



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 Bowls NSW State Carnival Events.

2. Event Name

Bowls NSW State Carnival

3. Eligibility

Bowls NSW State Carnival shall be conducted as single gender competitions:

- Women's State Carnival

Only female members registered bowlers will be eligible to enter NSW Women's State Carnival.

(Registered with any State or Territory Association recognised by Bowls Australia or with a Member National Authority of World Bowls)

4. Administration

Bowls NSW State Carnivals shall be conducted under the control of the Bowls NSW Limited State Match Committee.

5. Teams

The NSW State Carnival is a fours format competition.

Composite teams are allowed. (Players do not need to be from same declared club).

Prior to the start of the first match of the competition, a team may be reformed, providing, at least 1 member of the original entered team remains.

Teams may alter positions prior to each match played.

6. Entries

Entries must be submitted by the prescribed format and be accompanied with payment of entry fee prior to the nominated close date and time.

Entry fees will be determined by the Board of Bowls NSW Limited annually.

The Bowls NSW Limited State Match Committee reserves the right to replace any team in a draw in the event of an approved withdrawal.

If a team withdraws, after the closing date of entries for the competition, the entry fee will be forfeited.

6.1. Entry Fee

As determined by the Board of Bowls NSW

6.2. Daily Fees

A daily fee shall be paid to the host club each day. This fee will include any morning tea, lunch, and green fees applicable for each day of play.

7. Competition Format

7.1. Teams

This event is conducted for fours teams

7.2. Respotting the Jack

If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink or rebounds to a distance less than 18m from the mat line the end shall not be declared dead, but the jack re-spotted on the 2m mark.

7.3. Trial ends

One trial end is permitted prior for each match.

7.4. Sectional Matches:

Will be played over 18 ends with 2 matches per day.

Drawn matches are allowed – there will be no extra end played.

All Sectional Matches must be played

7.5. Determining Sectional Winners

7.5.1. Points

For each match of sectional play points will be awarded as follows:

Team Win – 3 points

Team Draw – 1 point

Team Loss – 0 points

7.5.2. Byes

Where a bye occurs **in sectional play, the team will be allocated 3 points and +10 shots.**

7.5.3. Forfeits

A team receiving a forfeit during sectional play shall be awarded maximum points (3 points) and be credited with the average winning margin from all sectional play for that round.

A team forfeiting shall be awarded 0 points and be credited with a negative average margin from all sectional play for that round.

A team forfeiting will be required to pay the daily fee to the host club irrespective of whether they forfeit. A team not paying the daily fee may have a fine or disciplinary action taken as determined by Bowls NSW.

7.5.4. Sectional Winners will be determined by:

- i. The team with most Points.
- ii. If teams have equal points, the team with highest margin (difference between total shots scored and total shots conceded in all games).
- iii. If still equal, the team with the best percentage.

7.6. Post Sectional Matches:

A draw involving all section winners will be made and all matches will be knockout. The duration of matches will be determined as required.

Semi Finals, 3rd place playoff and Final will be played over 18 ends.

7.7. Daily Schedule

Morning Tea will be available from 8.30am each day.

Call of cards each day of play will be at 8.50am, followed by trial end and start of play.

A minimum of 30 minutes will be taken for lunch with all afternoons matches to be commenced no later than 1.00pm.

8. Prizes

All daily prizes, section winners, playoffs and winners & runner up prizes will be determined upon number of entries and will be declared at time of release of draws.

9. Changes to Conditions of Play

The State Match Committee reserves the right to make any changes to the Conditions of Play and/or the schedule of play as needed to bring the event to a successful conclusion.