

Platinum Pennant

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 Platinum Pennant.

2. Event Name

NSW Platinum Pennant

3. Match Format

3.1. Sides

Sides Competition.

Sides Comprise of three teams of 4 players (12 players per side).

Teams play over 21 ends (63 ends per match).

Competitions shall be played in line with the Bowls NSW Open State Pennants COP except as provided for in this document.

4. Entries

Current Grade 1 Clubs shall be invited to submit an Expression of Interest to compete in the NSW Premiership.

4.1. Entry Fee

Entry fee per side \$1800 per year.

Any Club withdrawing before the conclusion of their entry period shall be liable for any outstanding fees for that period.

4.2. Club Requirements

Clubs entering Platinum Pennant are required to have at least 1 green with lighting adequate to play evening/night matches or have access to a green with lighting.

Matches may be scheduled on Friday evening, Saturday morning, afternoon or evening and Sunday morning or afternoon.

4.3. Player Eligibility

4.3.1. Squad Nomination

Clubs must nominate a squad of at least 12 players, a minimum of 10 of whom must be NSW Based players (as per Open State Pennants COP). Squads must be nominated to Bowls NSW by the date nominated by Bowls NSW or a minimum of eight (8) days prior to the first round of Grades 1-6 Pennants in that Clubs Zone (whichever is earliest).

The players nominated in the squad are ineligible to play Bowls NSW Open State Pennants in that season unless permission is gained from the State Match Committee.

If a club has member(s) of the nominated squad unavailable for any match, an application may be made to the State Match Committee for permission to have a player from Grades 1-7 of Open State Pennants play in the affected round(s).

If a player becomes unable to play or continue in a match at late notice, a player who has played the corresponding round in grades 1-7 may be used. A Club using a player under this clause must contact State Match Committee as soon as possible after the match to ratify the use of the player.

4.3.2. Marquee Players

A maximum of two (2) Marquee players may play in any match

Club Squads may include more than two (2) Marquee players in their squad, however the maximum of 2 per match shall still apply.

The Marquee players may be

- non-NSW declared players (players from interstate/Overseas)
- NSW Declared players from a club not entered in Platinum Pennants.

4.3.3. Non-NSW Based Players

A State and Territory Pennant Declaration approved by the player's nominated State (as per the Bowls Australia Affiliation and Eligibility to Play Policy) must be received by Bowls NSW a minimum of 8 days prior to Round 1 of the Platinum Pennant.

4.3.4. NSW Based Marquee Players

A player who has a declared club from a club in NSW that is not entered in Platinum Pennant. The player must get approval from their club.

These players are ineligible to play pennants for their NSW declared club but remain eligible to play Club/District/Zone Championships from their own club and to represent District/Zone in representative fixtures.

5. Qualifying Play

Qualifying play shall be conducted in sections (as possible).

Clubs shall progress to State Finals based on their place in their section.

6. Scoring

As per Open State Pennants

7. State Finals

7.1. Eligibility for State Finals

Players must have played a minimum of 50% of matches to qualify for finals.

7.2. State Finals

Schedule TBA

8. Prize Money

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