



## Summary of Amendments

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The 2023-24 Conditions of Play includes the following amendments. References to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls have also been amended to reflect the adoption of the Crystal Mark 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

### Duties of a Controlling Body

1.2- Addition to clarify that accredited umpires should be appointed, if available.

### Champion of Champions

4. Clarification of duration of matches and number of bowls used.

7. Clarification that replacement players are not permitted, inclusion of requirements for substitutes in pairs.

### General Conditions of Play

2.14 – clarification that a clearance is not effective until required payment is received.

2.22 – clarification that a player's declared or primary club is the designated as their primary club on their registration record.

2.28 – recognising that the Laws of the Sport in operation is the Crystal Mark 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

5 – inclusion of reference to Uniform Policy.

6 – Provision that 2023/2024 Association Championships may not be commenced before 1 July 2023 with the exception of Cub Triples and Fours and that District Calendar submissions must include regional play-off dates.

13 – Provision that Controlling Bodies may accept late entries to be placed on a 'wait' or stand-by list to fill a vacant position in the draw caused by a bye or forfeit & those late entries may be included before the first round of the competition.

14.1 – inclusion in eligibility provisions that a player is eligible to enter Association Championships with their declared or primary club.

14.2 – Clarification that a player changing club cannot participate in the same Pennant competitions with 2 clubs (noting that Men's/Women's and Open State Pennants are separate competitions).

14.5 – inclusion of region

22 – Amendment to provide that appointed Umpires or Controlling Body should not, unless unavoidable, be a player in **that playing session** of an Association Championship.

23 – Amendment that Bowls Australia may (not shall) require bowls to carry a current or future stamp.

33 – Amendment to terminology of players moving between mat and head end of the green. Requirement for skips to be at the head end of the green at the start of an end.

34.4(v) New clause clarifying that playing positions may be changed between matches in the same competition, unless otherwise specified in the COP for that event.

34.6 Clarification on the use of substitutes and replacements in pennants matches.

36 – Inclusion of National and State Representation in Category 1 events. Provision for Zones/Regions/Districts to include one weekend of representative events as priority events.

37 – Clarification that player's are eligible to enter one only Association Championship Club Singles and one only Association Championship Club Pairs in a season and not to clarify that where a club conducts Men's, Women's and open (all three) events the Open is not an Association Championship.

37.4 – Clubs may commence Triples and Fours before 1 July.

38.1 – Inclusion of new clause for forfeit of match in progress

38.2 – clarification of determination of countback for sectional standings in singles (least ends conceded as final determinant).

### **Australian Indoor Singles - NSW Qualifying**

4.2 – clarification of player's eligibility to enter.

### **Inter-Zone Sides Championships**

No changes

### **State Junior Championships**

Changes to have direct entry to State Junior Championships, provision for under 15 and Under 18 Boys and Girls Singles & Pairs Events.

### **Men's Pennant**

4.2 – Clarification of entry fees that may be charged.

6 – Change to sides to consist of two teams of fours.

7.2 – Amend to be consistent between Men's/Women's Pennant & Change to allow interchange between sides where a club has more than one side in a division.

9.5 – provision to allow for points & shots allocation for forfeit of a match in progress.

11.1 – amend to provide that "Players are ineligible to play in a lower Division unless with the approval of the State Match Committee. Such permission shall only be granted in exceptional circumstances."

13 – provision that where play is not completed a match result may be deemed complete if 36 or more ends have been completed.

15 – change to note that medallions (not badges) are presented to winners & runners up.

### **Open State Pennants**

4 – Clarification of entry fees that may be charged.

5 – Add that Platinum Pennants is the highest grade of pennants & covered under separate COP.

6.1 – amend to provide that Clubs (remove two) may combine to form a pennant side and that there must be players from more than one club in each match played by a composite side.

7.1(ii) amend to provide "ii. The sides are considered equal within that grade and players can play in any of the sides during all stages of play (if not graded higher)."

7.2 – correct to "Stand-Alone" sides and that single entry may play in that grade in another Zone with permission of State Match Committee.

7.3 – Amendment that all Zone winners grades 2-7 shall be elevated, last may be regressed.

8.3 – Zone winners qualify for State Finals in Grades 2-7. Grade 1 qualification will be determined by State Match Committee (when competition make-up determined).

9.4.1 - provision to allow for points & shots allocation for forfeit of a match in progress.

11.2 – amend to provide that players must be cleared and registered 8 weeks prior to competition to be considered NSW based players.

11.3 – re-worded for clarification of grading of non-NSW base players.

11.8 – amend to reflect intent of a player’s eligibility for a rescheduled match)

11.9 – Separate ungraded at end of season to new clause, clarifying that the player retains the previous season grading “for the purpose of their next season’s eligibility”.

12-Zones are now required to use BowlsLink for Open State Pennants 2023/2024.

14 – include provision that a match not completed may be deemed to be completed if a minimum of 54 ends have been completed.

15.1 – Include that Side Managers do rink draw “unless previously done by Controlling Body”

16.2 – medallions awarded to winners & runners up instead of badges.

### **Over 40s Pairs**

No changes

### **Platinum Pennants**

New COP.

### **Rookies**

Change to 32 qualifiers for State Finals – guarantee of one qualifier from each Zone area.

State Carnival

3 – Amended to reflect eligibility of any female bowler whose registration/affiliation is recognised by World Bowls.

7.5 – provision for points if a bye is required in a section.

### **State Championships**

4.2- Senior Eligibility amended to be the first date of the Bowls Australia Nationals such that players in Senior Championships to reflect that these are pathway events for selection in the NSW Senior State Side.

5.3 – Amendment of durations of Senior Women’s and Reserve Championships, corresponding changes to reduced number of ends to be played when 3 matches of sectional are to be played in a day.

### **State Mixed Pairs**

No Change

## **Women's Pennant**

7.2 – Amend to be consistent between Men's/Women's Pennant & Change to allow interchange between sides where a club has more than one side in a division.

7.3 amend to read that Region Winners are elevated, District winners may be elevated and last in District may be regressed.

8 – Amend to read that Districts shall nominate a 7-day period in which each round must be played (recognising that each club nominates their day of play for home matches).

9.5.1 – include provision for allocation of points and shots for forfeit of match in progress.

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