



BOWLS
NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE MATCH COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET

This document has been created to clarify CoP items and advise of some processes for upcoming pennant competitions.

WOMEN'S PENNANT COP

- Two (2) players are allowed to play 1 division lower or next lowest division if the club does not have sides in consecutive divisions in a season.
- If a club has multiple sides in a division, then 2 players are allowed to be regressed to each side participating in the next lowest division.
- This means that the 2 players regressed for each side are for the season and no other players will be allowed to be regressed to that side.

Example: Club A has 1 side in Division 2 and 2 sides in Division 3, they are allowed to regress 4 players in total from Division 2, with 2 playing in one of the Division 3 sides whilst the other 2 playing in the other Division 3 side.

Example: Club B had 2 sides in Division 2 in 2021 season but only 1 side this season and 1 side in Division 3, they are allowed to regress 4 players in total to Division 3.

- Each player must have approval from SMC by the club completing the regrade application form, available on our website (under Members Resources – Match & Competition Documents then Womens State Pennants 2022 – 2023): https://bowlsnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Womens_pennants_application_for_regrade.pdf
- This application must be sent to district for endorsement, who will forward onto SMC for deliberation.
- Any other regrade application must also be made using the application form stated above, together with reason for regrading and forwarded to district to endorse, who will forward to SMC for deliberation.
- If a club/side has been regressed from a grade played in 2021 season to a lower division in 2022-2023 season, those players will be automatically regraded by SMC (but only if the club has supplied a participation listing of all players and what grades they played in 2021 season).
- If the participation listing has not been forwarded, the gradings in BowlsLink will not reflect those players current season grading.
- If your club has not completed or sent this spreadsheet, please contact match@bowlsnsw.com.au and a spreadsheet can be forwarded for completion and return.
- Any regrade application sent to SMC will be collated and result of application provided via the Womens Pennant Regrade Application Listing on our website (under Members Resources – Match & Competition Documents then Womens State Pennants 2022 – 2023): https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sB_qBtIR4YV3tWdrqzr_TLyvAftN2E1fZju--hYoZSs/edit#gid=930088993

Districts/Clubs are encouraged to look at this listing to ascertain the result of their applications

- Clubs are reminded that if it has multiple sides in a division that no players can be interchanged between those sides. This also applies to any substitutes and/or replacement players.

MEN'S PENNANT COP

- A player's OPEN pennant grading is used for determining eligibility to which division that member can participate in only.
- A player's participation in Men's pennant will not affect their OPEN pennant grading and eligibility for the OPEN pennant competition to be held later during the season.

For example, a player has an OPEN Pennant grading of 6 but play Men's Pennant in Division 1, they will still have an OPEN pennant grading of 6 for 2022-2023 Open Pennant competition.

- 2 players are allowed to play 1 division lower or next lowest division if the club does not have sides in consecutive divisions for each match played.
- This means that 2 players can be regressed in every match, it does not have to be the same 2 players every match.
- There is no requirement for these players to be regraded and each player must have played at least 50% of sectional matches in that division to be eligible for any post section (finals) matches (noting that only 2 players can play in next lowest division per match).
- If a club has multiple sides within a division, then 2 players can be regressed to each of those sides per match.
- Clubs are reminded that if it has multiple sides in a division that no players can be interchanged between those sides. This also applies to any substitutes and/or replacement players

Zones & Clubs are reminded that no regrades will be granted for any player who has a 2021 Open Pennant season grading and that the only regrade requests that will be considered by SMC are for any special circumstances; players changing clubs requiring regrading to be eligible to participate in that club's next highest division in Men's Pennant or for players who have not competed in OPEN pennants for a number of years and clubs would like a regrading to enable them to return to play in a lower division.

If any club needs to apply for a regrade, they must send a request, stating the reasons for the regrade request to match@bowlsnsw.com.au

Any regrade request sent to SMC will be collated and the result of request provided via the Open Pennant Regrade Application Listing on our website (under Members Resources – Match & Competition Documents then Open State Pennants 2023 – 2023: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BEDTaUiWLxOq8RfVstR90K2iAzpryawMlrHM9xcMqI/edit#gid=930088993>

Zones/Clubs are encouraged to look at this listing to ascertain the result of their applications.

Please note that regrade applications for OPEN Pennants will not be considered until after confirmation of sides participating in 2022-2023 Open Pennant competition. It is expected that Zones will be supplied with the SMC allocation of grades for each club by late August, along with an Open Pennant Entry form to send to all clubs.

Zones must submit their Open Pennant submissions to SMC no later than 6 weeks prior to the start of their Open Pennant competitions in early 2023.

CLARIFICATION OF PLAYING ONE MATCH PER ROUND

- The SMC clarifies that under COP for both Women & Men Pennant that a player can only play in 1 match per round.
- However, if a match in a division is postponed, due to inclement weather and is rescheduled for a later date and players in that division are no longer available to play on that rescheduled date, clubs may select players who played in a lower division in the corresponding round.
- Any player selected, must have District or Zone Match Committee approval prior to participating.

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

The following documents are available under Women's State Pennants 2022 – 2023:

- Pennant Regrade Application
- Side Managers Pennant Result Sheet
- Pennant Result Sheet

Please note District may have their own result sheet, however it is encouraged that this pro-forma sheet be used.

- Pennant Player Participation Spreadsheet

Clubs should complete this spreadsheet by following the instructions and keeping a record of each players participation in every round of play.

This spreadsheet should be forwarded to match@bowlsnsw.com.au at the completion of district competition (this spreadsheet helps to enable the updating of gradings to be completed in a more timely and efficient manner). This spreadsheet may also be required by districts to be sent to them.

The following documents are available under Men's State Pennants 2022 – 2023:

- Pennant Result Sheet

Please note Zone may have their own result sheet, however it is encouraged that this pro-forma sheet be used.

- Pennant Player Participation Spreadsheet

Clubs should complete this spreadsheet by following the instructions and keeping a record of each players participation in every round of play.

This spreadsheet is for club use only. There is no requirement for it to be sent to State Match Committee (Zones may request it be sent to them).

Please note that districts/zones using Bowlslink to manage/administer their competitions do not need their clubs to use the result sheet or player participation spreadsheet.

If clubs/districts/zones have any questions regarding COP and/or processes, please email match@bowlsnsw.com.au

For and on behalf of State Match Committee

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