

# NSW State Championships

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## 1. Introduction and Scope

All events shall be conducted in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and with the Bowls NSW General Conditions of Play.

These Conditions of Play provide specific Conditions relative to NSW State Championships.

## 2. Event Name

NSW State Championships

## 3. Event Formats

There shall be five categories of State Championships

### 3.1. State Men's Championships

Qualifying shall be conducted in each discipline within Zone Boundaries.

Zone Winners shall qualify for State Finals

### 3.2. State Women's Championships

Qualifying shall be conducted in each discipline within Region Boundaries.

Region Winners shall qualify for State Finals

### 3.3. Senior Men's Championships

Qualifying shall be conducted in each discipline within Zone Boundaries.

Zone Winners shall qualify for State Finals

### 3.4. Senior Women's Championships

Qualifying shall be conducted in each discipline within Region Boundaries.

Region Winners shall qualify for State Finals

### 3.5. Reserve Championships

Qualifying shall be conducted in each discipline within Zone Boundaries.

Zone Winners shall qualify for State Finals

## 4. Players Eligibility

Players must satisfy eligibility requirements as set out in General Conditions of Play.

In addition:

### 4.1. Gender Requirements

#### 4.1.1. Men's State Championships and Senior Championships

To enter a Men's State Championship or Men's Senior Championship, the player must be a male member

#### 4.1.2. Women's State Championships and Senior Championships

To enter a Women's State Championship or Women's Senior Championship, the player must be a female member.

#### 4.1.3. Reserve Championships

There are no gender requirements for Reserve Championships

## **4.2. Additional Event Eligibility Requirements**

### **4.2.1. Senior Championships**

To enter Senior Championships the player must be aged 60 years or over as at the date of close of entries for that discipline at District/Zone level.

### **4.2.2. Reserve Championships**

To enter and play in Reserve State Championship a player must

- i. Have a previous season grading (State Open Pennants) of Grade 5, 6 or 7 or
- ii. Be ungraded in Open Gender Pennants and not played 50% or more matches in the current or previous season in Division 1 or Division 2 Single Gender Pennants. AND
- iii. Not have a Grading higher than Grade 5 (State Open Pennants) in the current season as at the close of entries for that event.

### **4.3. One Entry per discipline**

A player is eligible to enter each discipline in one event category only.

- i. A player may enter only one of State Singles, Senior Singles and Reserve Singles
- ii. A player may enter only one of State Pairs, Senior Pairs and Reserve Pairs
- iii. A player may enter only one of State Triples, Senior Triples and Reserve Triples
- iv. A player may enter only one of State Fours, Senior Fours and Reserve Fours

A player is eligible to enter different disciplines in different event categories (provide the player meets all eligibility requirements for that category).

### **4.4. Teams**

All members of a team are required to be from the same Club. (That is, they shall be registered with Bowls NSW as an Individual Member of that Club). See also General COP 14.

## **5. Format**

### **5.1. Qualifying**

Zone/Region/District

Zone/Region/District may play sectional, knockout or a combination of both as required.

### **5.2. State Finals**

State Finals will be conducted as a combination of sectional play and knockout.

## **6. Entry Fee**

### **6.1. Qualifying**

As determined by the Zone/Region/District

### **6.2. State Finals**

As determined by the Board of Bowls NSW.