

NSW State Championships

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 State Championships.

2. Event Name

NSW State Championships

3. Event Formats

There shall be five categories of State Championships

3.1. State Men's Championships

Qualifying shall be conducted in each discipline within Zone Boundaries.

Zone Winners shall qualify for State Finals

3.2. State Women's Championships

Qualifying shall be conducted in each discipline within Region Boundaries.

Region Winners shall qualify for State Finals

3.3. Senior Men's Championships

Qualifying shall be conducted in each discipline within Zone Boundaries.

Zone Winners shall qualify for State Finals

3.4. Senior Women's Championships

Qualifying shall be conducted in each discipline within Region Boundaries.

Region Winners shall qualify for State Finals

3.5. Reserve Championships

Qualifying shall be conducted in each discipline within Zone Boundaries.

Zone Winners shall qualify for State Finals

4. Players Eligibility

Players must satisfy eligibility requirements as set out in General Conditions of Play.

In addition:

4.1. Gender Requirements

4.1.1. Men's State Championships and Senior Championships

To enter a Men's State Championship or Men's Senior Championship, the player must be a male member

4.1.2. Women's State Championships and Senior Championships

To enter a Women's State Championship or Women's Senior Championship, the player must be a female member.

4.1.3. Reserve Championships

There are no gender requirements for Reserve Championships

4.2. Additional Event Eligibility Requirements

4.2.1. Senior Championships

To enter Senior Championships the player must be aged 60 years or over as at the first date scheduled for **The Bowls Australia Nationals - 5 October 2024**.

4.2.2. Reserve Championships

To enter and play in Reserve State Championship a player must

- i. Have a 2022/2023 or previous season Open State Pennants Grading of Grade 5, 6 or 7 or
- ii. Be ungraded in Open Gender Pennants and not played 50% or more matches in the current or previous season in Division 1 or Division 2 Single Gender Pennants. AND
- iii. Not have a Grading higher than Grade 5 (State Open Pennants) in the current season as at the close of entries for that event.

4.3. One Entry per discipline

A player is eligible to enter each discipline in one event category only.

- i. A player may enter only one of State Singles, Senior Singles or Reserve Singles
- ii. A player may enter only one of State Pairs, Senior Pairs or Reserve Pairs
- iii. A player may enter only one of State Triples, Senior Triples or Reserve Triples
- iv. A player may enter only one of State Fours, Senior Fours or Reserve Fours

A player is eligible to enter different disciplines in different event categories (provide the player meets all eligibility requirements for that category).

4.4. Teams

All members of a team are required to be from the same Club. (That is, they shall be registered with Bowls NSW as an Individual Member of that Club). See also General COP 14.

5. Format

5.1. Qualifying

Zone/Region/District

Zone/Region/District may play sectional, knockout or a combination of both as required.

5.2. State Finals

State Finals will be conducted as a combination of sectional play and knockout.

5.3. Duration of Matches

Reduced durations of matches may be used where 3 matches of sectional play are played in one day, as per General Conditions of Play Clause 39. Sectional play may be conducted in sections of 3 or 4 teams/players.

5.3.1. Singles

State Men's Singles Championships.....25 shots up
State Women's Singles Championships.....25 shots up
Senior Men's Singles Championships25 shots up
Senior Women's Singles Championships.....25 shots up
Open Reserve Singles Championships.....25 shots up

5.3.2. Pairs

All Pairs are played as 2x2x2x2 except Senior Women's Pairs which is 3 bowls per player.

State Men's Pairs Championships.....21 ends or Sectional 3 rounds per day of 15 ends
State Women's Pairs Championships.....21 ends or Sectional 3 rounds per day of 15 ends
Senior Men's Pairs Championships21 ends or Sectional 3 rounds per day of 15 ends

Open Reserve Pairs Championships.....18 ends Sectional 3 rounds per day of **12 ends**
Senior Women's Pairs Championships.....21 ends or Sectional 3 rounds per day of 15 ends
Senior Women's Pairs Championships are 3 bowls per player

5.3.3. Triples

All matches 2 bowls per player

State Men's Triples Championships.....25 ends or Sectional 3 rounds per day of 21 ends
State Women's Triples Championships.....25 ends or Sectional 3 rounds per day of 21 ends
Senior Men's Triples Championships25 ends or Sectional 3 rounds per day of 21 ends
Senior Women's Triples Championships.....21 ends or Sectional 3 rounds per day of **15 ends**
Open Reserve Triples Championships.....25 ends or Sectional 3 rounds per day of 21 ends

5.3.4. Fours

State Men's Fours Championships.....21 ends Sectional 3 rounds per day of 15 ends
State Women's Fours Championships.....21 ends Sectional 3 rounds per day of 15 ends
Senior Men's Fours Championships21 ends Sectional 3 rounds per day of 15 ends
Senior Women's Fours Championships.....18 ends Sectional 3 rounds per day of **12 ends**
Open Reserve Fours Championships.....18 ends Sectional 3 rounds per day of **12 ends**

6. Entry Fee

6.1. Qualifying

As determined by the Zone/Region/District

6.2. State Finals

As determined by the Board of Bowls NSW.