season's Pennant Grade or one grade below, he may be regressed no lower than the club's next highest grade”
- 4.16(c)(i) add “...from each of those non-consecutive grades...” to clause.
- 4.16(k) AMEND TO READ “Elevation in Post Sectional Games does not affect a players current season grading”
- 4.17 Amend Penalty to read “-Refer 4.26”
- 4.17B Deleted 22/1/09**
- 4.18 Amend cross reference to read “...4.16 Player Grading, Elevation and Regression.”
- 4.23 Delete Third Paragraph
- 4.26 Delete B and C. remove heading of A. Add new first paragraph “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 1.3, 4.10(note), 4.16, 4.23, Laws)”
- 4.29 Delete paragraph dealing with draw in State Finals if there is a bye.
- Section 5 – Add “Open” after Grand Prix Events.
- Section 7 – Add “& identified as playing State Championships in NSW” at end of first sentence.
- Section 8 – Amend to read “...current and previous Bowling Season.” for consistency of terminology
- Section 8 - Add “ Note: Grading in current year to be determined as at close of entries for the event.”
- Section 9 – Add “Note: Commencement date is first scheduled date for play in the competition at District/Zone level (as applicable)”
- Section 14 – Add new clause “Mod Bowls Conditions of Play”

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* Denotes Non-Negotiable Condition of Play (Note: Some Conditions have part non-negotiable)

1 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 give guidance for the conduct of Association events. They apply to the State as a whole but may be varied, on written application, to the District / Zone / 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.

Certain Conditions of Play have been identified which are considered non negotiable at District / Zone level and can only be varied with the written permission of the State Match Committee.

These Conditions of Play have been identified by a box around the Condition of Play, an asterisk in the heading and by a different typeface

Non Negotiable Conditions of Play *

Are identified by this format

The following Conditions of Play are in this "non negotiable" category

1.3, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.13, 2.20, 2.23, 2.24, 2.26 4.3, 4.4B, 4.5, 4.6, 4.8, 4.10, 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.15, 4.16, 4.17, 4.23, 4.25, 4.26, Section 5, Section 6, Section 7, Section 8 and Section 9

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.

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

The Match Committee is responsible for the conduct of all Association events.

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

The Match Committee may alter a draw, 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 Match Committee shall inquire into and settle disputes concerning Association events in accordance with agreed procedures ie. through Club/District/Zone, State and 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.

1.7A 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.***

1.7B 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 the Controlling Body shall 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.

2 SECTION 2

GENERAL CONDITIONS GOVERNING ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1 Association Events

- State Pennants / Premier League
- Club Major Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours
- **Club Minor Championships**
- 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
- Australian Indoor Singles Championship (NSW Qualifying)
- **Mid-Week Pennants / Triples**
- Such other events as may be declared as Association Events by the RNSWBA.

Note 1: Social/Gala/Casual Bowls, or Mixed Events (or like 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 as a member of an Affiliated Club.

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 Conditions of Play determined by the Club / District / Zone / State Match Committee

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
Club Minor Championships	-	Under Conditions set by relevant Controlling Body
Midweek Pennants / Triples	-	Under Conditions set by relevant Controlling Body

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. (including Club Major & Minor Championships)

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)

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 and showing the player(s) 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

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

2.6 Players Eligibility *

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)

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.

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

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

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

PLAYERS / TEAMS / SIDES OBLIGATIONS

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.

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

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

PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE EVENT.

2.9 Starting Times

AM Games	-	9.00 AM (recommended))	} May vary to suit local conditions.
PM Games	-	1.00 PM (recommended))	

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

Venue Clubs are to have meals available for players when games are played AM and PM. Players requiring meals are to order and pay for meals prior to the commencement of play.

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.

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 \$100 (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 event under the control of the same controlling body, 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 may be a Constituted player, an intended player, an eligible member or an affiliated member.

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.

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.

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.

Ranking Points are allocated for Association Events in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours (winners, runners up and equal thirds.)

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*

Mobile telephones/transistors 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.

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.

3 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 to Appendix "A"

3.9 NSW State Junior Championships

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

3.10 Minor Championships

No Competition at State Level. Conduct of the competition is at the discretion of the relevant Controlling Body

3.11 Midweek Pennants / Triples

No Competition at State Level. Conduct of the competition is at the discretion of the relevant Controlling Body

**4 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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 *

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 and of opposing skips, 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

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

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

B. PRACTICE

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

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

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

A decision as to whether a game is not to be played shall not be made before 8.00AM for AM play and 11.00AM for PM play.

If subsequent to a decision made to play, weather conditions change, matches not commenced by 2.00PM (EST) or 2.30PM (DST), may be played at a later time / date.

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 1/2 points each
Winning team	- 1 point each
Equal shots (team)	- 1/2 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.

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) and (c) 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 Graded 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.

Regression of Clubs

- (e) Zones (and Districts) shall regress Clubs having regard to the previous years' Pennant performances.
- (f) A club shall be regressed no more than one grade from its previous year's grade(s)

Approval

- (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.
- (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 endorsement.

4.16 Player Grading/Elevation/Regression ***All Matches**

- (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.
Note for the purpose of this condition, a Premier League Grading shall be regarded as one grade above Grade 1.
- (b) (i) A player who has changed his declared club from his previous Pennant Season may be regressed 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 may be regressed no lower than the club's next highest grade**
- (c) (i) Where a Club does not have consecutive Grades, a maximum of four (4) players only, for the whole season, from each of those non-consecutive grades, may be regressed **more than one grade below their previous season's grading** to the Club's next highest Grade.
(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.
- (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. 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 be elevated for one (1) match only, then regressed without permission. A player elevated a second or subsequent time shall have his current season grading elevated and shall be ineligible to be regressed below his new current season grading.

Penalty: refer 4.26b.

Post Sectional Play

- (k) A player may be elevated for Post Sectional games and then regressed without permission to a grade no lower than that from which he was elevated. Elevation in Post Sectional Games does not affect a player's current season grading.

PENALTIES: REFER 4.26.

4.17 Participation in State Pennants ***4.17.A 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.

PENALTY -Refer 4.26..

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 ONE HUNDRED (\$100) 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

Two section winners shall play a knock out game to determine the winner.

Grades which have three (3) or more section winners may engage in Round Robin or knock out play.

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. ROUND ROBIN PLAY

In each match of round robin 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 Round Robin 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 winning the highest number of ends over all games of the Round Robin 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, 4.23, Law 8.5 and Law 46.2.1)

ROUND ROBIN OR 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 Round Robin 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 Round Robin 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

ROUND ROBIN PLAY -

In each match of round robin 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 Round Robin 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 winning the highest number of ends over all games of the Round Robin shall be declared the winner

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

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

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)

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

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 the 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

5 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

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.

6 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 Sectional 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.

7 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.

8 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.

9 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)

10 SECTION 10

APPENDIX "A" - PREMIER LEAGUE CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Where a situation arises which is not specifically covered by these conditions the State Conditions of Play of the Association shall apply.

10.1 Structure

The Premier League is an Association Event comprising up to 16 Clubs with 12 players per side. All Clubs will play each other once and, where practicable, the reverse home draw will apply.

The playing schedule will be as determined by the Premier League Controlling Body. For publicity purposes, Clubs are required to nominate their 16 players to the **RNSWBA** no later than six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of the event.

Where at all possible Clubs with International Players participating in International matches where Australia is involved will not be disadvantaged. Every effort will be made to accommodate this situation however the overall wellbeing of the competition will be considered in any final decision.

10.2 Controlling Body

The Premier League will be supervised by an elected Sub Committee of 6 members referred to as the **Premier League Controlling Body**. The Chairman (and his proxy) will be appointed by the Board of the RNSWBA together with the **CEO** and four members elected annually from the Participating Clubs. The **CEO** will communicate with the State Match Committee regarding Premier League.

The Premier League Controlling Body will determine the draw, playing dates and venues and will make, if deemed necessary, such changes as will allow the event to be completed successfully. Cost effectiveness will be a paramount consideration.

The Premier League Controlling Body will enquire into and settle any disputes. However a Controlling Body member who may have a conflict of interest or is a party to a dispute will be excluded from that enquiry.

The Board of the RNSWBA has the power of veto on all matters.

10.3 Promotion and Relegation – Clubs

To be reviewed annually by Premier League Controlling Body.

10.3.A Exemption from Relegation – New Clubs

Newly promoted clubs are guaranteed 2 years participation in Premier League and are exempted from relegation after their first year of participation in Premier League

10.4 General Conditions of Play

10.4.A Greens for Play

All matches will be played on the **best available outdoor surface**. In the event of inclement weather matches will be played or completed on indoor facilities where available.

10.4.B Duration of Matches

All matches (including Finals Series) will be played over 63 ends.

10.4.B.1 INCOMPLETE MATCH

A minimum of 54 ends will constitute a match in preliminary rounds.

Incomplete matches which may have a bearing on the Competition will be **resumed** when play is rescheduled.

10.4.C Starting Times

Trial ends shall commence

- Fridays 6.00PM
- Saturdays 12 Noon to 1PM
- Sundays – 10.00 to 11.00 AM

Any change to the scheduled time must be agreed to by both clubs and approved in writing two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled date for the match.

10.5 Composition of Teams

Clubs must nominate 3 skippers (1,2,3) prior to Round 1 for all Preliminary matches. Any change to skippers must be nominated to RNSWBA by the Tuesday preceding the match, except in the case of 'double headers' where a change for the second match (only) may be nominated to the Premier League recorder and RNSWBA prior to the commencement of the match.

Draw for rinks allocated by Hosting Club. Sides to be faxed to opposition club by Thursday prior to Weekend Round matches. (Note: "Open Draw" shall apply to Finals Series matches.)

10.5.A Practice

is permitted up to the commencement of trial ends. Home Sides are to vacate the rinks for play thirty (30) minutes before commencement of trial ends.

It is permissible for competing teams to practice (roll up) on the rinks allocated for the match.

10.5.B Coloured Attire & Bowls Discs

(See Also Condition 1.7) Coloured attire (Shirts, trousers and caps, etc.) is recommended.

Coloured Bowls Discs - In the event of a clash of colours the visiting side will change discs.

10.5.C Determination of Winner

In each Preliminary Match 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)
 BYE..... 2 Points - (If applicable)

The winner of the Minor Premiership and position on competition table shall be determined as follows:

- (i.) The Side scoring the higher number of points shall be declared the winner
- (ii.) If two or more sides are equal on points, the Side with greater number of rinks won shall be declared the higher.
- (iii.) If there is still a tie, the side with the largest difference between 'total shots for' and 'total shots against' shall be the winner.

10.6 Elevation and Regression – Players (See also Condition 4.17)

No Premier League Player who plays in more than 50% of Premier League Matches is eligible for State Pennants

No Premier League Player can play both Premier League and State Pennants on the same weekend (Fri-Sun), with the exception that a player may be promoted from State Pennants for a SUNDAY match of a 'Premier League double header'

In the event of illness or injury after the commencement of trial ends a player may be replaced by any registered club bowler without penalty.

10.6.A Composite Sides Eligibility Exemption

Players from composite sides shall have a special exemption, and shall be eligible to play in both Premier League and State Pennants irrespective of the number of Premier League matches played.

Composite Sides may have a maximum of 6 players from one club* play in each match of the competition.

Players in Composite Sides shall have a declared club within the "home" Zone of the Side.

*That is a maximum of six players who have the same **declared club** for the season (See Condition 2.6)

10.7 All Players

(See Also Conditions 1.3 and 2.6)

To be eligible to play Premier League with a Club, a player shall be a registered member of that Club (ie. registered with the RNSWBA by that Club) **Note:** *The player must be registered with the RNSWBA before .he plays*

Players not registered with the RNSWBA before the commencement of the second half of scheduled Premier League matches shall be ineligible to play in any matches.

10.8 Finals Series

The top 6 Clubs play off in Final Series

Note: Open Draw to be reconstituted for the Finals Series Matches.

PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS (FRIDAY 6PM / SATURDAY 11AM#)

① 3 v 6 and

② 4 v 5

(3rd ,4th Have Home 'Advantage')

Winners Proceed To Minor Semi Final,

Losers Eliminated

to be completed on scheduled weekend

** Refer to RNSWBA State Programme for Competition Dates*

FINAL SERIES (SATURDAY / SUNDAY)**MAJOR SEMI FINAL (9.00AM SATURDAY)**

1 V 2 (Winner Proceeds to Grand Final, Loser to Final)

MINOR SEMI FINAL (9.00AM SATURDAY)

Winner ① V Winner ②

(Winner to Final, Loser eliminated)

FINAL (1.00PM SATURDAY)

Winner Minor Semi Final V

Loser Major Semi Final

(Winner to Grand Final, Loser Eliminated)

GRAND FINAL (11.30 AM Sunday)

Winner Major Semi Final V Winner Final

10.9 (Grand Final Brunch 9.00AM) Awards

A perpetual trophy for the Winning Club will be presented and displayed at RNSWBA Offices with a suitable trophy and "Premier League Champions Flag" to be retained by the Winning Club.

Players medallions will be presented to the Winners and Runners Up who qualify by playing 50% of the total matches played. As well a Manager's Medallion will be presented to each Side manager of the Grand Final Sides.

A perpetual "Premier League Minor Premiers Shield" will be presented and displayed at the RNSWBA Offices. A replica shield will be presented to, and retained by, the Minor Premiers of the Competition.

All Participating Clubs must attend and be represented at the Grand Final Brunch (Minimum 1 table of 10 per club)

11 SECTION 11

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.

11.1 GENERAL

11.1.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.

11.1.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)

11.1.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.

11.1.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.

11.2 NSW STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - FINALS

11.2.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.

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

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

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

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

11.2.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.

11.2.D Duration of Matches

Duration of matches shall be:

	Round Robin (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 brought to a successful conclusion.

11.2.E Determining Winners in Sectional Matches

In each match of round robin 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 Round Robin Series of Matches shall be determined as follows:

- (i.) The player or team scoring the highest number of points shall be declared the winner
- (ii.) If two or more players or teams are equal on points, the player or team with the largest difference between 'total shots for' and 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- (iii.) If there is still a tie, the player or team with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- (iv.) If there is still a tie the team with the higher number of ends won (does not apply to singles player) shall be declared the winner.
- (v.) If two teams or players remain tied, the winner of the game between those teams/players shall be declared the winner

11.3 NSW JUNIOR INTER-ZONE 7-A-SIDE COMPETITION**11.3.A Introduction**

This event to be contested by sides of seven players selected by Zone Associations.

11.3.B Non-Participation of Zones

The RNSWBA reserves the right to select sides to represent a Zone or Zones where no Zone Side is selected.

In the event that more than one Zone is not represented the RNSWBA may select a composite side or sides to preserve an even number of sides in the competition.

11.3.C Format.

The sides shall compete in singles pairs and fours

11.3.D Duration of Matches

Sectional Play	Pairs and Fours	12 ends	Singles	21 ends
Post Sectional Play	Pairs and Fours	18 ends	Singles	31 ends

11.3.E Determination of Result

The winner of the match shall be the side scoring the most rink wins.

Each game must have a result. An extra end (or ends) will be played if scores are equal at the completion of the scheduled number of ends.

11.3.F Determining Section Winners in round Robin Play

Two (2) Points shall be awarded for the winner of each sectional match.

The Section winner shall be the side scoring the most points during Round Robin Play. If side(s) are equal then the following shall be used to determine the section winner:

1. The highest number of rinks won *if equal, then*
2. The greatest net shots scored (total shots scored – total shots conceded) *if equal, then*
3. The lowest number of shots conceded *if equal, then*
4. The total ends won.

11.3.G Post Sectional Play.

Section winners shall compete in knock out Post-Sectional Play

11.3.H Consolation Event

Sides not progressing to Post Sectional Play will be drawn to play in a consolation event.

12 APPENDIX C

SECTION 12 INTER-ZONE SIDES CHAMPIONSHIP

12.1 Controlling Body

The Host Zone shall be the Controlling Body for the Inter-Zone Sides Championship

12.2 Composition of Sides

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

12.3 Duration of Matches

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

Dead ends do not count

12.4 Trial Ends

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

12.5 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.

12.6 Determination of Section Winners

In each match of round robin 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 Round Robin 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 winning the highest number of rinks won over all games of the Round Robin shall be declared the winner
- (iv.) If there is still a tie, the side with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.

12.7 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.

12.8 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.

13 APPENDIX D**SECTION 13 SENIOR (60& OVER) INTER-ZONE SIDES CHAMPIONSHIP****13.1 Controlling Body**

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

13.2 Composition of Sides

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

13.3 Eligibility

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

13.4 Duration of Matches

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

Dead ends do not count

13.5 Trial Ends

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

13.6 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.

13.7 Determination of Section Winners

In each match of round robin 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 Round Robin Series of Matches shall be determined as follows:

- (vi.) The Side scoring the highest number of points shall be declared the winner
- (vii.) 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.
- (viii.) If there is still a tie, the side winning the highest number of rinks won over all games of the Round Robin shall be declared the winner
- (ix.) If there is still a tie, the side with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.

13.8 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.

13.9 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.

14 APPENDIX E**SECTION 14 MODBOWLS CONDITIONS OF PLAY****14.1 Duration and Format****14.1.A Duration**

- (i.) A ModBowls match should be no longer than 2 hours in duration.
- (ii.) A ModBowls match shall consist of 5 ends, or sets of 5 ends.

14.1.B Format

- (i.) Sets play (where a set is 5 ends)
 - (a) Best of 2 sets, with a one end shoot-out to determine winner in the case of players/teams winning 1 set each. **OR**
 - (b) Best of 3 sets, with the winner determined by the player/team winning 2 sets.

14.2 Play Arrangements**14.2.A Singles Game**

- (i.) Is played between 2 or 3 players each playing four bowls singly and alternately.

14.2.B Pairs Game

- (i.) Is played between two teams of two players each playing 2 bowls singly and in turn.
- (ii.) All four players to be at the mat end during play.

14.2.C Triples Game

- (i.) Is played between two teams of three players each playing 2 bowls singly alternately between teams and in turn.
- (ii.) All six players to be at mat end during play

14.2.D Fours game

- (i.) Is played between two teams of fours players each playing 2 bowls singly, alternately between teams and in turn.
- (ii.) All eight players to be at mat end during play.

14.3 Game Play**14.3.A Starting Play**

- (i.) "Paper Scissors Rock" will determine the person who plays first.
- (ii.) 2 Jacks will be used on each rink, one at each end, and the jack will be placed on the centre line by the skip of the team that won the previous end or the marker in singles.
- (iii.) Each end, the mat will be placed by the lead of the team that won the "Paper, Scissors, Rock" or previous end.

14.3.B Order of Play

- (i.) Singles – opposing players will play bowls alternately
- (ii.) Pairs, Triples & Fours – opposing players will play bowls alternately in any order of play within a team.

14.3.C Driving Restrictions

- (i.) A 'Singles player' or team is allowed a maximum of one drive per end.
- (ii.) Any 'Singles player' or team that drives more than once in an end will incur a 4 shot penalty.

14.3.D Dead Ends

- (i.) If an end is killed by any shot, the opposing player/skipper has the option to replace the jack on either end of the centre line. ie 2 metre mark or 5 metre mark.

14.4 Attire**14.4.A Dress**

- (i.) Colourful 'Mufti' or casual dress is desired.
- (ii.) No whites or creams are required in practice or events.

14.4.B Shoes/Thongs

- (i.) Flat soled shoes or thongs are recommended for use on the greens.

14.5 Practice

- (i.) ModBowlers are eligible to practice at a registered ModBowls Club at times specified by that club.

14.6 Tournament Play

- (i.) During official ModBowls tournaments Markers shall be in use for all formats of play.
- (ii.) Tournaments may be restricted only to registered ModBowlers.



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