

2021 – Conditions of Play

Club Challenge 2021

1. Introduction

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

These Conditions of Play are specifically to govern the conduct of the NSW Club Challenge. They should be read as an appendix to the Bowls NSW Conditions of Play.

All terms, definitions and interpretations not specifically covered in the NSW Club Challenge Conditions of Play are as defined in the Bowls NSW Conditions of Play.

2. Definitions

2.1. **Bowls NSW**

Means the Royal NSW Bowling Association Limited, trading as Bowls NSW.

2.2. **Women's Bowls NSW**

Means the New South Wales Women's Bowling Association Incorporated ("Association") trading as Women's Bowls NSW

3. Controlling Body

The Controlling Body is Bowls NSW.

Bowls NSW may delegate control at host venues in Qualifying to representatives of the Host Club.

4. Divisions & Eligibility

4.1. **Divisions**

- **Men – Gold** (No player grading restriction)
- **Men – Silver** (Players Graded 3 & below)
- **Men – Blue** (Players Graded 5 & below)
- **Women Gold-** (No player grading restriction)
- **Women Pink-** (Players Graded 3 & below)
- **Mixed -Gold** (No player grading restriction)
- **Mixed – Bronze** (Players Graded# 3 & below)

Mixed divisions shall comprise 3 female / 3 male players.

4.2. **Eligibility**

All Sides shall consist of players that are currently registered with that club with either Bowls NSW or Women's Bowls NSW.

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Players whose nominated Club is outside NSW are ineligible to play.

4.2.1. Eligibility to play in each division

4.2.1.1. Silver Division: (Men Only)

To be eligible to play in Silver Division, a player must be graded in Grade 3 Pennants or below in the current Bowling Season.

4.2.1.2. Pink & Bronze Division

To be eligible to play in Pink or Bronze Division, a player must be graded in Grade 3 Pennants or below in the current Bowling Season.

4.2.1.3. Blue Division (Men Only)

To be eligible to play in Blue Division, a player must be graded in Grade 5 Pennants or below in the current Bowling Season

4.2.1.4. Gold Divisions

Open – no restrictions on grading of players who may be selected.

4.2.1.5. Player not graded in current season

A player who did not play in the current season shall have their eligibility to participate in silver or blue divisions by their previous Pennant Season's Grading.

4.2.1.6. Playing more than one Division

Players who play 2 matches in a division may not play in a lower division without prior written permission from the Controlling Body. (Gold is higher than Silver which are higher than Bronze/Pink, which are higher than Blue)

4.2.1.7. Post Sectional Play

To be eligible for post sectional play players must have been eligible to have played sectional play in that division and not have played any matches in a higher division.

4.2.1.8. Dual Grading

A player who has played Pennants with both Bowls NSW and Women's Bowls NSW and has different gradings in these competitions may play according to the lowest of those gradings

5. Match Regulations

5.1. Composition of Side

Each side shall comprise of six players.

Three pairs games shall be played within each match:

5.2. Duration of Matches

Pairs - 15 ends (3 bowls per player)

5.3. Practice

No practice permitted before commencement of matches

5.4. Trial Ends

There shall be one trial end before any match.

5.5. Re-spotting the jack

If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank or rebounds to a

distance of less than 18 metres from the mat line, the end must not be declared dead. Instead the jack must be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a Spot which is 2m from ditch and on the centre line. (i.e., at the 2 metre mark T

5.6. Determining Results

5.6.1. Match Wins

The side to win the greatest number of games shall win the match

A sectional match that finishes with each side winning one discipline and one drawn discipline shall be regarded as a drawn match and be recorded as a 1/2 win for each side.

5.6.2. Sectional Play /Round Robin Play

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

A maximum of nine (9) points are available for each match

Up to three (3) Points shall be awarded for each discipline

- Game win = 3 points
- Game Draw = 1 point
- Game loss = 0 points

5.6.3. Determining Results of Sections

The winner of the section shall be determined as follows

- (i.) The side with the greater number of Match Wins shall be the winner, If equal
- (ii.) The side with the greatest number of points shall be the winner, If equal
- (iii.) the side with the greatest difference between total shots scored and total shots conceded shall be the winner
- (iv.) If equal, the side with the lowest total shots conceded shall be the winner

5.6.4. Knockout

The side to win the greatest number of games shall be the winner.

If a knockout match finishes with 1 win each and 1 draw the drawn game shall play an extra end or ends to determine a winner. (in accordance with Law).

If a knockout match finishes with 3 drawn games, each game shall play an extra end or ends to determine a winner. (in accordance with Law).r

6. Competition Format

6.1. Sectional Play

Sides shall be placed into sections (number of sides per section to be determined by number of entries received). Where possible, sections shall comprise four sides - each side shall play each other side in their section once.

6.2. Post Sectional Play

Section Winners shall progress to Post-Sectional Play.

Post Sectional Play shall be based on regions. Winners from each region shall qualify for the State Finals series.

7. Administrative

7.1. Submission of results

The designated Home side is responsible for ensuring that the results are transmitted to the Controlling Body immediately after the completion of the match.

7.2. Prize Money

Prize money shall be allocated to State Winners, State Runners Up and (where Semi Finals are played) Semi Finalists.

Clubs may apply for financial assistance to attend State Finals under the Travel Assistance Grant (TAG).

7.3. Entry Fees

All divisions: \$110 (including GST) per side.

7.4. Green Fees

There will be no green fees paid.

7.5. Attire

Players shall be attired according to the regulations of the RNSWBA or NSWBA (as applicable)

7.6. Player/Manager

Each Side must have an appointed Manager who may be a player.

7.7. Umpires and Markers

The host club shall supply accredited umpires.

7.8. Precedence

Sectional Matches of the Bowls NSW Club Challenge shall not have precedence over Association Events at District level and above.

Regional and State Finals shall have precedence.

7.9. Forfeit

A club failing its commitment to play a match and forfeiting without adequate reason shall be subject to a penalty of \$350 for each side for each match forfeited.

8. Key Dates

Tuesday 5 October Entries close.

Saturday 6 November - Sectional Play (3 Rounds)

Sunday 7 November – Sectional Play (3 Rounds) / Post Sectional Play

Saturday 20 November – Sectional Play (3 Rounds) / Post Sectional Play

Sunday 21 November – Regional Finals (as needed)

Saturday 11 December – State Finals (Round Robin/Sectional)

Sunday 12 December – State Finals (Finals)

9. State Finals

Format of State Finals will be Round Robin followed by knockout (where possible)