



2017-2018 CONDITIONS OF PLAY



For all 2017-18 Association Events

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Corrected numbering of COP 2.28

FOREWORD

The 2017-18 Conditions of Play incorporate a number of amendments from the 2016 Conditions of Play.

- Note COP for 2 years, Law review due for 2019
- 1.2 Add definition Highest Grade (Pennants) Grade 1 is the 'highest' Grade of Pennant, Grade 7 the 'lowest'. All definitions in these Conditions of Play of higher and lower grades refer to this convention.
- Delete 1.7.2 proof of registration – note player is required to be registered, delete clause in recognition that most bowlers do not carry registration card.
- 1.7.2 amend to clarify eligibility “in the subsequent season”
- 2 add “Association Events” to title
- 2.3 Amend to reflect that Clubs may conduct Triples/Fours with club conditions in COP including entry restrictions. Major singles and pairs required to be open draw knockout
- 2.6 amend wording to reflect clearance/transfer procedure
- 2.6.3.1 Amend to include that change of club for employment must have that income as principal source for player. Add wording to reflect subsequent clause for club/district/zone winners being able to continue in that competition
- 2.7.1 amend wording for clarity regarding forfeits and withdrawals.
- 2.15 Amend to be Bowls Stickers /markings to reflect Laws
- 2.17 add “and or have their entry declined for any Association Event for a period of up to 12 months.” For consistency with other penalties on players
- 2.24 Amend penalties for Personal Electronic Devices to be in accordance with BA National Policy
- 2.26 amend final sentence to read “The Coach shall be considered as a member of the team or side and attired in attire that identifies them as a member of that club”
- 2.27 add see also COP 2.29
- 2.28.1.7 add (Note players must be constituted before being replaced, teams with matched byes in 1st round are NOT constituted and replacement players may not be used)
- 2.28.2.6 amend note to read “NOTE: A player may not withdraw from an intended team unless the whole team withdraws from the competition. If the whole team does not withdraw, a substitute may be used (if approved by the Controlling Body) and the player will become constituted. A replacement player may be approved by the Controlling Body for subsequent rounds).”
- 2.29 Add new clause: restricting movement of players
- 2.30 Add new Instantaneous Penalties
- 4.6 amend 1st sentence to read “All Side Officials are regarded as members of the side and shall be attired in attire that identifies them as a member of that club.”
- 4.7 amend 1st sentence to read “The Side Managers shall be at the Venue Club not less than forty (40) minutes before the starting time of the event.
- 4.15.1 delete previous clause (iii). Which controlled the number of times a side could win a grade without being elevated. Elevation is based on performance and grades of players.
- 4.16.1.1 Amend so that a Zone winning graded player from the previous season may not play lower in the current season. (The no lower now lasts one season)
- 4.16.1.4 Add new clause “Players from outside of NSW” dealing with players gradings achieved in non-NSW Pennants
- 4.16.1.7 Add sentence “(The player may not play in a lower grade from the date on which he became graded)”
- 4.16.2.1 Change Threshold number of matches (now 5 matches for 9 or 10 round competition)
- 4.16.2.2 Delete Note (players graded at end of sectional play ARE eligible for post section play)
- 4.16.4 Add “Zones/Districts”
- 4.20 amend to read “Any substitute or replacement player during a match must be recorded on the result form”
- 4.21 Add “A waive of eligibility will only be considered if:
There are insufficient eligible players available whose current season grading is in the grade required AND
The Club's next lowest graded side is also involved in Post-Sectional Play.
Applications for players who have not played in the current season will only be considered for the Club's lowest Grade.”
- 4.24 Amend Law references to correct Law numbers
- 4.24.1 Add that margin also applies to offending side (for clarity)
- 4.27 Delete Side Manager Badge - Side Manager & Coach to receive same badge as players
- 5.3 Amend to recognise all “Age Based Championships”
- 6.5 Delete – Prize money is published on website
- Section 11 & 12 – combine, have clauses for eligibility for Senior Inter-Zone and Inter-Zone Sides Championships. Inter Zone Sides Championships Sides to comprise three teams of four reflecting vote of Zones in favour of this change.

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1. Introduction And Administration

1.1. Introduction

All matches will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

These Conditions of Play are to govern the conduct of Association events. They apply to the State as a whole but may be varied, on written application, through the District / Zone to the State Match Committee. Such application must be made a minimum of one (1) month prior to the commencement of any Association event, and approvals are not to be unreasonably withheld.

Inevitably situations will arise that are not specifically covered by these Conditions of Play. It is expected that in such circumstances any decision taken will reflect the spirit of these Conditions and embody the ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship supported by good common sense.

Amendments may occur to this document, as and when necessary. Refer RNSWBA web site and Circulars

1.2. Terms used

RNSWBA	Royal NSW Bowling Association Ltd.
Association	Royal NSW Bowling Association Ltd.
Association Events	Refer 2.1
Attire	In accordance with RNSWBA Regulations and Policies. Association Event Attire Policy
B.A.	Bowls Australia Inc.
Board	Board of the RNSWBA
Bowling Member	A natural person who has paid the appropriate membership fees, if any, to a Club for the current financial year and who is entitled to play bowls at that Club by virtue of their membership and is registered with the RNSWBA as a member of that club. (refer RNSWBA Constitution & Regulations)
Bowls NSW	The trading name of the RNSWBA
Club	Unless otherwise stated, refers to both Member Clubs and Affiliated Sub-Clubs as defined in the RNSWBA Regulations.
Controlling Body	State Match Committee and/or Controlling Body of the Zone/District/Club where authority is delegated by the State Match Committee for the conduct of Association events.
Junior Bowler	Bowler who is under the age of 18 years as at the completion date of the competition.
Law	Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, January 2015 and including Domestic Regulations for play in Australia.
National Dress Guidelines	National Dress Guidelines as laid down by Bowls Australia and in force in NSW through the RNSWBA Regulations and Policies
Player	Any Bowling Member participating in an Association Event.
Regulations	Regulations of the RNSWBA
RNSWBA Policy / Policy	Policy of the RNSWBA
Senior Bowler	Bowler who is aged 60 years or over as at the commencement date of the competition (ie the player should be aged 60 years or over on the date of the first scheduled match in that competition at District/Zone level).
State Match Committee	Match Committee of the RNSWBA
Highest Grade (Pennants)	Grade 1 is the 'highest' Grade of Pennant, Grade 7 the 'lowest'. All definitions in these Conditions of Play of higher and lower grades refer to this convention

1.3. Unregistered Member

A player who is not registered with the RNSWBA as an Individual Member or Registered Player shall be ineligible to enter or play in any Association Event. (See also Condition 2.6) **Penalty** - Disqualification.

1.4. Bowling Season

Commences January 1st and concludes December 31st each year.

1.5. Playing Schedule

A Club, District and Zone shall include details of the dates of play in their Bowling Program, including all details of dates (including provision for deferred matches) for ALL Association events being conducted by them. Details of dates of play should be included on entry forms for events

Where a State Pennant Finals Series is being hosted within a Zone/District, the Zone/District shall not schedule any Zone/District Competitions on the scheduled dates for that Finals Series.

An event shall not be postponed except for inclement weather or other justifiable cause. If two events fall on the same date the one with the higher precedence will be played.

A postponed match shall be played on the next available playing date (on days/dates when matches in that competition would normally have been scheduled). *See also Duties of a Controlling Body (appendix)*

Note: Deferred Pennant Matches shall be played in line with the COP specified by the Controlling Body

If a player or team drawn to play cannot do so a forfeit will apply unless:

a substitute or replacement player is permitted under Bowls Australia Domestic Regulations or COP 2.28
OR

the opponents, by mutual arrangement, and with the consent of the Controlling Body, play the match prior to the commencement of the next scheduled round.

An Association event shall not be commenced before January 1st, unless prior written permission is obtained from the State Match Committee.

Association Events commenced before 1st January with permission of State Match Committee shall, for the purpose of Condition 2.6, be deemed to have been played in the nominated year of the event. (Refer 2.6) Any event commenced before 1 January must be completed in the nominated year of the event.

1.6. Club / District / Zone / State Match Committee Responsibility

Zones / Districts / Clubs are delegated the responsibility of ensuring that Association Events are conducted in accordance with the RNSWBA Conditions of Play.

The relevant Match Committee is responsible for the conduct of all Association events under their control.

The relevant Match Committee, under special circumstances, may change the number of ends to be played, change the days and times of play, change greens or venues for play or make such other adjustments as are deemed necessary to complete an event.

The relevant Match Committee shall inquire into and settle disputes concerning Association events in accordance with agreed procedures.

Appeals and disputes shall be settled according to the protocol through Club, then District then Zone, and then State Match Committee. Any subsequent appeals are finalised by the RNSWBA Board.

Any Match Committee member who is a party to a dispute will not take part in any discussion/resolution of the dispute.

1.7. Compliance with RNSWBA Constitution and Regulations

All Players and officials in Association Events shall be required to comply with the provisions of the RNSWBA Constitution and Regulations.

1.7.1. Attire

All Players and Officials shall be required to be attired in compliance with RNSWBA Regulations and Policies.

Note: Bowls Australia logo is mandatory on shirts, jackets and vests.

Penalty For Non-Compliant Attire– Disqualification and as prescribed by Bowls Australia National Attire / Dress Policy.

1.7.2. NSW Club Player Clearances

Players changing declared Club from one season to the next are required to be cleared to and become registered with their new club before they become eligible to enter or play any Association Events in the subsequent season with their new Club. See RNSWBA Regulation 7.2. ***Refer also COP 2.6***

2. General Conditions Governing All Association Events

2.1. Association Events

- State Pennants
- Club Major Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours
- State Championships
- State Senior Championships
- State Junior Championships
- State President's Reserve Singles
- State President's Reserve Pairs
- Inter-Zone Sides Championships
- Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship
- Junior Inter-Zone Sides Championship
- Champion of Club Champions - Singles
- Champion of Club Champions – Pairs
- Rookies Singles and Pairs
- Australian Indoor Singles Championship (NSW Qualifying)
- Bowls NSW Club Challenge
- Such other events as may be declared as Association Events by the RNSWBA.

Note 1: All other events are NOT Association Events and are not governed by the RNSWBA Conditions of Play. It is the responsibility of the Controlling Body for that event to determine the Conditions of Play.

Note 2 As per Rule 34.1 of the RNSWBA Constitution, Clubs must ensure that all Bowling Members are registered with the RNSWBA as Individual Members or Registered Players.

2.2. Association Events - Qualifying Play

Qualifying play for Association events shall be conducted under the RNSWBA Conditions of Play.

2.3. Conduct of Association Events

Association events shall be conducted as follows:

- State Championships - Open draw, knockout
- Club Major Singles & Pairs Championships - Open draw, knockout
- Special events – See Conditions of Play for each special event.
- Rookies Singles and Pairs (Refer Separate publication of Rookies Conditions of Play)
- Bowls NSW Club Challenge (refer separate publication of Club Challenge Conditions of Play)

Play or Forfeit Rule - At least six (6) days notice of play given to all players prior to each match.

'Geographic' Draws may be conducted with permission from the State Match Committee

Note 1: All Clubs must recognise that in Association Events that lead to a State Championship players shall, at all times, be able to choose their own teams. In Club Triples and Fours (only) Clubs may include eligibility restrictions on the formations of teams, but must ensure that those conditions are published before entries are called for those events.

Note 2: Members entering Club Championships that are Association Events that lead to a State Championship should be allowed to play to find a winner irrespective of the number of entries received for that event.

Note 3: For all Association Events the venue Controlling Body shall announce, prior to the commencement of play, the name(s) of the Representative of the Controlling Body and Umpire(s) on the day.

2.4. Disqualification

If a player, team or side is disqualified for any reason, the player, team or side LAST DEFEATED by the disqualified player, team or side, shall take the place of the player, team or side disqualified.

2.5. Entries

Nominations for an event showing the player(s) names and RNSWBA Registration Number(s) and accompanied by the applicable entry fee must be made to the Club, District or Zone through its secretary. Late entries will not be accepted.

Players in a team shall be from the same Club, except as otherwise provided for in Conditions of Play.

Zone winners must be found and their names and RNSWBA Registration Numbers advised to the RNSWBA immediately after the completion of the event and before the date shown in the State Program.

NOTE: Entry restrictions may apply – Refer Sections 8, 9 and 11 and also Rookies Conditions of Play

2.6. Players Eligibility

2.6.1.To Enter Association Events

To enter and play an Association event with a Club, a player shall

1. **be a registered Bowling Member of that Club (ie. registered with the RNSWBA as an Individual Member or Registered Player by that Club)**
2. **be Cleared to play at that club (if required)**
3. **Not have another club as their declared club for that season**
4. **If Applicable, have a membership category at that club that entitles them to play Association Events.**

2.6.2.Declaration Of Club For Season

A player changing their declared Club from one season to the next requires a Clearance & Registration Transfer Application (with the appropriate fee) to the RNSWBA, as required in RNSWBA Regulation 7.2

If two or more Clubs shall each have registered the same member in any season, then such member shall be deemed to have declared to play for the Club with which he shall first have played or been constituted in any Association competition during such season.

No Bowling Member shall play in Association Events for more than one Club during the bowling season, except as provided by Condition 2.6.3 unless substituting as an affiliated member providing no eligible player is available.

Penalty: player, team or side disqualified from the competition.

Refer Condition 1.3

NB: Penalties for Pennants applies only to the Rounds in which an ineligible player played, refer 4.24

2.6.3.Change Of Declared Club During The Season

2.6.3.1. Change of Declared Club

A player who wishes to change his declared Club during the season must make written application to the State Match Committee. Any such application shall be endorsed by the Clubs, District(s) and Zone(s) involved and a Clearance & Registration Transfer Application lodged with the RNSWBA. (refer also RNSWBA Regulations)

Permission to change declared Club for the season shall only be considered when;

- i. A player changes his place of residence, the change making travel to his declared Club impractical.
- ii. The player is required to change his declared Club as a condition of his employment with his prospective new Club. *Employment must be full-time or a primary source of income.*

OR

- iii. There are special or exceptional circumstances.

Once approved by the State Match Committee the player shall cease to be eligible to enter or play in ANY Association Event with their former club (except as provided for in 2.6.4 below) and shall become eligible to play in any Association Event they have not already entered in or become constituted in during the current season.

2.6.4.Winners / Qualifiers

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Club, District, Zone or Association Champion always remains eligible to continue to compete in that specific event during the season, irrespective of any change of declared Club membership, provided he is registered with the RNSWBA.

2.6.5.Host Clubs of Events

Clubs hosting District, Zone and State Events shall allow all players drawn to play at their venue the ability to participate in those events, provided those players have not been suspended for a bowls related matter. Should the club decline to allow a player to participate, that match may be transferred to another venue on appeal to the relevant Controlling Body.

2.7. Withdrawals or Forfeits - Players / Teams / Sides Obligations

2.7.1. Withdrawal

An intended team may withdraw before becoming constituted in that competition. The team so withdrawing is regarded as having not entered the competition and the members of that withdrawing team are eligible to act as a substitute or replacement player in that competition. A team withdrawing shall give notification to the Controlling Body and Host Venue a minimum of twenty-four hours before their first scheduled match. Notification after this time shall constitute a forfeit.

Players who are part of an intended team may not withdraw unless the team withdraws from the competition. If a player is unavailable a substitute (if permitted) may be used as per COP 2.28 / Domestic Regulation 2.

2.7.2. Forfeit

A player or team unable to meet his/their commitment to play on a drawn playing date and to whom dispensation is not applicable shall forfeit the match to their opponents (See also Conditions 1.5, 2.16 and Section 5.)

2.7.3. Notification

A player, team or side forfeiting or withdrawing shall notify:

- The Controlling Body - Club/District/Zone/RNSWBA
- The Venue Club

at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the match to be forfeited, unless there is a satisfactory explanation for not doing so.

A team withdrawing shall give notification a minimum of twenty four hours before their first scheduled match. Notification after this time shall constitute a forfeit.

Notification of a forfeit is binding and may not be revoked.

Note: Should play not commence on the date of the forfeited match, the forfeit shall remain in force

2.7.4. Penalty:

Not exceeding \$110 per player for any one offence and/or have their entry declined for any Association Event for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

2.7.4.1. Obligation for Payment of a Fine

Rests with the individual to pay the relevant Controlling Body.

2.7.4.2. Non Payment of a Fine

A player is liable to have his entry declined for Association events for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

2.8. Championship Draws

The draw for each Association Event should include the names of all intended players. The draw should include the scheduled dates for all matches and advise dates on which provision is made for deferred matches.

A draw sheet for an Association event shall not be added to, amended, altered, or in any way interfered with by any player.

Any permitted changes shall be made by the appropriate **Controlling Body** - Club / District / Zone / RNSWBA

Penalty: Disqualification from the event.

2.9. Starting Times

Starting times shall be determined by the relevant Controlling Body, taking into account local conditions.

Thirty (30) minutes to be allowed between matches for lunch.

2.9.1. Late Arrivals

If, 15 minutes after the scheduled start time for a match, one or more players are absent from a team, the defaulting team will forfeit the match to their opponents (See also **Law 39 - See also COP 2.28.5**)

2.10. Trial Ends

A singles player, team or side shall be allowed two (2) trial ends for each match, playing the number of bowls to be used in the event on each end. Trial ends shall be completed prior to the scheduled starting time.

The rink on which a player or team is to play shall be announced and made available for trial ends not later than twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.

2.11. Practice

Players may practice up to thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match, providing that rink space is available and the Controlling Body approves.

Player shall not practise on the rink on which their match is drawn to be played.

2.12. Controlling Body / Umpires

The Controlling Body Representative for an Association Event shall not, unless absolutely unavoidable, be a contestant in the said Association Event.

The Controlling Body, through the Umpires Committee / Panel shall appoint a person currently accredited as a National Umpire to be in attendance at all Association Events. The Umpire so appointed shall not, unless absolutely unavoidable, be a contestant in the said Association Event. If there is no currently accredited National Umpire available, a person currently accredited as a Measurer should be appointed to officiate.

If no accredited official is available the Controlling Body of the day shall appoint a suitable person to officiate.

See Section 13– Duties of Controlling Body

2.13. Number of Bowls Used in Association Events

Singles_ 4 bowls each played singly and alternately.

Pairs_ 4 bowls each in order lead 2 bowls, skip 2 bowls, played singly and alternately, then repeat the order.

Triples_ 2 bowls each played singly and alternately in order lead, second, skip.

Triples at Club level only may be played as 3 bowls each played singly and alternately in order lead, second, skip.

Fours_ Two bowls each played singly and alternately in order lead, second, third, skip.

2.14. Bowls

The RNSWBA does not require bowls to be re-tested and re-stamped every 10 years for RNSWBA Association Events. The World Bowls stamp on bowls used in Association Events is not required to be of a current or future year.

If a player qualifies for an event under the control of Bowls Australia, Bowls Australia requires bowls to carry a stamp of a specified date or later and shall specify the required date.

2.15. Bowls Stickers / Adhesive Markings

A Club, District, Zone or Association Controlling Body may supply and require identifying bowls stickers (adhesive markings) to be used on bowls and stipulate the occasions they may be used.

Worn or faded stickers shall be removed or replaced. Bowls shall have only one layer of stickers used at a time. (that is, each bowl shall have one *LAYER OF* sticker on each side only)

Bowls stickers may cover the distinctive engraving on the bias side of the bowl (small engraving).

Stickers used by a team or side must be of same colour scheme and design, but may be of different sizes to accommodate larger engravings on bowls. (*Stickers may be in more than one part, but only one layer of stickers shall be used on each side of a bowl*).

If opposing sides, teams or players have the same design or colour of markings and an alternative is not available, players in the side listed second in the draw must remove their markings.

Refer Law 52.1.8 (CM 3rd Ed) and DR 4.7.

2.16. Concurrent Events

If a player qualifies for more than one Association Event under the control of the State Match Committee, and be instructed to play in one event, the player shall not be penalised through failing to attend any other event which is set down to be played at the same time

Where a player is scheduled to play in a championship event being conducted by a Controlling Body and is not able to do so because of selection to play in or officiate at an International or Interstate event scheduled to be

played at the same time, or take part in a selection trial for such an event, reasonable time being allowed for travel;

The championship event should be rescheduled, or

If the event cannot be rescheduled the player should decide which event to contest.

Refer to Section 5, Order of Precedence

2.17. Markers

A marker shall be appointed for each singles match

A marker shall be a registered Bowling Member of a Club affiliated with a State, Territory and/or National Lawn Bowls Association.

A player defeated must mark in the next round scheduled on that day, if so required by the Controlling Body. If more markers are available than required names shall be drawn by lot, before the first match. A substitute marker may mark.

A player defeated in Clubs Singles match, must mark a match in the subsequent round, if so required by the Club Controlling Body. If more markers are available than required names shall be drawn by lot, before the first match. A substitute marker may mark.

Failure to mark if required - PENALTY not exceeding one hundred and ten dollars (\$110) and or have their entry declined for any Association Event for a period of up to 12 months.

2.18. Greens for Play

Clubs shall provide the best available surface for the playing of Association events.

2.19. Inclement Weather

The Club, as the Controlling Body, may decide to cancel the match prior to its commencement, or during play, if they believe that the weather is not likely to be suitable for play to commence or continue.

A Club may have in place a policy under which all play is suspended if certain criteria are reached or met (eg a threshold temperature which if reached or while exceeded all play is then suspended).

Players may appeal to the Controlling Body / Umpire for play to be suspended or abandoned. In a team match, such appeal should be made by the skip (players may request their skip to make the appeal). In a side match, such appeal should be made by the Side Manager (players may request their Side Manager to make the appeal).

In all cases, the health and safety of players should be the prime consideration in determining whether play should be suspended and/or abandoned.

2.20. Duration of Matches

Fours	- 21 Ends	Pairs-	21 Ends
Triples -	- 25 Ends (2 Bowls)	Singles.....	- 31 Shots Up
Triples At Club level ONLY may be ...	- 21 Ends (3 Bowls)	Junior Championships.....	- Refer Section 10
		Inter-District and Inter-Zone Matches.....	- 21 Ends

2.21. Results

Names of winners, runners-up and equal thirds of District/Zone Championships shall be forwarded to reach the Association immediately after the completion of each event and before the date shown in the State Program.

2.22. Finalising Championships

Closing Dates for entry and dates of play. Refer to the State Program

Refer to Zone/District/Club Program for relevant dates at that level

2.23. Appeals - Disputes

Disputes or appeals arising out of the application of these Conditions of Play should be resolved by the relevant Controlling Body.

A decision taken by a Controlling Body shall be binding in all respects if any immediate result is required.

If an immediate result is not required an appeal may be made to the next highest authority (Club to District: District to Zone: Zone to the State Match Committee/Board RNSWBA)

Appeals must be accompanied by all relevant information.

2.24. Personal Electronic Devices / Communication Devices

Personal Electronic Devices / Communication devices shall not be taken onto the green or surrounds in an 'active' mode during the playing of any association match, except with the explicit approval of the controlling body.

Personal Electronic Devices / Communication Devices shall not be used on the green during the playing of any Association Event, except with the explicit approval of the controlling body.

If approved by the Controlling Body, any communication device used shall be in 'silent mode'.

PLAYERS WITH A HEARING DISABILITY may use a communication device provided that they provide medical evidence (statement from a doctor) that the device is required. (Hearing aids are permitted and are exempted from the requirement for medical evidence)

The device may only be used when the player's team is in possession of the rink and must not disturb players on neighbouring rinks.

Penalty

- i. On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player
- ii. If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the opponent.
- iii. In a team game, If the player offends a third time the match will be forfeited to the opponent.
- iv. In a side game, If the player offends a third time the player shall be suspended from the remainder of the match. No replacement or substitute shall be permitted.

2.25. Player - Damaging Green

The Controlling Body shall be at liberty to warn a player if in their opinion he is causing damage to the green. Following the warning, if the player continues to cause damage to the green, the Controlling Body may request the player to retire from the green and take no further part in the match.

2.25.1. Wheelchair Bowlers:

Wheelchairs should be used in accordance with the Bowls Australia Artificial Devices Policy.

2.26. Coaching

Either the coach of a player, team or side or, in their absence, the coach's delegated deputy, can give advice to a player during the course of play as long as:

- the umpire is given the names of the coach or the coach's delegated deputy as appropriate before the game starts;
- only one person is present at the rink to give advice at any one time;
- the person giving the advice does so when their team or side is in possession of the rink; and
- the person giving the advice does so from outside the boundaries of the green.
- If, in the umpire's opinion, this law has been broken, the umpire must ask the coach or delegated deputy concerned to stay within the law. If they do not stay within the law, the umpire must ask the Controlling Body to take immediate action to make sure that the offender stops breaking the law.

The Coach shall be considered as a member of the team or side shall be attired in a manner that identifies them as a member of that club

2.27. Delaying Play

If the Umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips or the opponents in singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl:

- i. On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player
- ii. If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the opponent.
- iii. If the player offends a third time the match will be forfeited to the opponent.

See also 2.29 Restricting Movement of Players

2.28. Substitutes and Replacement Players (See Domestic Regulations)**2.28.1. Definitions**

- 2.28.1.1. *Eligible Member*: Is a player who could have entered the singles competition or could have been included in the original team or side. (i.e. a player who satisfied the eligibility criteria, as stated in the Conditions of Play set down by the Controlling Body for that event)
- 2.28.1.2. *Affiliated Member*: a player who is registered with a State or Territory Association as a member of an affiliated club.
- 2.28.1.3. *Nominated Player* is one whose entry has been lodged and will remain a nominated player until entries for that particular event close.
- 2.28.1.4. *Intended Player* is one whose entry has been accepted as a player, team or side for a particular competition from the time entries close until the member is constituted
- 2.28.1.5. *Intended Team*: is a team whose entry has been accepted for a particular competition. The players entered in that team are intended players from the time entries close until the team is constituted.
- 2.28.1.6. *Constituted Player*: is a singles player or member of a team who has commenced their first game in a competition (when the jack is rolled in the first end as per Law 5.3) or has become constituted as per the provisions of DR 2.2
- 2.28.1.7. *Replacement Player*: is a player who is appointed to take the place of a constituted player who cannot play in any round after the first round of that competition for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body. (*Note players must be constituted before being replaced, teams with matched byes in 1st round are NOT constituted and replacement players may not be used*)
- 2.28.1.8. *Substitute*: A substitute is a player who is appointed to play in the place of an intended player or constituted player who is unavailable or physically incapable of attending, playing in or continuing in any part of any game for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body.

2.28.2. Constitution of players

- 2.28.2.1. Intended players will become constituted immediately their first game in the competition has commenced (when the jack is rolled in the first end as per law 5.3).
- 2.28.2.2. An intended player becomes constituted, even when a substitute is playing in their place, immediately their first game in the competition has commenced (when the jack is rolled in the first end as per law 5.3).
- 2.28.2.3. The intended players of a team credited with a win by default become constituted players.
- 2.28.2.4. If an intended player, team or side forfeits they become constituted players and are ineligible to act as replacement players or substitutes in that competition.
- 2.28.2.5. An intended player, team or side receiving an unpaired bye in the first round of a competition become constituted as soon as their opponents for the second round become constituted.
- 2.28.2.6. An intended player, team or side receiving matching byes in the first round of a competition become constituted immediately when their first game in the competition has commenced (when the jack is rolled in the first end as per law 5.3).
- 2.28.2.7. If an intended player, team or side withdraws without being constituted the intended players are regarded as not having entered the competition and are eligible to act as replacement players or substitutes in that competition.

NOTE: A player may not withdraw from an intended team unless the whole team withdraws from the competition. If the whole team does not withdraw, a substitute may be used (if approved by the Controlling Body) and the player will become constituted. A replacement player may be approved by the Controlling Body for subsequent rounds).

- 2.28.2.8. A constituted team must not be altered during a game in either personnel or playing positions, except as necessitated by the introduction of a substitute.
- 2.28.2.9. Prior to the start of any subsequent game in the same competition, the playing positions of the constituted personnel can be altered.
- 2.28.2.10. Constituted players in a team or side, whether defeated or not, are ineligible to act as substitutes, become a replacement player or become a constituted player in any other team or side in the same competition.
- 2.28.2.11. The Controlling Body may impose special conditions on the composition of teams and the qualification of team members. Such information shall be stated in the conditions of play that must be published at the time entries are requested.

2.28.3. Substitute players (Law 33.9)

Substitute players, if required, will be introduced into a game based on the following:

- 2.28.3.1. If an intended or constituted player is unable to play at any time (including the first end of any game) for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body, then a substitute must be permitted and their name must be recorded as a substitute for the team member
 - 2.28.3.1.1. A substitute is not to be permitted if a player is unable to play because of a commitment to play in another competition they have entered.
- 2.28.3.2. A constituted team must not be altered during a game in either personnel or playing positions, except as necessitated by the introduction of a substitute.
- 2.28.3.3. A constituted player for whom a substitute was obtained will, if available and physically capable and still eligible, re-join the team in the players original position at the start of the next end and the other players must revert to their original positions.
- 2.28.3.4. A substitute must be chosen from available eligible players whose playing ability must not be taken into account.
 - 2.28.3.4.1. If there is no eligible member available, an affiliated member may act as a substitute, provided the Controlling Body is satisfied that the affiliated member's playing ability is not better than that of the absent player in the team.
- 2.28.3.5. Constituted players in a team or side, whether defeated or not, are ineligible to act as substitutes in any other team or side in the same competition.
- 2.28.3.6. A substitute can,
 - 2.28.3.6.1. if approved by the Controlling Body, be changed at the completion of any end during the game or between succeeding games in the same competition.
 - 2.28.3.6.2. play in any position except that of skip, and the other players can arrange their positions as desired.
 - 2.28.3.6.3. continue to act as a substitute in that or any other team in the same competition (if they remain eligible to do so).
- 2.28.3.7. Only one substitute will be allowed in a team at any time during a game (pairs, triples or fours).
 - 2.28.3.7.1. A team of triples or fours can have a replacement player and/or a substitute
 - 2.28.3.7.2. In a pairs team, if a replacement player is used, then a substitute can only take the place of the replacement player
- 2.28.3.8. A substitute is not permitted for a singles player who is not part of a sides competition.
- 2.28.3.9. In a team which is not part of a side, a game must be forfeited if one member is absent and no substitute or replacement player is approved by the Controlling Body.

- 2.28.3.10. In a side:
 - 2.28.3.10.1. One substitute may be allowed in each team.
 - 2.28.3.10.2. One replacement player may be used in each triples or fours team in a side.
 - 2.28.3.10.3. If the required substitutes and/or replacement players are either not available, or not allowed, the game will continue as per Bowls Australia Domestic Regulation 2.5 (Absentee Players in a Side)
 - 2.28.3.10.4. Constituted players must not be transferred from one team to another
 - 2.28.3.10.5. The awarding of a trophy to a substitute in a winning team is the prerogative of the Controlling Body.
- 2.28.3.11. Champion of Club Champions Pairs Events
- 2.28.3.12. Substitutes and replacement players are **not** permitted in Champion of Club Champions Pairs (refer Section 6)

2.28.4. Replacement Player

If a Constituted Player is physically incapable or otherwise prevented from taking further part in any round (after the first round) in that competition for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body, a replacement player can be permitted to take the place of that player based on the following. (Law 55.3.3.)

- 2.28.4.1. The replacement player must be chosen from eligible players.
 - 2.28.4.2. Constituted Players (whether defeated or not), replaced players and intended players are ineligible to act as replacement players.
 - 2.28.4.3. The replacement player, when approved by the Controlling Body, becomes a constituted player and may play in any position, including skip.
 - 2.28.4.4. Only one replacement player is allowed per team in any competition.
 - 2.28.4.5. In a sides game one replacement player per team is permitted in a resumed game (refer .COP 4.10).
 - 2.28.4.6. A replacement player is not permitted for a singles player that is not a part of a sides competition.
 - 2.28.4.7. A replacement player is not permitted in champion of Club Champions Pairs events (refer Section 6)
- 2.28.5. Absentee players in a side game. (Law 39.2.3)
- 2.28.5.1. If, 15 minutes after the scheduled start time for a game one player is absent from one or more teams in a side and no eligible substitute is available or allowed, the game must continue; however
 - 2.28.5.2. A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player.
 - 2.28.5.3. Each player must use the number of bowls specified in the Conditions of Play for that event
 - 2.28.5.4. The order of play shall be maintained by the second of the complete team playing consecutive bowls.
 - 2.28.5.5. If a player is unable to continue the game and no eligible substitute or replacement player is available or allowed, play will continue as if one player is absent as per 2.28.5.1.
 - 2.28.5.6. If an absent player arrives late, they must take their original place in the team when they arrive and enter the game at the completion of the end in progress
 - 2.28.5.7. If an eligible substitute or replacement player becomes available and is permitted by the Controlling Body they may be introduced to the game at the completion of the end in progress

2.29. Restricting Movement of Players

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

2.29.1. Singles Game

After delivery of their third and fourth bowls

2.29.2. Pairs game

2.29.2.1. Leads: After delivery of their second and fourth bowls

2.29.2.2. Skips: after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls

2.29.3. Triples Game (2 bowls)

2.29.3.1. Leads: after delivery of their second bowl

2.29.3.2. Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl

2.29.3.3. Skips: After delivery of each of their bowls

2.29.4. Fours Game

2.29.4.1. Leads: after delivery of their second bowl

2.29.4.2. Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl

2.29.4.3. Thirds: after delivery of their second bowl. The third for each team may stand at the head end until it is their turn to play.

2.29.4.4. Skips After delivery of each of their bowls

2.29.5. Players remaining at head end

When a player at the head walks up to the mat to deliver their first bowl, their direct opponent can remain at the head until that bowl has come to rest before walking up to the mat to deliver their first bowl.

2.29.6. Penalty

See also Law 13, Possession of the Rink

- (i.) On the first occasion the umpire shall warn the player concerned. The skip of the team and manager/Coach in a sides game shall also be advised of the warning.
- (ii.) On the second occasion the end in progress shall be declared completed and the opponents awarded the number of shots the same as the number of bowls in use in that game.
- (iii.) On the third occasion the match shall be forfeited to the opponents.

2.30. Instantaneous Penalties***Refer BA Penalty Instantaneous Penalties Policy.***

If the Umpire, on appeal by the Controlling Body, a Side Manager, a Skip or an Opponent, or by observation, in their opinion decides that a breach of any Law or Rule or any action by a Player/s, such as:

- acting in an abusive, threatening or intimidating manner towards any person,
- using obscene, offensive, abusive, threatening or intimidating language towards any person,
- threatening any person with physical violence or assault,
- assaulting any person,
- acting in a manner likely to bring the sport of bowls into disrepute
- acting in a manner likely to bring Bowls NSW or any affiliated body into disrepute.

Has taken place, then after consultation with the controlling body,(in their absence the team / side managers) the end shall be immediately regarded as completed and the

- (i.) Opponent of the offender shall be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the Opponent in singles or opposing Team in a Team game or team in a side game.
- (ii.) Upon a second such offence by the same Player in the same game, the Umpire shall award the game to the Opponent/s according to Laws of the Sport (3rd Edition) C2 and C10.
- (iii.) Should this penalty be applied, no replacement or substitute Player will be allowed for his/her Team.
- (iv.) In a Team game the defaulting Team will forfeit the game to their Opponent.
- (v.) In a Side game BA Domestic Regulations 2.5.1.1, 2.5.1.2 and 2.5.1.3 will apply.
- (vi.) A replacement player is not permitted for a singles player. BA Domestic Regulation 2.4.6.
- (vii.) Serious offences may also be subject to police action. Consultation should occur between the venue manager/ controlling body and umpire/s before such action is undertaken.
- (viii.) The umpire must forward a written detailed report about any incident involving an instantaneous penalty to the respective Controlling Body within seven (7) days of the incident.

3. State Championships

3.1. State Championships: Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours

The winners from each District shall play off, in an Open Draw Knockout Competition, to determine the Zone winner in each Association event.

3.2. Zone Winners

Names of Zone winners to be advised to the RNSWBA immediately after the completion of the event and before the date shown in the State Program.

3.3. Champion of Club Champions Singles

Champion of Club Champions Pairs

Refer: Section 5, Champion of Club Champions Singles and Pairs

3.4. Australian Indoor Singles Championship (NSW Qualifying)

Refer: Section 6, Australian Indoor Singles Championship (NSW Qualifying)

3.5. State President's Reserve Singles

State President's Reserve Pairs

Refer: Section 8, State President's Reserve Singles and Pairs -

3.6. State Senior Singles

State Senior Pairs

Refer: Section 8, State Senior Singles and Pairs -

3.7. State Pennants (Grades 1-7)

Refer: Section 4, Pennants

3.8. NSW State Junior Championships

Refer: Section 10, NSW Junior Bowls Events

3.9. State Rookies Singles

State Rookies Pairs

Refer: Rookies Conditions of Play (published separately)

3.10. Bowls NSW Club Challenge

Refer: Bowls NSW Club Challenge Conditions of Play (published separately)

3.11. Inter-Zone Sides Championship

Refer: Section 11, Inter-Zone Sides Championship

3.12. Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship

Refer: Section 12, Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship

3.13. Junior Inter-Zone 7-A-Side Championship

Refer: Section 10.3, Junior Inter-Zone 7-A-Side Championship

4. PENNANTS

4.1. Pennants - General

Pennants shall be conducted under the control of the State Match Committee.

The State Match Committee is the Controlling Body for State Grade 1 Pennants

The State Match Committee may delegate to Zones, in line with these Conditions of Play, control of Pennants **Grade 2 to 7**. Zones may, in turn, delegate authority to Districts (where applicable).

4.2. Pennant Play

Zones (and Districts) shall submit their proposed format for sectional play and post sectional play for approval by the State Match Committee. Submissions should include the number of sides and number of rounds to be played in each grade and the method of qualification for post-sectional play. Draws may be managed to accommodate geographic considerations and to balance competitions. Submission should detail the format of post-sectional play at all levels **and also include the reporting and recording mechanisms to be employed**.

(Refer 4.15 and *Preferred Procedure for Organisation of State Pennants (Grades 1-7)*)

4.3. Pennant Grades

There shall be seven (7) grades of pennants available.

Definition- Grade 1 is the 'highest' Grade of Pennant, Grade 7 the 'lowest'. All definitions in these Conditions of Play of higher and lower grades refer to this convention.

A Club may be permitted to enter one or more sides in any pennant grade, but shall not be compelled to enter more than one side in any Grade except as provided for in Condition 4.15.

Note: Player eligibility requirements may require Clubs to enter more than one side in a grade.

Where a Club has two or more sides entered in any grade they shall be identified as No.1, No.2, No.3 or **A, B, C or Red, Green or Blue** etc. **Note: (#1)** The sides are considered equal within that grade and players are able to play in either side during sectional play (if not graded higher) **(#2)** to qualify for **post-sectional matches**, the player must play the minimum threshold number of matches in that **SIDE**.

Each side shall comprise three (3) teams each of four (4) players.

Each Zone must be represented by a Side in each of Grades 2-7 at the State Pennant Finals Series.

4.3.1.Club Grades - Players Eligibility

Clubs shall be allocated grades in accordance with Condition of Play 4.15.

Clubs shall submit (by the due date) a list of all players indicated as playing with their club in that season. Only players nominated on that list shall be eligible to play for that club in the season. Players may be added with permission from the State Match Committee (through District and Zone, as applicable).

4.3.2.Multi Grade Competitions

A multi-Grade competition (within Zones/Districts), where sides entered from more than one grade play each other, may be organised. Any such competition shall have written approval from the State Match Committee, refer to Condition 4.4 and 4.12.

4.3.3.Composite Sides

Clubs may combine to enter a side in Pennants.

A maximum of eight (8) players from one of the Clubs shall be permitted to play in any match.

For the purpose of Condition 2.6, players playing in the composite side shall be deemed to be playing for **their** declared Club.

Players eligibility to play in the composite side shall be determined as if they would be eligible to participate in that grade/side within their own club, as per COP 4.16.

Clubs wishing to enter a composite side shall forward a written application, which shall be endorsed by the Zone and submitted to the State Match Committee for approval.

Such written application shall detail:

Which Club shall host home matches, or the number of home matches to be allocated to each Club

The playing uniform to be worn by the composite side, which shall be compliant with Condition 1.7 and RNSWBA Regulations and RNSWBA Policies.

The financial Commitment of each of the Clubs towards entry fees, fines, players costs, etc.

4.4. Single Entry in a Grade in a District

4.4.1. Single Entry Side

A Single Entry Side: is a side which is the only entry in a grade in a District.

Where a District has only one entry in a grade they may place that entry in a multi-grade competition or the side may play in that grade in another District within that Zone.

Any such multi Grade competition must be approved by the State Match Committee (See 4.3). The submission should include the method of allocation of points for sectional matches and method for qualification for Post-sectional play for each grade involved.

4.4.2. Stand Out Side

A Stand Out Side: is a single entry side that is not participating in a combined grade competition and is proceeding directly to Post Sectional play at Zone level.

A single entry side cannot be a Stand-Out Side unless a written application is made to the State Match Committee for approval. The names of the players for the Stand-Out Side must be nominated to the District, Zone & State prior to the commencement of play in ANY Grade of Pennant in that Season. Those players nominated are ineligible to play in any other grade except with the approval of the State Match Committee.

4.5. Withdrawals Pennants Sides

If a side is withdrawn from the competition after the draw has been made it shall be the lowest grade entered.

If a side is withdrawn without a satisfactory explanation the penalty shall be a fine not exceeding six hundred dollars (\$600) and/or refusal of entry in a subsequent competition, at the discretion of the relevant controlling body.

4.6. Side Officials

All Side Officials are regarded as members of the side and shall be attired in a manner that identifies them as a member of that club.

All Side Officials shall be nominated to the Controlling Body and names supplied to the umpire before the commencement of play.

4.6.1. Side Managers

A Club shall appoint a Side Manager (male or female) who shall be a member of the Club and will be responsible for drawing of cards and of rinks, the toss for the mat and the completion of the pennant result form.

The Side Manager shall be the Side's representative in all matters concerning the playing of a match.

A second person may be allowed to assist the Side Manager.

4.6.2. Side Coach

A Club may appoint a coach to give advice to players during a match.

Such advice shall be given in accordance with the Laws to the Sport of Bowls.

In the absence of a nominated Coach, the Side Manager shall be the delegated deputy as prescribed by the Laws of the Sport.

The Coach shall be a member of the Club.

4.7. Timetable

4.7.1. Timetable

The Side Managers shall be at the Venue Club not less than forty (40) minutes before the starting time of the event.

The Side Managers shall advise the Controlling Body of the draw and allocation of rinks not less than **thirty (30) minutes** before the starting time of the event.

Trial ends shall commence not later than twenty (20) minutes before the starting time of the event.

4.7.2.Practice

Players may practice up to **thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match**, providing that rink space is available and the Controlling Body approves.

Players may not practice on the rink on which they are drawn to play once the rink draw is made (DR 1.1.4).

4.8. Play

Number of Ends

Matches shall be played over 63 ends (21 ends on each rink)

4.9. Play Not Commenced

Matches not commenced shall be played (Saturday and Sunday) as necessary or at the discretion of the Controlling Body

If the Controlling Body determines that the result of the match will have no bearing on determination of section winners or elevation and regression of sides for the following season the match shall be declared a tie and each side awarded five (5) points.

The Home Side is responsible for ensuring that the Controlling Body is notified that play was not commenced. Both sides should send their intended side to the Controlling Body. If not played the match may be used for eligibility for Post-Sectional Play.

Players selected to play in a rescheduled match not commenced shall not have played in a higher grade in the same round and shall not have a current season grading in a higher grade on the date that the match is rescheduled. (Note that an originally named intended player may become ineligible to play on the rescheduled match date) Refer 4.17

It is recommended that Zones/Districts allow in their programming an early date for the playing of matches either not commenced or not completed.

4.10. Play Not Completed

A minimum of 54 ends shall constitute a completed match.

If a match is stopped (eg due to inclement weather) and less than 54 ends are completed when the match is stopped the match shall be resumed (at a later date/time) and continued to 63 ends.

If the relevant Controlling Body determines that the result of the match will have no bearing on determination of section winners or elevation and regression of sides for the following season the match shall be declared a tie and each side awarded five (5) points.

NOTE: Players selected as replacement players or substitutes in a resumed match shall not have played in a **higher** grade in the same round and shall not have a current season grading in a higher grade on the date that the match is resumed. (**Note:** The original constituted players remain eligible to complete the match). see also 4.17 and 2.28

NOTE: Each side shall retain its score cards and a copy of the Pennant result Form, for use when the match is resumed. The skips should sign/initial the score cards at the point where play was interrupted.

Penalties: As prescribed in Condition 4.24

Note: A Pennant Result Form showing Match not completed should be forwarded to the Controlling Body

Note: In a resumed match (See COP 2.28) one replacement player per team may be permitted, such replacement player must be approved by the Zone/District.

4.11. Inclement Weather

The relevant Controlling Body shall determine the procedure and timetable under which a decision may be made that play will not proceed on any scheduled playing date.

The procedure should include the method of communicating that decision to all concerned.

4.12. Method of Scoring

The method of scoring for all sectional pennant matches and all post-sectional round robin matches shall be:

Side Win	7 Points	(Side scoring the highest aggregate number of shots)
Side Tie (Draw)	3.5 Point	(Both Sides Score equal aggregate number of shots)
Side Loss	0 Point	(Side scoring the lesser aggregate number of shots)
Team Win	1 Point	(one point for each team of the side that wins (<i>rink win</i>))
Team Tie	0.5 Point	(0.5 points for each team of the side that ties (<i>rink win</i>))

4.12.1. Determining Section Results

The winner of the Sectional Series of Matches shall be determined as follows:

- (i.) The Side scoring the highest number of points shall be declared the winner
- (ii.) If there is a tie, the side with the largest difference between 'total shots for' and 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- (iii.) If there is still a tie, the side with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- (iv.) If there is still a tie, the side winning the highest number of ends over all matches of the Sectional shall be declared the winner

Rankings within sections shall also be determined using the above method

4.12.2. Knockout-matches

The Side scoring the higher aggregate number of shots shall be declared the winner. If at the completion of the scheduled number of ends scores are tied an extra end or ends shall be played to determine a result. As per Law 28

4.13. Bye

Where a Club withdraws before the commencement of a competition OR where there is an odd number of teams in a section, a bye shall occur.

Nil points for a bye.

Note: Byes do not count towards players eligibility for post section (COP 4.21) or grading (COP 4.16)

4.14. Forfeit

A side receiving a forfeit during sectional play shall be awarded **maximum points** and be credited with a margin of +15 shots.

At the time of the forfeit the match shall be recorded as a score of 15-0. If at the end of sectional play the determination of section winners is to be determined by shots conceded (See COP 4.12) the match scores shall be calculated as:

Side forfeiting shall be credited as scoring the average number of shots of losing sides in that section over the season. Side receiving forfeit shall be credited with average losing score +15 shots

A side receiving a forfeit shall submit a Pennant Result Form. For the purposes of grading of players and eligibility for post sectional play the match shall be deemed to be a match played and the players declared on the Result Form regarded as having played the match

If a Club fields more than one Pennant Grade on the same playing date, any forfeit shall be that of the lowest grade.

See Also Condition 2.7:

A side forfeiting shall notify:

- The Controlling Body
- The Opponent
- The Venue Club

at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the first match, unless there is a satisfactory explanation for not doing so.

PENALTY (as prescribed by 2.7): not exceeding \$600 per side for any one offence and/or have their entry declined for any association event for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

A side forfeiting any match must submit to the relevant Controlling Body a written explanation of the reason(s) for the forfeiture of the match. Such explanation to be submitted within seven (7) days of the date on which the match was scheduled to be played.

Should the explanation be deemed inadequate, a penalty not exceeding \$600 per side may be imposed on the Club for any one offence and/or the Club may have their entry declined for any Association Event for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

4.15. Clubs

4.15.1. Elevation of Clubs

- (i.) All Winners of State Pennants, Grades 2 to 7, shall be elevated to the next highest Grade, irrespective of whether that Club has a side already entered in that higher grade.
- (ii.) All Zone Winners, Grades 2 to 7, may be elevated to the next highest grade.
- (iii.) Zones (and Districts) may, subject to 4.15 (i), (ii) and (iii), elevate Clubs having regard to the previous years' Pennant performances **and according to the previous season gradings of the players indicated as playing with each Club. (See COP 4.3.1)**

NOTE: Refer COP 4.16, players eligibility – State & Zone Pennant winners

4.15.2. Regression of Clubs

- (i.) The State Match Committee, Zones (and Districts) may regress Clubs having regard to the previous years' Pennant performances **and according to the previous season gradings of the players indicated as playing with each Club. (See COP 4.3.1)**
- (ii.) A Club shall be regressed no more than one grade from its previous year's grade(s)

4.15.3. Approval & Reporting

- (i.) All Clubs shall provide a list of players indicated as available for selection for the club for the season. Such list should show the players previous season grading and should accompany application for grades in that season.
- (ii.) All Zones shall submit a summary of the Grades of Pennant to be played by each Club within their Zone to the State Match Committee for approval no later than **three (3)** weeks prior to the date of the first scheduled match in that competition. *(submission to include Club's intended player lists)*
- (iii.)** The submission shall include the proposed competition format, including sectional and post-sectional play. (Refer 4.2).
- (iv.) The State Match Committee shall withhold approval of competitions should the required information not be received.

4.15.4. End of Season Reporting

- (i.) All Zones shall submit a summary of results for the current season to the State Match Committee, showing the points scored by each side in each grade of Pennants contested, no later than **four (4)** weeks following the completion of Sectional Play.
- (ii.) All Zones shall submit their Pennant player gradings for the current season (including indicating players graded in Zone winning Sides) to the State Match Committee no later than **four (4) weeks** following the completion of Sectional Play.

4.16. Player Grading & Eligibility

Any variation to player's eligibility must have the written approval of the State Match Committee.

Clubs may make application (on the Application for Variation of Condition of Play 4.16) for specific players to have their grading or eligibility varied, submitting all relevant details through their District and Zone Association.

Note: Players must be nominated as playing with the club as per Condition 4.3.1.

4.16.1. Eligibility

A player's eligibility, *until he is graded in the current season (once determined by his participation in matches in the current season – refer Condition 4.16.2)*, shall be determined as follows:

4.16.1.1. Previous Season State Pennant Winners

A player who was graded in a side that was a State Pennant Winner in Grades 2 to 7 in the previous season shall be ineligible to play in that grade or lower in the current season.

A player who was graded in a side that was a State Pennant Winner in Grade 1 in the previous season shall be ineligible to play in a lower grade in the current season.

Players who are constituted in a side that wins a State Pennant (ie players who play in the final) Grade 2 to 7 shall be ineligible to play in that grade or lower in his next season.

4.16.1.2. Previous Season Zone Pennant Winners

A player who was graded in a side that was a Zone Pennant Winner in Grade 2 to 7 in the previous season shall be ineligible to play in a lower grade in the current season.

A player who was graded in a side that qualified for the Grade 1 State Finals in the previous season shall be ineligible to play in a lower Grade in the current season.

4.16.1.3. Players Changing Declared Club

- (i.) Players whose eligibility is determined under Condition 4.16.1.1 or Condition 4.16.1.2 shall be eligible as per the provisions of those Conditions, irrespective of a change of Declared Club.
- (ii.) All other Players changing declared Club from their previous season shall be eligible to play no more than one grade below their previous season grading
 - a) If his new Club does not have a side entered in his previous season grading and one grade below his previous season grading, he shall be eligible to play no lower than the next highest grade entered by the Club *provided that he is the only player changing declared Club to be eligible under this clause*. He shall be included as one of the four players eligible to play more than one grade below their previous season grading under Condition 4.16.1.5, if applicable.
 - b) If a Club has two or more players changing declared Club who are required to play more than one grade below their previous season grading (as provided in (a) above) the Club must make application (through the relevant Zone/District) for approval for those players to play in that grade. Note that the Club may be elevated as per the provisions of Condition 4.15.

Note: A player changing his declared Club from his previous season requires a NSW Club Player Clearance; refer Condition 1.7, Condition 2.6 and RNSWBA Regulations.

4.16.1.4. Players from outside NSW

- (i.) Players who have previously played in a State or Territory other than NSW and who do NOT have a previous season grading from NSW shall be deemed to have a previous season grading based on the grade they played in the other State or Territory.
- (ii.) Players previously registered with or playing in a body recognised by another National Association who do not have a NSW previous season grading shall be deemed to have a previous season grading of Grade 1.
- (iii.) The eligibility of players may be varied on written application (through relevant District /Zone) to the State Match Committee.
- (iv.) Players covered under this clause must be registered with the club and included on its list of intended Pennant players submitted prior to the season or written permission gained from the State Match Committee (through District/Zone) to be eligible to play.

4.16.1.5. All Other Players

A player is eligible to play no lower than one (1) Grade below his grading for his previous Pennant Season, except as otherwise provided for in this clause.

4.16.1.6. Non-Consecutive Grades

- (i.) Where a Club does not have consecutive Grades **four (4)** players only from each of those non-consecutive grades shall be eligible to play more than one grade below their previous season's grading. This shall be no lower than the Club's next highest Grade.

The four players is for the whole of the season (for each of the non-consecutive grades) and includes any players under 4.16.1.3. Refer also 4.16.1.1. Clubs requiring more than the permitted four players shall apply for a variation of Condition of Play 4.16 on the appropriate form .

- (ii.) A Club having consecutive grades as a result of regression shall be entitled to apply the conditions of 4.16.1.5(i) to those consecutive grades.

4.16.1.7. Player Graded In The Current Season

Once a player has become graded in the current season he **is ineligible to** play in a grade lower than his current season grading. (The player may not play in a lower grade from the date on which he became graded)

4.16.2. Current Season Grading

A player's grading in the current season shall be determined by his matches played in the current season.

4.16.2.1. Graded During the Current Season

A player who has **played** a minimum of the threshold number of matches (as below) shall be graded in that grade for the current season. **(Byes do not count as a match played)**

Number of Sectional Matches Scheduled	Threshold – A player is graded in the grade if he plays in
9 or more	5 matches
7 or 8	4 matches
5 or 6	3 matches
3 or 4	2 matches
2	1 match

Once a player has become graded in the current season he may not play in a lower grade.

A player's grading will change to a higher grade if he plays the number of threshold matches in a higher grade.

4.16.2.2. Graded at end of Sectional Play

- (i.) A player who has not been graded at the end of sectional play, but has played a total (across all grades) of the minimum threshold number of matches applicable to any grade in which he played, shall be graded in the current season in the grade in which he has the greater number of matches (if equal, the *lowest* grade shall apply)
- (ii.) A player who has not played a total (across all grades) of the minimum threshold number of matches applicable to any grade in which he played shall retain his previous season grading.

4.16.3. Post Sectional Play

- (i.) A player shall be eligible to play in Post Sectional Play in a grade no lower than his current season grading and as prescribed by Condition 4.21 Eligibility for Post Sectional Play.
- (ii.) Players who are constituted in a side that wins a State Pennant (ie players who play in the final) Grade 2 to 7 shall be ineligible to play in that grade or lower in his next season.
- (iii.) Post Sectional Matches other than a State Pennant Final do not affect a player's current season grading.

Penalties: As prescribed in Condition 4.24 4.24. Penalty for Pennant Infringements

4.16.4. Player Match / Grading Records

Clubs and Zones/Districts should keep accurate records of players participation in each round of Pennants, ensuring that players are selected and play in grades as they are eligible according to Condition of Play 4.16. **(See also 4.15.3 Approval & Reporting)**

4.17. Participation in State Pennants

A player may not participate in more than one match in any Round of Sectional Pennant Play (Grades 1 - 7) **except for a resumed match or a rescheduled match.**

In a resumed or rescheduled match a player may play a match in a higher grade in place of an originally named player who is ineligible or unavailable for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body on the rescheduled/resumed date. Prior written permission shall be obtained from the Controlling Body.

Matches shall be counted as matches played for grading and eligibility for post-section purposes SEE COP 4.16 and 4.21

For the purpose of this condition Round 1 shall be deemed as the first match scheduled to be played in that grade, Round 2 the second match scheduled to be played, and so on. The date on which the match is played is not taken into account.

Penalties: As prescribed in Condition 4.24

4.18. Artificial Light

Artificial light is permitted.

4.19. Change of Venue

If the greens of the Home Club are unplayable the **venue may be changed**, by mutual consent.

Pennant Result Forms shall be completed by the **designated home side**.

4.20. Results

Results shall be forwarded to the relevant Controlling Body (State / Zone District) by the DESIGNATED HOME SIDE# immediately after the completion of play.

A Pennant result form shall be completed for **all** scheduled matches.

Any substitute or replacement player during a match must be recorded on the result form

A Pennant Result Form must be completed and forwarded to the Controlling Body for Forfeits, Matches Not Completed and Matches Not Commenced.

**Penalty for failing to supply results or supplying false or misleading information:
a fine not exceeding five hundred (\$500) dollars +GST**

Note – Zone/District Controlling Bodies may specify additional/alternative requirements for the submission of results

4.21. Eligibility for Post Sectional Play

To be eligible for post sectional play a player must have been graded in the current season in that Grade or in a lower Grade.

A player who has not been graded in the current season may be approved to play post sectional play by application to the State Match Committee, with the recommendation of the District and Zone.

A waiver of eligibility will only be considered if:

There are insufficient eligible players available whose current season grading is in the grade required AND The Club's next lowest graded side is also involved in Post-Sectional Play.

Applications for players who have not played in the current season will only be considered for the Club's lowest Grade.

4.22. Post Sectional Play - Method of Scoring**4.22.1. Knockout Play**

The Side scoring the highest aggregate number of shots (Master board scoring) shall be declared the winner. If scores are equal at the completion of the scheduled number of ends (master board), an extra end or ends shall be played to determine a winner. (See Law 28)

4.22.2. Sectional Play

As per Condition of Play 4.12 *Method of Scoring*

4.23. Names of Zone Winners

Names of Zone winners must be advised to the RNSWBA immediately after the completion of the event and before the date shown in the State Program.

4.24. Penalty for Pennant Infringements

The following penalties apply for Playing an Unregistered Player, Playing an Ineligible or Grading Infringement Player or forfeiture of a match due to a breach of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. (Refer to Conditions of Play 1.3, 4.10(note), 4.16,4.17, 4.23, Law 52.6 and Law 39.2.1 and RNSWBA Regulations & Policies)

4.24.1. Sectional Play

The offending side disqualified with loss of all points for the match involved and shall be credited with a margin of -15 shots or the margin by which it lost whichever is the higher.

The non-offending side shall receive maximum points and shall be credited with a margin of +15 shots or the margin by which it won, whichever is the higher.

Should the scores need to be recalculated, the score of the offending side should stand and the score of the non-offending side recalculated as

Offending side score +15 shots.

4.24.2. Knock Out Play

The offending side is disqualified. The Match Committee shall when so notified, substitute in the next succeeding round the side last defeated by the offending side.

4.25. Determination of State Winners**4.25.1. State Finals Draw -****4.25.1.1. Sectional Draw See State Program**

Play for the 16 Zones (Grades 2-7)- shall be on an open draw Sectional basis.
(Four (4) sections of four). (See also Condition 4.3)

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
A -v- D	A -v- B	A -v- C
B -v- C	C -v- D	B -v- D

Clubs shall nominate their sides as three teams of 4 players. In each match the draw shall be Team 1 v Team 1, Team 2 v Team 2 and Team 3 v Team 3.

All matches shall be of Sixty-Three (63) ends.

Where matches are not able to be completed Fifty-Four (54) ends in aggregate shall constitute a match.

4.25.1.2. Semi-Finals

Winner Section 1 -v- Winner Section 2

Winner Section 3 -v- Winner Section 4

4.25.1.3. Final

Winner (1 -v- 2) -v- Winner (3 -v- 4)

4.25.2. State Finals Method of Scoring**4.25.2.1. Sectional Play -**

As per Condition 4.12 Method of Scoring

4.25.2.2. Semi-Finals and Finals

Sectional winners will play off in Semi-Finals - Knock Out Play (highest aggregate number of shots).

In each Semi Final and Final match the Side scoring the higher aggregate number of shots shall be declared the winner. If at the completion of the scheduled number of ends scores are tied an extra end or ends shall be played to determine a result.

4.26. Discs / Score Board Names**4.26.1. Discs (Stickers/Adhesive Markings)**

Clubs shall use their own Club coloured discs (if available).

If opposing sides have the same design or colour of markings and an alternative is not available, players in the side listed second in the draw must remove their markings.

See also COP 2.15

4.26.2. Score Board Names

Clubs shall provide their own Club identification names for:

Three (3) rink score boards and One (1) Masterboard.

4.27. Awards**4.27.1. Pennant Flags**

Winners and Runners-up Pennant Flags will be awarded to Clubs.

4.27.2. Pennant Badges

Winners and Runners-up Badges will be awarded to players participating in the final. (12 to each side).

An additional 2 badges (for each of the Winners and Runners Up) will be available at State Pennant Finals for presentation to Reserves who are eligible to qualify for the award of an additional badge.

4.27.3. Side Manager's Badges

Winners and Runners Up Badges will be awarded to the Manager and Coach of Sides participating in the final.

4.27.4. Additional Badges

Clubs may apply for additional badges.

Clubs will be invoiced for the cost of additional badges

4.27.5. John Young Shield

The Club winning the State No.1 Pennant will receive the John Young Shield, to be held at the Club for the ensuing year.

4.28. RNSWBA Pennants

Winners and Runners-Up Pennants Flags will be awarded for each Grade of Pennants (No. 1 to No. 7 inclusive) as follows:

No. 1 Pennant.....Union Jack Blue with White letters

No. 2 Pennant.....Red with White letters

No. 3 Pennant.....White with Royal Blue letters

No. 4 Pennant.....Green with White letters

No. 5 Pennant.....Gold with Green letters

No. 6 Pennant.....Airforce Blue (Sky Blue) with White letters

No. 7 Pennant.....Brown with White letters

5. Order of Precedence

This order of precedence applies to players in Clubs, Districts and Zones throughout New South Wales. Events within categories 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 are considered to be of equal status in those categories.

Zones and Districts may arrange Inter-Zone and Inter-District events as they wish. Only the events specified herein shall have precedence.

Players drawn to play in matches higher in the Order of Precedence (**Matches in category 5.1 are higher than Category 5.2 and so on**) shall, on application prior to the matches concerned, be granted dispensation for / deferment of matches lower in the Order of Precedence, Such application to be lodged with the relevant Controlling Body at least seven (7) days prior to the event.

This order of precedence shall **not apply** for deferment of **State Pennants Sectional matches** with the exception of matches affected by players selected to represent NSW at the Australian Sides Championship. Clubs affected (for other matches) may negotiate with their opponents for affected matches and play on an alternate date, with the approval of the relevant Controlling Body. Failing agreement the match shall be played on the scheduled date. For deferment of matches due to Australian Sides Championship precedence, matches shall be played at a date set by the relevant Controlling Body.

The Order of Precedence shall also apply to officials nominated by the relevant Controlling Body for matches in Categories 5.1-5.7 below. Officials for these events shall, on application prior to the matches concerned, be granted dispensation for / deferment of matches lower in the Order of Precedence. Such application to be lodged with the relevant Controlling Body at least seven (7) days prior to the event.

5.1. Bowls Australia Events

Australian Championships (Including Australian Indoor Singles, Australian Open, and Australian Junior Championships, including qualifying for those events)

Australian Sides Championships

Representation in an Australian National selected side (eg Trans-Tasman Series)

5.2. Representation

Representation in an Inter-State selected side.

Note: Special competitions, approved by the Association, may be specified as having any level of precedence.

5.3. Royal NSW Bowling Association Events

State Pennants

State Champion of Club Champions events

State Singles, State Pairs, State Triples, State Fours

Any State Age Based Championships *including Junior Singles, Junior Pairs, Junior Fours, Under 25 Singles.*

State Senior Singles, State Senior Pairs

State President's Reserve Singles, State President's Reserve Pairs

Inter Zone Sides Championship (including Senior & Junior Inter-Zone Sides Championship)

Bowls NSW Rookies Championships

Bowls NSW Club Challenge (Regional and State Finals / Post-Sectional Matches Only)

5.4. Zone Events

Competition as in 5.3 above - at Zone Level

5.5. Zone Representation

Zones are restricted to four (4) nominated Zone events for which precedence will apply.

5.6. District Events

Competition as in 5.3 above - District Level

5.7. District Representation

Districts are restricted to four (4) nominated District events for which precedence will apply.

Clubs

Club Major Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours

#Note: Zones/Districts shall nominate the events (referred to in 5.5 and 5.7 above) that the Zone/District wishes to take precedence over Club Championships within the Zone/District. Notice of such nominations shall be made in the Zone/District program of Events for the Association year.

#Note Sections 8, 9 and 11 provide specific exceptions to the application of precedence.

6. Champion Of Club Champions Singles & Pairs**6.1. Entry – Champion of Club Champions Singles**

Open to players who win their Club Major Singles Championship in the current year.

6.2. Entry – Champion of Club Champions Pairs

Open to players who win their Club Major Pairs Championship in the current year.

6.3. Conduct

Districts/Zones conduct knockout play to find a winner.

District winners play off to find Zone winners (as required).

Sixteen (16) Zone winners play off to find the Champion of Club Champions. All matches knockout play.

Singles - 31 shots up, Pairs - 21 ends.

6.4. Pairs – Substitutes/Replacement Players

Substitutes and/or replacement players are **not** permitted.

7. Australian Indoor Singles Championship (NSW Qualifying)**7.1. Entry**

The New South Wales qualifying tournament is open to all male bowlers registered with a body recognised by Bowls Australia.

State qualifying rounds will be conducted at an indoor bowling centre or best available surface.

Players are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and meals.

7.2. Format

As set by Bowls Australia.

8. State President's Reserve Singles & Pairs

8.1. Entry : State President's Reserve Singles

Open to bowlers who were graded to play in No.5 Pennants or below in both the current and **his** previous **Bowling Season**. (Refer 4.16 and 4.17) and who have not entered the State Singles or State Senior Singles Championship.

Previous winners of State President's Reserve Singles at State level are not eligible to enter the State President's Reserve Singles.

8.2. Entry: State President's Reserve Pairs

Open to bowlers who were graded to play in No.5 Pennants or below in both the current and **his** previous **Bowling Season**. (Refer 4.16 and 4.17) and who have not entered the State Pairs or State Senior Pairs Championship.

Previous winners of State President's Reserve Pairs at State level are not eligible to enter the State President's Reserve Pairs.

8.3. Conduct

Sixteen (16) Zone winners will play off to determine the State winner.

Note: A player who becomes graded higher than Grade 5 in the Current Season shall become ineligible to continue in the event (ie the player / team shall be disqualified)

Players not having played Pennants are eligible to enter this competition

NOTE: It is recommended that State President's Reserve Events be conducted after the completion of Pennant Sectional Play

9. State Senior Singles & Pairs

9.1. Entry: State Senior Singles

Open to bowlers who are aged 60 years or over as at the commencement date of the competition who have not entered the State Singles or State President's Reserve Singles Championships.

9.2. Entry: State Senior Pairs

Open to bowlers who are aged 60 years or over as at the commencement date of the competition and who have not entered the State Pairs or State President's Reserve Pairs Championships

9.3. Conduct

Sixteen (16) Zone winners will play off to determine the State winner.

Note: Commencement date is first scheduled date for play in the competition at District/Zone level (as applicable).

10. NSW Junior (Under 18) Bowls Events

NSW Junior Bowls Events shall be conducted under the Control of the RNSWBA State Match Committee and RNSWBA Junior Committee.

Where an event is not specifically covered in this section the RNSWBA Conditions of Play apply.

10.1. General

10.1.1. Eligibility RNSWBA Junior Events

To enter an RNSWBA Junior event a player must be registered with the RNSWBA or NSWBA and be under the age of 18 years as at the completion date of the competition.

PENALTY: Player, Team or Side disqualified from the competition.

10.1.2. State Junior Singles

A player may enter the State Junior Singles and also nominate to play in the State President's Reserve Singles and/or State Singles Championship (See Section 8)

10.1.3. State Junior Pairs

A player or team may enter the State Junior Pairs and also nominate to play in the State President's Reserve Pairs and/or State Pairs Championship (See Section 8)

10.1.4. Entries

Nominations for an event and showing the player(s) Registration Number(s) and accompanied by the applicable entry fee must be made to the District, Zone or State Body (as applicable) through its secretary. Late entries will not be accepted.

10.2. NSW State Junior Championships - Finals

10.2.1. State Junior Championships

For State Junior Pairs and Fours Championships players in a team must be from the same District (Players need not be from the same Club), except as provided for below.

Where there are insufficient players in a District for the competition to be played the District shall arrange, through its Zone Association, for qualifying play to be at combined District or Zone level.

Where play commences at combined District level, the players in a team must be from one of the Districts combined for play.

Where play commences at Zone level the players must be from within that Zone.

10.2.2. NSW State Junior Championships: Singles, Pairs and Fours

Competition shall be conducted as Sectional, Knockout or combination, as determined by the relevant Controlling Body.

The winners from each District shall play off, in an Open Draw Knockout or Sectional Competition, to determine the Zone winner in each Association event,

Note: Where there are sufficient player numbers to conduct a District Competition. See above

10.2.3. Zone Winners

Names of Zone winners to be advised to the RNSWBA immediately after the completion of the event and before the date shown in the State Program.

10.2.4. Duration of Matches

Duration of matches shall be:

	Sectional (or 3 matches per day)	Finals (or 2 matches per day)
Singles	25 shots up	31 shots up
Pairs & Fours	15 ends	21 ends

The Controlling Body may alter the duration of matches to allow the competition to brought to a successful conclusion.

10.2.5. Determining Winners in Sectional Matches

In each match of sectional play points shall be awarded as follows:

Win	2 Points	(Side scoring the highest aggregate number of shots)
Tie (Draw).....	1 Point	(Both Sides Score equal aggregate number of shots)
Loss	0 Point	(Side scoring the lesser aggregate number of shots)

10.2.6. The winner of the Sectional Series of Matches shall be determined as follows:

The player or team scoring the highest number of points shall be declared the winner

If two or more players or teams are equal on points, the player or team with the largest difference between 'total shots for' and 'total shots against' shall be the winner.

If there is still a tie, the player or team with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.

If there is still a tie the team with the higher number of ends won (does not apply to singles player) shall be declared the winner.

If two teams or players remain tied, the winner of the match between those teams/players shall be declared the winner

10.3. NSW Junior Inter-Zone 7-A-Side Championship

Refer Conditions of Play for this event, published as separate document.
see www.bowlsnsw.com.au

11. Inter-Zone Sides Championship

11.1. Controlling Body

The State Match Committee shall be the Controlling Body for the Inter-Zone Sides Championship

11.2. Composition of Sides

Each Side shall comprise of three teams, each of four players.

Zones shall nominate their players to make up their teams, nominating their teams as 'team 1', 'team 2' and 'team 3'. The draw in each match shall be team 1 v team 1, team 2 v team 2 and team 3 v team 3. Players may not be changed between teams without prior approval of the Controlling Body.

11.3. Eligibility

11.3.1. Inter-Zone Sides Championships

Players shall be registered with the RNSWBA as a Bowling Member, and shall have a declared Club which is affiliated with the Zone in which they are selected (refer COP 2.6).

11.3.2. Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship

Players shall be aged 60 years or over as at the commencement date of the competition.

Players shall be registered with the RNSWBA as a Bowling Member, and shall have a declared Club which is affiliated with the Zone in which they are selected (refer COP 2.6).

11.4. Duration of Matches

Each Match shall comprise of 63 ends (21 ends per rink). Dead ends do not count

11.5. Trial Ends

Two (2) trial ends shall be permitted at the commencement of each match.

11.6. Play Not Completed

If a match is not able to be completed (to 63 completed ends), a minimum of 54 completed ends shall constitute a completed match.

11.7. Determination of Section Winners

The method of scoring for all sectional matches shall be:

Side Win	7 Points	(Side scoring the highest aggregate number of shots)
Side Tie (Draw).....	3.5 Point	(Both Sides Score equal aggregate number of shots)
Side Loss	0 Point	(Side scoring the lesser aggregate number of shots)
Team Win	1 Point	(one point for each team of the side that wins (<i>rink win</i>))
Team Tie	0.5 Point	(0.5 points for each team of the side that ties (<i>rink win</i>))

The winner of the Sectional Series of Matches shall be determined as follows:

- (i.) The Side scoring the highest number of points shall be declared the winner
- (ii.) If there is a tie, the side with the largest difference between 'total shots for' and 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- (iii.) If there is still a tie, the side with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- (iv.) If there is still a tie, the side winning the highest number of ends over all matches of the Sectional shall be declared the winner

11.8. Post Sectional Play

The Winner of each section shall play semi finals:

Winner Section 1 v Winner Section 2 and Winner Section 3 v Winner Section 4

The winners of the Semi Finals shall play a final.

In each Semi Final and Final match the Side scoring the higher aggregate number of shots shall be declared the winner. If at the completion of the scheduled number of ends scores are tied an extra end or ends shall be played to determine a result.

11.9. Variations to Conditions of Play

The Controlling Body shall have the authority to vary Conditions of Play to bring the Championship to a successful conclusion. The Controlling Body shall consult the Side Managers of the participating sides.

The decision of the Controlling Body shall be final.

12. Preferred Procedure for Organisation of State Pennants (Grades 1-7)

To be followed by Districts and Zones

The State Match Committee has produced the preferred procedure for organisation of State Pennants at Zone / District level. The procedure and timeline below is designed to allow sufficient time for Pennants to be organised at a Zone / District level.

The procedure also allows time for the State Match Committee to endorse the proposed grades or seek further information or advise the relevant Zone/District that of any adjustments necessary to comply with the Conditions of Play.

Minimum recommended Time –	ACTION <i>should be completed by the minimum recommended time prior to start</i>
10 weeks prior	Zone to advise SMC of proposed starting date of Pennants. (note - state-wide common start dates)
8 weeks prior	Clubs advised that they must nominate their sides for Pennants, including closing date for nominations. Clubs should be advised to nominate the number of sides to be entered and may be given opportunity to nominate which grades they wish to enter.
6 weeks prior	Close of nominations (Clubs to Zone/District) Clubs should ensure that a list of players who have indicated that they are available for selection for the Club for the season is included with their nomination noting any players who have changed their declared Club.
5 weeks prior	Zone to determine grades allocated to each Club, ensuring that elevations and regressions are compliant with Conditions of Play and accounting for the grading & eligibility of players at each Club Clubs to be advised of proposed grades allocated. Clubs to be advised the timeframe for lodging of appeals.
4 weeks prior	Any appeals lodged to be assessed, and if necessary changes made – ensuring that allocated grades are compliant with Conditions of Play. Clubs with changed grades or rejected appeals to be immediately contacted to ensure that no further appeals are to be lodged
3 weeks prior	Zone to submit proposed grades for all Clubs to State Match Committee for endorsement. <i>(including player lists)</i> Any appeals against Zone's allocation to be lodged with submission. Submission to include any applications for variation of COP 4.15 (or equivalent)
# 3weeks prior	State Match Committee to advise of any issues with proposed grades, or advise endorsement of proposed grades. Zone to submit any further information or re-submission on request of State Match Committee
#2 weeks prior	State Match to reply to any requested re-submission
#10 days prior	Final draw & format of competition (including finals) to be advised to participating Clubs
# as possible	Forum for Side Managers and Selectors (suggested)
Each Round of Competition	Check result sheets to ensure all players eligible for the Club and the grade in which they played

13. Duties of the Controlling Body

This is intended as a guideline for those who perform the duties of the Controlling Body, other functions may be required of the Controlling Body for certain events or under certain circumstances.

This guideline has been divided into three sections; Pre-Match, During Match and After Match.

13.1. Pre-Match

- Before the commencement of play on any day the name(s) of the person(s) representing the Controlling Body and the Umpire(s) of the day should be announced.
- Being present at all times during the match, plus for a reasonable time before the start of play and after play finishes.
- They ensure that Association Events are played in accordance with the RNSWBA Conditions of Play.
- They ensure that the dates of play for all events are set out, including provisions for rescheduling of matches which are delayed or postponed. *Dates should be included on entry forms*
- They should ensure that the players, umpires and markers are aware of any non-standard playing conditions.
- They should ensure that an umpire has been appointed to officiate for the matches being played.
- They should ensure that there are markers in attendance for singles matches.
- Advising players of their eligibility for pre-match practice and the availability of rink space for that practice.
- They ensure that the rinks on which players are drawn to play are announced not less than 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.
- They declare the position of a constituted member in a team to be vacant under condition listed in DR4, they can then authorise an eligible member to join that team as a replacement player.
- They can authorise one (or more) team in a side to play one player short if there is no eligible player or substitute available.
- They are responsible for ensuring that the player's attire is in accordance with the RNSWBA Regulations and Conditions of Play (or in line with the requirements for that event if not an Association Event).
- They decide when to start play if the weather is doubtful.
- They may, if circumstances warrant it, extend the time allowed for late arrivals.
- They can award the match to the opponent if a player, team or side fails to show or otherwise forfeits its match.

13.2. During Match

- They can warn the player involved if he is causing damage to the green, then they can ask him to retire from the green and take no further part in the match (the Umpire may also do this).
- They can replace a marker whose performance or behaviour is less than acceptable standard.
- They can take action to have spectators refrain from disturbing, advising or interfering with players.
- They may allow variations in the position of players at both head and mat ends to facilitate viewing by spectators, or to assist television coverage.
- They can award the match to the opponent if advised by the umpire that there has been an infringement of a law that requires a penalty.
- They decide when to abandon play for the day because of darkness, the conditions of the weather or any other valid reason.

13.3. After Match

- They are the ones to whom the umpire hands the set of bowls and the \$150 deposit if there has been a challenge to a set of bowls. They arrange to have the confiscated bowls tested. (see Law 52)
- They are the official to whom the appellant gives his written appeal and to whom the umpire hands the deposit and his written report if there has been an appeal against the umpire's application of the Laws.
- They ensure that any necessary closing announcements are made.



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