

CRITERIA	STATE PENNANT 2021 CONDITIONS OF PLAY
Introduction	Pennants are conducted by District Match Committees for and on behalf of WBNSW and any decisions made by the State Match Committee will be final. The State Pennant competition is made up of three stages of competition, i.e. District, Regional and State. If a Club or player does not wish to proceed to the end scenario of this State event, as it is presently conducted, then they should consider not entering. Penalties may be applied in the event of a Club not proceeding to the State Pennant Playoffs.
Laws of the Sport	District, Regional and State Pennant competitions are conducted under the Laws of The Sport Of Bowls (Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, Version 3.1) and within these Conditions of Play. WBNSW reserves the right to make any changes required at any time.
DISTRICT LEVEL	
Controlling Body	The District Match Committee has control of all matches within the District. All Clubs must conform to the conditions to be eligible to compete in the State Finals Playoffs.
Club Eligibility	All affiliated Clubs in a WBNSW District are eligible to enter on forms supplied by the District and pay the current entry fee to the District.
Grades	There are four grades of Pennants, namely No. 1, 2, 3, and 4. Any further grades will be at District level only that is 5, 6, or 7. Clubs MUST enter a side in the same grades as entered in the 2020 season . This does not restrict the number of sides Clubs may enter in each grade. If wishing to drop a side it MUST be in the LOWEST GRADE .
District Draw & Sections	The District Match Committee shall conduct an open draw for all grades. Where one club has more than 1 side entered in the same grade they shall not be placed in separate sections. Where there are 3 or more sections in a District, section winners will play off in a Round Robin, open draw, to determine District winners. When Post-Sectional play is completed the side with the highest score is the Grade winner. Where there are 8 or more sides in a grade sectional play is to be followed.
Elevation Regression Grading of Players	There will be no elevations or regressions applied for the 2021 Season. Individual Gradings will be those applied at the beginning of the 2020 season
District Entries to State	A copy of the entries (not the draw) for each Pennant Grade in a District <u>must be</u> forwarded by the District Secretary to the State Match Committee at least 2 months prior to the commencement of play, FOR APPROVAL.
District Start & Finish Dates	Districts will be responsible for finalising all pennant play within the timeframe that is available prior to State Entries Closing.
Selection	Pennant sides must be club selected and shall comprise of 2 teams of 4 players.
Player Eligibility	All players must be fully affiliated female members of WBNSW.
Dress	All players and side managers must wear registered club uniform only, when participating in this competition, at all levels.
Play Days	Two matches at least must be set down in the one week in each grade. Where distances are great, matches may be played on a central green and/or 2 matches may be played on the 1 day. Clubs may play on or before the original date by mutual agreement.
Home Club	All matches will be played on the green of the first named Club in the draw but if not available and, with the consent of the District Match Committee, will be played on the opponent's or a neutral green. Play is on a home and away principle or on a central green if the District Match Committee deems it necessary.
Number of Ends	Matches are to consist of 21 ends per team. NO extra ends to be played, in the event of a draw.
Dispensation for Players	Players who are selected for State or National representation shall be given dispensation from pennants and District Match Committees are to schedule games around such events allowing adequate travel time for those players.
Two Club Sides in 1 Grade	If any Club has 2 or more sides in any one grade of Pennant such sides shall be separate entities and no players shall be interchanged between those sides at District/Regional/State Level. This also applies to any substitutes or replacements used in a side at District/Regional/State level.

Stand Alone Sides	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the event of there being no opponent in the grade, that side shall play in the next lower grade, but shall remain entered in the higher grade. 2. If they win the pennant competition they will be deemed to have won the higher grade and progress to the Regional Playoffs in that grade. The next highest placed side shall be the lower grade winner. 3. If they do not win the pennant competition they are deemed to have NOT won the higher grade and will not proceed. They will have the option to remain in the higher grade for the following year. 4. Please refer to Appendix 1 – Pennant Grading.
Combined Clubs	<p>If 2 Clubs within the same District do not have a pennant side in any other grade, they may combine to form 1 pennant side only, to allow them to compete, provided that they mutually agree on the home ground. Combined Clubs are to have both Club names in the title. Each player would wear their own Club uniform. Each Club must have 25 <u>active</u> members or less and permission to combine must be obtained, in writing, from the State Match Committee before entries are submitted each year.</p> <p>Please refer to Appendix 1 – Pennant Grading.</p>
Combined Districts	<p>Two Districts within the same Region may combine for all grades, provided that they comply with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In each District, a majority of Clubs must agree. 2. The Club winning the combined grade would receive the award, if any, from its own District. 3. No composite teams between Districts are permitted. <p>Districts wishing to combine must obtain permission, in writing, from the WBNSW Match Committee before entries are submitted each year.</p>
Transferring Clubs for Pennant	<p>Any player may transfer to another Club for the playing of Pennants at a cost of \$25 out and \$25 return. The player is not eligible to enter or play in any Club or District Championship during the period of transfer. Any member, after presenting a certificate of clearance is eligible to play in any round of pennants that they have not already contested.</p>
Fly In Players	<p>A “fly in” player is deemed to be one who transfers to a club solely for the purpose of playing pennants and does not enter any championship events at that club and in that District. Clubs are limited to one “fly in” player in a side for the duration of the competition.</p>
Changing Player Positions	<p>Players and their positions may be changed each match at District or Regional level. A player may play once in any grade of Pennant in any one round. A player may be elevated to a higher grade at any time. They may play twice only in a higher grade and return to a lower grade without penalty.</p>
Players Missing at Game Start	<p>In a side, if any of the required 8 players is not present at the scheduled starting time, a substitute or replacement player from their Club may be used. If the side is playing away, the match may be played with an affiliated player as a substitute. If an original player arrives late, they may take their place in the team at the commencement of the next end. Or the team may elect to play the game one player short. DR 2.6. The substitute must play in the position of the absent player but cannot play skip. DR 2.4.5</p>
Player Illness During A Game	<p>If during the course of a side game a player is unable to continue owing to illness or other reasonable cause, the player may leave the green and the Controlling Body may permit the side to continue to play with that team, playing 1 player short subject to DR 2.6, or the players place may be filled by a substitute who cannot take the role of skip. The Controlling Body shall be the sole judge of “reasonable cause”. In the absence of reasonable cause, the opposing team shall be entitled to claim the game.</p>
Inclement Weather	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Side Manager must contact the Club concerned not later than 1 hour before the game is due to commence and make arrangements for the players to contact her for information. Play must commence within 1.5 hours of the original starting time. 2. In the event of inclement weather, the Chair of District Match will contact the clubs concerned if the game needs to be resumed for the awarding of a winner, runner up or regression. 3. Any appeal to the umpire made for inclement weather shall be made by the Manager on behalf of the side. 4. If a game is not started, then no players have been constituted in the teams and when the game is rescheduled, the players can be changed. 5. If a match is abandoned for the day, all 4 cards are to be kept at the HOME Club and duplicates of all 4 cards are to be sent to the Chair of District Match by the HOME Club (photocopies are acceptable). At the end of the Pennant season the Clubs concerned will be notified by the Chair of District Match when and if the game is to be completed. The same personnel must finalise the match with only 1 substitute being permitted in each team. 6. All deferred matches may be played after the last scheduled round or earlier by mutual agreement, to determine winners and to allow regression of the Clubs.

Points & Scoring	The total number of points awarded for each match shall be 5 in the following order: Team win = 1 point Team draw = ½ point Side win = 3 points Side draw = 1.5 points
Scorecards	One scorecard only to be kept by each second in each Pennant team during a match.
Forfeits & Byes	Forfeits are credited as a side win, with the average of marginal shots in the round. Byes have no score.
Disqualifications	A disqualification, WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BY WBNSW MATCH COMMITTEE will result in the points earned by the side being disqualified being deducted from their result, but not awarded to the opposition resulting from the disqualification.
Determining A Winner	The side scoring the highest number of points shall be the winner. If points are equal, the side with the greatest margin of Net shots shall be the winner. (Total shots for, minus total shots against, equals Net shots). If the Net shots are also equal, the side with the lowest total of shots against will be the winner.
Pennant Side Managers Duties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> All Pennant Side Managers should be female affiliated members of WBNSW if required to act as a reserve for the Side or a Bowls NSW affiliated member who may act as manager only. The HOME side shall supply the Pennant Result Sheet. The HOME side is the side on whose green the match is being played, or if on a neutral green, the Home side is the first named on the draw. Scoreboard and Pennant Result Sheet show the HOME SIDE on the LEFT SIDE and the visiting side on the right side. Each Side is recorded first on their own cards. Registration numbers may only be recorded the first instance that a member plays. Managers will toss a coin on behalf of the sides Law 5.2. Managers shall draw for rinks allocated by the controlling body prior to the commencement of every match and will ensure that teams as drawn must play each other. When a match is completed, the Manager sees that the score cards are correctly filled in with the correct score recorded in the appropriate place, the seconds have signed the cards in the appropriate place and the time of the match completion has been recorded by the seconds before recording the correct information onto the Pennant Result Sheet. Both Side Managers sign the Pennant Result Sheet after its completion. The winning side is to keep 2 cards at their Club; the other 2 cards are attached to the Pennant Result Sheet and forwarded to the District Match Chairman by the HOME side manager, either by mail or electronically. If a match is drawn, the 2 cards are kept at the HOME side club. If a mistake is detected on the Pennant Result Sheet it shall be altered to agree with the cards as the cards duly signed will be taken as the correct score. The Manager of the HOME SIDE shall inform, by the agreed method (phone/email/text), the results to the Chair of District Match or their delegate, no later than 7pm on the day of play.
District Results	Results of each District Pennant, in all grades, must be forwarded to State Match Office prior to Regional playoffs and must include the names, grade and current Member I.D. of all players who participated throughout the Season in the winning side. Names, grade and Member ID of the players in the side coming last should be submitted so gradings can be updated.
District Pennant Flags	Must differ in colour from those of WBNSW. It is at the discretion of each District to award any flags, badges, certificates or any awards to winners and/or runners-up at District level and the number presented, in conjunction and within the District Expenditure Policy.

REGIONAL LEVEL	
Controlling Body	The host District Match Committee is the Controlling Body.
Stand Alone Teams	At Regional level if there is no other side in that grade, the District winner shall progress to the State Playoffs.
Regional Play Dates	Regional Playoffs are to be completed in time for entries to be submitted to WBNSW by the closing date.
Replacement Players	The importation of players specifically to be used as substitutes or replacement players for Regional playoffs and State Finals Playoffs is not permitted.
Regional Playoffs	All District winners will play off at Regional level on a Round Robin or knock-out principle on greens that have been declared neutral by the District Match Committee. If in any grade only 2 Districts are competing they shall play 1 match on a neutral green. If drawn, an extra end will be played to determine a winner. In any knockout competitions a team will be required to concede when it becomes mathematically impossible for them to win the match. Controlling Bodies are empowered to ensure this is adhered to.

Notification of Regional Winners	On completion of Regional playoffs, the designated Host District Official shall arrange for the winning Club to submit the completed Regional Winners entry form with a copy of the result sheet and payment by the closing date. Both documents must include the FULL NAMES and the current Member I.D. numbers of all players who are the intended players to contest the State Playoffs, IN THE CORRECT ORDER OF PLAY. The winning club is responsible for checking that the entry form is filled in correctly.
STATE LEVEL	
Controlling Body	WBNSW Match Committee shall be in control of all State Finals
Entry Fees	These will be determined by the Board each year.
Sectional Play	The State Finals Playoffs will be conducted on either a Round Robin principle or sectional play (depending on the number of entries) with 2 matches each day consisting of 21 ends each team. Sectional play will be conducted if 8 (eight) or more sides have entered in any grade of the State Finals Playoffs.
Replacement Players	Permission must be obtained from WBNSW Match Committee if replacement players are required for the sides entered, prior to the commencement of play in all State Finals.
Constituted Players	Each member of a team shall become a constituted player in that team immediately that the jack is delivered on the first end. Playing positions amongst the 8 constituted players may be interchanged during the State Finals before the start of the next game. All players or replacements may not have played more than twice in a higher grade.
Substitute Players	In each team a substitute shall be permitted on 1 occasion only for any 1 player. Only in extreme circumstances (accepted by WBNSW State Match Committee) will a substitute be permitted twice for the same player. A substitute, once appointed, must play in the position of the player being substituted except if it is the Skip, if the skip is being substituted the players must rearrange their positions as necessary DR 2.4.5 If a player is replaced, after approval, they take no further part in the competition.
Side Managers	Side managers fulfil the same role as they did during District and Regional games and are also required to act as master board turners at State Finals Playoffs. Side Managers only are permitted to approach the Match table.
Scorecards	State Match Committee will supply all score cards for State Finals Playoffs. Home team is the first named on the draw and shall be first named on all scoreboards.
Catering at State Finals	The catering levy payable to venue Clubs covers morning tea, lunch and green fees. This amount is specified in the Pennant playoff information sheet sent out with the draw. Lunch provided by the venue is to be paid for whether the lunch is eaten or not, which for all State Playoffs is a Condition of Play. Any special dietary requests should be made to the venue Club before the event commences to allow reasonable time for a change to organised catering. For teams that have a bye in the morning round, arrangements need to be made with the venue whether lunch will be required. For an afternoon bye, the FULL amount is to be paid and lunch will be provided, unless otherwise advised.
State Winners	Club shall receive a Certificate and State Pennant Flag. Eight players only, shall receive a State Pennant badge.
State Runners-Up	Club shall receive a Certificate and a Runners-Up Pennant Flag. Eight players will each receive a badge.
State Pennant Flags	Grade 1 = Royal Blue with Gold Lettering Grade 2 = Gold with Royal Blue Lettering Grade 3 = Green with Gold Lettering Grade 4 = Pale Blue with Crimson Lettering

The WBNSW Match Committee reserves the right to contravene these conditions of play, if the need arises, due to any unforeseen emergency situation to bring Pennants to a satisfactory conclusion.

Appendix to State Pennant Conditions of Play 2021



PENNANT GRADING

Introduction

Players are graded for 2021 Pennants as per the Grade played in 2019 or last known grade within the past 5 years (since 2016).

If a player played 3 or more games in a grade within the past 5 years, then that would be their grade.

If a player has never played pennants they will be graded as a grade 4.

Elevation

District winning players must be elevated to the next highest grade.

Example: If you win grade 2 at District level, then all 8 players will be graded 1 in the following year as long as they have played the required 3 games as per above.

Regression

If you regress from grade 2 then all 8 players will be graded 3.

▶ Please note that the State Match Committee will adjust the grades of players who are being elevated or regressed in accordance with District results at the end of any pennant season.

Club Selection

Clubs must use their pennant player's membership listing (available from your Club Secretary) with current gradings for selection purposes. These listings will be made available once State Match has made the elevation/regression amendments.

Example: A side came 3rd in the District Pennant in 2019, so they remain in the same grade for 2021.

▶ At least 6 out of 8 players from this side must remain in that grade. 2 players only may regress to the next grade. There is no limit on elevation of players to a higher grade.

Players

Any player can play in a higher grade twice when required before being graded in the higher grade after their 3rd game.

Stand Alone

As per the Conditions of Play - Example: A stand-alone side in grade 2 can choose to play the season in grade 3, but all 8 players will retain their grading of grade 2 for that season.

Combined Clubs

As per the Conditions of Play - 2 Clubs within the same District may combine to form 1 pennant side only to allow them to compete as long as they comply with current pennant players grading.

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Regrading

Any individual player can apply for regrading on the Regrading Application Form attached. This application must be approved by the Club's Selection Committee prior to being signed off by the Club Secretary and forwarded to the State Match Committee for final approval. State approval or non-approval is to be forwarded by WBNSW to the relevant District/Club Official.

Once the grade requested has been approved, the player shall not play in a lower grade for that season.

Example: If a player hasn't played pennants since 2015, then they may apply for regrading. If a pennant player has missed a season due to ill health or injury, they can apply for regrading.

District

The District Match Committee must be in possession of all Club's membership listings for verification of eligibility of players for pennants once Pennant result sheets are received. These listings will be provided each year once elevations and regressions have been finalised for the coming year

Pennant Result Sheet

Player's grades must be recorded on the Pennant Result Sheet with current Member ID number and full name as per attached form.



State Pennants 2021 Application for Regrading

Club Name: _____

PLAYERS DETAILS

Member ID: _____ Grade Requested: _____

Surname: _____ Given Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLAYER'S PENNANT HISTORY *(Grading from previous seasons - what grade did the Player play)*

Year: _____ Year: _____ Year: _____

Grade: _____ Grade: _____ Grade: _____

No. of games: _____ No. of games: _____ No. of games: _____

REASON FOR APPLICATION *(Please attach additional sheet if required)*

VERIFICATION BY CLUB SELECTION CHAIRPERSON & CLUB SECRETARY

Selection: _____ Sign: _____

Secretary: _____ Sign: _____

Date: _____

- Approval or Non-approval is to be forwarded by WBNSW to the relevant District/Club Official.
- Once the grade requested has been approved, the player **may not** play in a lower grade for that season.

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Approved Not Approved Date: _____

Database Update Date: _____