

CATEGORY	QUESTION	ANSWER
General	Why has the 2021 season been extended to 30 June 2022?	<p>Bowls NSW Ltd made the decision to extend the 2021 season based on multiple factors, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID-19 lockdowns throughout 2021 - Travel restrictions resulting from COVID-19 - Feedback from our Members Competition Review Survey - Days of play needed to complete remaining Club/District/Region/Zone Championships - Green renovation periods - Availability of host clubs and green space - Plans to reduce congestion in the playing calendar - Minimising impact on the schedule of events in the upcoming season
General	What 2021 events will be completed?	<p>The following 2021 events will be completed:</p> <p>2021 Women's State Pennant Finals (18 - 23 March 2022) 2021 Open Gender State Pennant Finals (25 - 27 March 2022) 2021 Women's State Championships (30 March - 8 April 2022) 2021 State Junior Championships (19 - 22 April 2022) 2021 State Open Gender Championships (20 - 29 May 2022) 2021 Women's Champion of Champion Pairs (2 - 5 June 2022) 2021 Men's Champion of Champion Singles & Pairs (3 - 7 June 2022) 2021 Women's Champion of Champion Singles (26 - 29 June 2022)</p>
General	What are the playing dates of the new Bowls NSW Ltd season?	<p>The playing dates for the new Bowls NSW Ltd season will be from 1 July to 30 June, as per Bowls NSW Ltd Regulations.</p>
General	What events are scheduled in the upcoming Bowls NSW Ltd season calendar?	<p>As a unified entity, Bowls NSW Ltd can now offer a greater mix of single and open gender competitions. The upcoming Bowls NSW Ltd season calendar will include:</p> <p>Pennants Single Gender (Men's and Women's) Pennant Competitions and an Open Gender Pennant Competition.</p> <p>State Championships Single Gender competitions in all disciplines at State level Single Gender competitions in all disciplines at Senior level Open Gender competitions in all disciplines at Reserve level</p> <p>State Champion of Club Champions Single Gender competitions for both Singles & Pairs</p> <p>Other Bowls NSW Ltd Competitions Women's State Carnival Men's State Carnival State Mixed Pairs State O40's Pairs State Rookies State Junior Championships</p> <p>Other Bowls NSW Ltd Events State & Senior InterZone State Selection Series State Test Series State Junior 7-a-Side Inter Zone Australian Indoor Qualifying State Inter Schools Challenge Brett Duprez Junior Series</p> <p>Bowls NSW Ltd acknowledges that, to ease calendar congestion, some events have not been included in the upcoming season calendar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekend Pennant Club Challenge Summer League Junior Carnival NSW 5-a-Side

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General	When will the 2022-2023 Single Gender (separate Men's & Women's) Pennant Competitions be played?	Districts & Zones will be able to schedule these competitions to start as early as 1 July 2022 and must have them completed by 31 October 2022 (State Finals scheduled for 18 - 20 November 2022).
General	When will the 2022-2023 Open State Pennant Competition be played?	Zones will be able to schedule this competition to start as early as 14 January 2023 and must have them completed by 31 May (State Finals scheduled for 30 June- 2 July 2023).
General	When will the 2022-2023 State Championships disciplines be played?	In order to alleviate pressure on the calendar, Districts/Regions and Zones will now have set dates to complete each discipline. Pairs must be completed by 14 November 2022, Triples must be completed by 19 December 2022, Fours must be completed by 31 March 2023 and Singles will need to be completed by 29 June 2023. This will spread events out over the full calendar thereby giving weekend dates back to clubs to run championships, tournaments etc.
General	Will there be Zone Champion of Champion Singles & Pairs events?	No - Starting from the 2022-2023 season, all Club Singles and Pairs winners will enter directly into the State Champion of Champion Finals.
Club	When do we have to complete 2021 Club Championships?	Men's 2021 Club Major Singles & Pairs must be completed by 14 March 2022. Zones must complete their Champion of Champion events by 16 May 2022. Women's 2021 Club Major Singles & Pairs must be completed by 9 May 2022. This is the close of entry date for the State Champion of Club Champion events. The deadline for all other remaining 2021 Championships is 30 June 2022.
Club	Can we play new season Championships prior to 1 July 2022?	Yes - The CoP allows clubs to commence and finish any 2022-2023 Championship prior to 1 July 2022. Please note that from the 2023-2024 season onwards, clubs can commence their Championships prior to 1 July, but must complete them after 1 July.
Club	When will the new season calendar be released?	The Bowls NSW Ltd Calendar of Events from Oct 2021 to July 2023 has been released. Districts/Zones are expected to release their calendar of events for the same period in the coming weeks.
Club	When do we have to nominate our sides for the 2021 State Pennant Finals?	All clubs must nominate their sides for the 2021 State Pennant Finals (Open Gender & Women) by 1 March 2022. For clubs who have already sent in nomination sheets, you do not need to resubmit a nomination unless there is a change to any of the sides nominated.
Club	Do we have to run single gender or open gender Club Championships from the 2022-2023 season onwards?	This is an individual club decision. Bowls NSW Ltd advises that clubs ensure any decisions made on club events (both competition and social/tournament etc.) maximises the opportunity for participation.

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Club	Do women have to be members of a Men's sub club to play in open gender events administered by the Men's club? Similarly, do men have to be members of the Women's sub club to play in open gender events administered by the Women's club?	<p>No - Members of a sub club are considered to be from the same club for open gender events. If a Men's sub club has open Club Championships, female members are eligible if they are declared members of the Women's sub club of the same club. This same principle applies for Women's sub clubs administering open club Championships, male members are eligible if they are declared members of the Men's sub club of the same club.</p> <p>Members of either sub club are eligible to play in Bowls NSW Ltd Open Gender State Pennants.</p> <p>Bowls NSW Ltd recommends that women join/renew with the Women's sub club and men join/renew with the Men's sub club to ensure they are eligible for all single and open gender events.</p> <p>There is no requirement for women to be members of a Men's sub club to be eligible to play Open Gender Pennants or any other Open Gender event.</p>
Club	Who is eligible to play as our Club Champion in Bowls NSW Ltd State Champion of Champion events?	<p>If a club plays single gender Singles & Pairs Championships only (i.e a separate Men's Club Singles and Women's Club Singles), the winners of those Championships are eligible to enter the respective State Champion of Champion event.</p> <p>If a club plays open gender Singles & Pairs Championships only, the winner of that Championship is eligible to enter their respective gendered State Champion of Champion event. (i.e if a female member wins the Club Open Gender Singles, she is eligible to enter the Women's State Champion of Champion Singles event).</p> <p>If the Club Open Pairs winners are a mixed team, they would be ineligible to enter any Champion of Champion Pairs event.</p> <p>If a club plays both single gender & open gender Championships in either Singles and/or Pairs, only the winners of the single gender competitions would be eligible to enter the State Champion of Champion events.</p>
Individual	Do I have to be affiliated with the District (for women) or Zone (for men) to be eligible to play in their respective events?	<p>Yes - Men should be affiliated to the Zone through the Men's sub club whilst women should be affiliated to the District through their Women's sub club. If a club has unified/ amalgamated both of their sub clubs to become one club, they must pay an affiliation fee to both the Zone & District to ensure both genders of membership are eligible to participate.</p> <p>Please note: Under Bowls NSW Ltd Regulations, a female does not need to be a member of the Men's club or the Zone to be eligible to play in any open event administered by a Zone association (e.g. Open Pennants; State Reserve Championships).</p>
Individual	Will the Women's State Championships now include Senior Singles and Senior Triples disciplines?	<p>Yes - From 2022-2023, women will now have Senior State Championships in all disciplines.</p>
Individual	How do I know if I am eligible for State Reserve Championships in the 2022-2023 season?	<p>A player is eligible to enter into State Reserve Championships if they have a 2021 Open Pennant Grading of 5 - 6 - 7 or are ungraded.</p> <p>An ungraded player is INELIGIBLE to play in State Reserve Championships if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They played in 50% of the District sectional matches in Grade 1 or 2 of the 2021 Women's State Pennant season OR - They played in 50% of the District sectional matches in Division 1 or 2 of the 2022-2023 Women's State Pennant season OR - They played in 50% of the Zone sectional matches in Division 1 or 2 of the 2022-2023 Men's State Pennant season

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Individual	What is the eligibility requirement for Senior State Championships?	To be eligible for Senior State Championships, a player must be aged 60 years or over as at the date of close of entries for that event at District or Zone level.
Individual	What State Championship events am I eligible to enter?	<p>Both men and women can enter into any State Championship event in which they are eligible, however they cannot enter into the same discipline across multiple Championships.</p> <p>Example 1: I am a woman who does not have an Open Pennant Grading and did not play in Division 1 or 2 of the 2022-2023 Women's State Pennant. Can I play in the State Reserve Pairs and in the State Women's Singles Championship? Yes.</p> <p>Example 2: I am a man aged 62 years and have a 2021 Open Pennant Grading of 6. Can I play in the State Men's Senior Pairs and in the State Reserve Triples? Yes.</p> <p>Example 3: I am a player with no Pennant Grading and did not play any single gender pennant competition. Can I play in the State Singles and in the State Reserve Singles? No.</p>
Individual	If I am a woman and a member of a Men's sub club only, can I play in Men's Championships & Pennants?	<p>No - You are only eligible to play in events that are Open Gender competitions only. You are not eligible for Men's single gender events administered by Men's sub club or Zone.</p> <p>As you are not declared with a Women's sub club, you are also ineligible for Women's single gender events administered by the Women's sub club or District.</p>
Individual	Can I play in the rescheduled 2021 State Pennant Finals if I have changed declared clubs since winning the Zone/Regional title?	<p>Yes - Players who have changed declared clubs since winning a zone/regional title with their original club are still allowed to play for that original club if selected and eligible for State Finals in that Grade.</p> <p>Players who have changed declared clubs to a club who has a side qualified for the 2021 State Pennant Finals are INELIGIBLE to play for their new club.</p>
Individual	Can I play in a Single Gender Pennant competition and the Open Gender Pennant Competition for the 2022-2023 season?	Yes - Players can participate in both a Single Gender Pennant Competition and the Open Gender Pennant Competition during the 2022-2023 season.