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www.womensbowlsnsw.org

Alternatively it is available to purchase from Head Office.

Women's Bowls NSW

Conditions of Play for State Championships and all Association Events 1st January – 31st December

1 General

(a) These Conditions apply to State, Districts and all Clubs for State Events.

(b) The "Association" means Women's Bowls NSW

Association Events shall be interpreted as being an event that is promoted by WBNSW and which is conducted under its organisation and control. It includes:

Championships

State Championships, i.e. Singles, Open and Senior Pairs, Triples, Open and Senior Fours, Mixed Pairs
Champion of Club Championships, Singles and Pairs
All Club Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships

Other Events

Pennants – Conditions of Play are specific for this event and are not mentioned in this document
NSW Indoor Singles
City vs Country
Inter-Regional Challenge
State Carnival

(c) Association Events take precedence over all other events subject to Item 19.1. An Open Draw of self-selected teams is to be conducted for all Association Events at Club, District and State level.

(d) In all Association Events conducted by a Club/District/Region, the State Match Committee is the overriding Controlling Body and Club and District Match Committees must conduct events in accordance with the conditions set down by WBNSW. The appointed Controlling Body at Club, District or Regional Events, should be an affiliated member. The Controlling Body of the day, Markers and Umpire are to be appointed/organised by the Match Committee (Club/District/State). **All Association events must have a Controlling Body and Umpire in attendance.**

(e) A player may be a member of more than one club but shall nominate only one club for which they will be affiliated with WBNSW and play all Association Events for the current bowling season i.e. Jan – Dec.

(A player may transfer temporarily to another Club to play Pennants).

After majority voted agreement of Clubs in a District – District Championships or Pennants (not Club Championships) may be commenced in the latter part of the previous year, provided all State Playoffs have concluded. This should not disadvantage any player who has won a state title and is proceeding to the Australian Championships to play.

(f) A player who is a playing member of only one club plays their Association Events for that club for the current bowling season (Jan –Dec). If during the bowling season the player joins another club as a playing member without a Certificate of Clearance from the club with which they are affiliated, the player may not nominate their new Club as the affiliated Club until the start of the next bowling season.

A player may play, **with a Certificate of Clearance**

(i) any championship that they have not already played, or

(ii) any round of pennant that the player has not already played in the current season.

(g) In any Association Event (except for Pennants) any player, until eliminated, shall not be set down to contest any other Championship or Competition in their own club or district. Eliminated players are to be allowed a reasonable time before and after the event for safe travel, before being carded for Club Championships or competitions.

(h) Club Stickers may be attached to bowls for all Association Events, State Championships and Pennants played at all levels, District, Region and State Play-offs. If used, all bowls in play for that team or side

must use the stickers or they are not used at all. In all Association events players are representing their Clubs, not the District. District stickers should only be used for Inter-district or Inter regional games.

- (i) **For all State Play-offs, Clubs are asked to bring a magnetic strip with Club name for scoreboards.**
- (j) All players in a team /side must be dressed in the same State registered and approved uniform as outlined in the current Dress Policy.
- (k) Electronic or other communication devices shall not be taken onto the green or surrounds in an active mode during the playing of an Association event, except with the approval of the Controlling Body. Refer BA Policy.
- (l) All State Championships are made up of three stages in each event – District, Regional and State. If a Club side/team/player does not wish to proceed to the end scenario of the State event, as it is presently conducted, then they should not enter. It is not fair to Clubs defeated in the process by a side/team/player that does not intend to go further in that event either from District or Regional level. To award the position in further playoffs to the runner up is not an option. (see Item 6 (b) for possible penalties).
- (m) **Club Competitions** are defined as minor singles, pairs etc., major/minor events, Consistency, Queen or Princess of the Green, Carnivals, Tournaments, Gala or Charity Days. These events **are not** governed by these Conditions of Play in relation to their format and the eligibility criteria or rules covering these games are unique to each Club and should be outlined in the Club's Domestic Rules.
- (n) All competitive games are played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 3rd Edition and are only to be contested by fully affiliated bowlers.
- (o) **Players and Their Duties**
Players' duties are outlined in the Laws of the Sport – Crystal Mark 3rd Edition and some specific items in the Bowls Australia Domestic Rules.
Skips **MUST** keep the scorecard in all pairs and triples team games (Law 40.1.7.1 and DR 3.2) and it is their responsibility to ensure the scorecard agrees with the opposing Skip every end (Law 40.1.7.4). **Any player can be delegated to keep the scoreboard.** (D.R. 3.1.1). Seconds **shall** keep the card in Fours. Thirds would normally do all measuring to determine the result of an end, unless this duty is delegated by the Skip to another member of the team prior to the commencement of the game and advised to the opposition.

State Entries and Fees

- (a) Each entry, together with a **completed copy of the draw**, accompanied by fees for all Association Events **must** be made on the current official **entry form** by the Delegated District Official, or Club Secretary in Isolated Clubs and returned to the Chief Executive Officer of WBNSW **before** the closing date. Entries received **after** the close of business on the closing date **will not** be accepted.
- (b) All Club or District draws that are forwarded to the State Match Office, must be **correctly completed** to include Full Names (not initials), National Registration Numbers, Club (for District Events) for all players entered and **full names**, numbers and the Club of the Winners. If space on the draw is limited, a separate sheet may be attached to the draw listing the details as requested.
- (c) Only a fully capitated Club member at **the time of close of entry** is eligible to play in any Association or Club fixture during a season. Any player who has played in Championships in one club cannot play in the **same event** in another (new) club in the same year.
- (d) National registration is checked when entries are received by WBNSW but proof of identity may be required prior to the commencement of the event.
- (e) Entrants **must** notify WBNSW of a mobile telephone number of a player in the team, which must appear on the entry form, to allow contact immediately prior or during a State event.

3 Authority of State Match Committee

- (a) For all Association Events [see 1(c)] the State Match Committee is the overriding Controlling Body.
- (b) Matches will be played under the control of the Match Committee of WBNSW which shall have the power to enquire into all disputes. In the event of any member of the Match Committee being a member of a disputant club, she shall withdraw from the Committee for decisions related to that matter.
- (c) If in the opinion of the Match Committee the occasion demands, it may change the green for play and alter the day or time set down to play any match.
- (d) The State Match Committee reserves the right to alter venue, program, playing schedule, length of games or any other Conditions to bring a State run event to a satisfactory conclusion.
- (e) Should a State Playoff Event be cancelled due to inclement weather, a decision by the greenkeeper or other unforeseen circumstances, and no play has been possible, the Association will refund the entry fee but bear no responsibility for any expenses incurred by entrants resulting from the cancellation.

4 Knock-out Breaches

- (a) Should a breach occur in a "knock-out" game rendering the offending player, team or side liable to disqualification, and the Match Committee be unaware of the irregularity at the time of its happening, the Match Committee will, when so notified, substitute in the next succeeding round the player, team or side last defeated by the defaulting player, team or side.
- (b) Should the Match Committee inadvertently make an error in providing a decision as to a winner and becomes aware of the irregularity, the fixture shall revert to that stage where the mistake occurred and play shall recommence at that point irrespective of whether further games have been played.

5 Greens for Play

- (a) The greens of all affiliated clubs shall be made available to the Association for playing of any fixture or match arranged by and under the control of the Association. Greens may be either vegetation or synthetic surface as approved by a member national authority. Law 46.4

All greens are declared neutral for all Association Events at District, Regional and State levels.

- (b) All Greens made available for play may be inspected by a State representative to determine their suitability for play.
- (c) Clubs arranging social or other competitions during the currency of the Association Program must be prepared to provide green space for the Association matches set down for their clubs. Such greens must be the best available on that day.
- (d) Where a player, team or side is drawn to play in an Association Event against a player, team or side whose green is considered unfit for play, the match shall be played, but the opponent, skip or captain shall have the right to lodge an objection against such green to the Association on the grounds that it was unfit for play; provided that notices of intent to lodge such objection shall be given to the club and opponent, opposing skip or captain before the commencement of play or within a period of 30 minutes after commencement of play. Such objection shall be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer of WBNSW (or the Secretary of the respective District) within 48 hours after the time set down for play. Where either or both opposing players, teams or sides lodge an objection to the condition of the green the Association may rule the match to be replayed. All such objections shall be accompanied by a deposit of **\$50.00**. If the Association decides that the objection is frivolous, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Association, otherwise the deposit shall be refunded.

6 Forfeits and Withdrawals at Club, District, Regional and State level.

- (a) Any singles player, team or side unable to play at the time and date specified must forfeit to the Controlling Body.
- (b) If any singles player, team or side fails to fulfill an engagement without justifiable cause (in the opinion of the WBNSW Match Committee) the player or team shall, at the discretion of WBNSW Match

Committee, be liable to have their entry/entries declined the following season and may also be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100.00 per player for any one offence. The liability of the payment of the fine shall rest with the club concerned. {See also Item 1(I)} Any penalty can only be imposed by WBNSW.

- (c) In **all Events** the match must be awarded to the opponent(s) if the singles player, team or side has failed to appear **30 minutes** after the specified time of starting, subject to Law 39.1.2
- (d) State, District or Club Match Committee (whichever is applicable) must be notified of all forfeits or withdrawals. A forfeit once notified cannot be rescinded.

7 **Score Cards**

State Championship Play Offs, Champion of Club Champion Singles & Pairs, Indoor Singles, Pennants Playoffs and State Carnival - Score cards are prepared by the State Match Committee and must be **completed in ink**.

A record of all scores for and against on each end must be shown on both scorecards (no blanks). Every score is to be brought forward on each end.

Singles: In a singles match, there is only one official score card and that is the one kept by the Marker. The front, back and total is to be completed on both sides of the card and after checking, it must be signed and time recorded immediately the match is completed, by the opponents and the marker. This signifies agreement of score and completion of match. Once the card is signed the scores shall not be altered. Marker is to hand card to WBNSW, District or Club Match Committee, whichever is applicable.

Pairs, Triples, Fours: Club to provide own players cards at District level. After having completed the front and back of both cards including event and date, the cards must be signed and time recorded immediately the match is completed, by the skips in Pairs, Triples and seconds in Fours. This signifies agreement of score and completion of the match. Once the card is signed the scores shall not be altered. The winner is to hand cards to the WBNSW, District or Club Match Committee, whichever is applicable. The keeping of the card in pairs and triples is not a duty that the skip can delegate.

To be consistent, the owner of the card should have their names written first on their own scorecard and either the home player/ team or the player/team listed first in the draw is the first on the scoreboard (not the winner of the toss). In all State events the home side is the first listed in the draw.

Incomplete Match: If a match is abandoned for the day because of inclement weather, bad light or any other justifiable cause, the score cards showing full particulars, must immediately be handed to the WBNSW, District or Club Controlling Body (whichever is applicable) who will notify players when the match is to be completed. The same personnel must finalise the match and only one substitute may be included in each team of Fours, Triples and Pairs.

Substitute Law 33.2: If a player must leave the green during a team or side game due to illness or some other reasonable cause and they cannot return within ten (10) minutes, the Umpire or the Controlling Body can approve the introduction of a substitute. The word "**SUB**" must be clearly printed on the card beside the name of the constituted player. The name of the substitute must be printed in the margin and **signed by the Controlling Body before the substitute player joins the game**. If two matches are played in a day **it is the responsibility of the skip to have the substitute signed in before each match**.

Mistake in Scoring: If during the game, or at the conclusion before the cards are signed, a mistake is discovered and the opponents cannot agree, then the Umpire shall be called and if no resolution is found, the end where the mistake occurred shall be declared a nil score end (tied end) and the cards adjusted accordingly.

It is the responsibility of opponents to check completed cards for accuracy. The signing of cards by the opponents in Singles, skips in Pairs and Triples and second in Fours signifies agreement as to the result of the match

8 **Refreshments**

In all Association Events, **no break** during the match for luncheon or morning or afternoon tea is allowed, unless inclement weather intervenes.

PLAYING LEVY

The levy payable is per player per day for each event except the day of the Final.

The levy payable to venue Clubs at all State Playoff events covers morning tea, lunch and green fees. Lunch provided by the venue is to be paid for whether the lunch is eaten or not. This is a mandatory condition accepted by your entry into the event. Any special dietary request should be made to **the venue Club before the event commences** to allow reasonable time for a change to organised catering. Any requirement not so advised may not be possible.

For the last day of a State event final, WBNSW will cover the cost of lunch for the players, however players will still be required to pay any green fees applicable, to the host venue club. This does not apply to the NSW Qualifying Indoor event.

Any player/team or side scheduled to play a morning game will be required to pay the FULL levy as prescribed on the Entry Form and the Conditions of Play document distributed with the Draw for each event. Any player/team/side scheduled to play in the afternoon only, will be charged a green fee as prescribed on the Entry Form and the Conditions of Play document distributed with the Draw for each event. This levy is payable to the Venue Club to cover their costs.

9 Umpires and Markers.

An Accredited Umpire and Markers, as required, must be appointed by the Controlling Body for Association, Club and District events. A male Umpire or Marker may be used if WBNSW Affiliated members are unavailable. **The Controlling Body or a Controlling Body delegated by the Club/District must be in attendance.** (Item 1(d)). The Controlling Body or appointed Umpire **shall not be a contestant or marker in the said Association Event on that day.** The Controlling Body should be affiliated with WBNSW.

10 Trial Ends.

Before the start of play in any game, or on the resumption of an unfinished competition or game on another day, the Controlling Body shall permit one trial end each way using as many bowls as will be used in the game (Law 5.1.4). Trial ends shall commence at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. All trial ends shall be completed by the scheduled starting time and if still in progress at the scheduled starting time shall cease immediately.

In State events played at District level and in all Club Championships, players shall have one trial end each way before each game. Any player(s) arriving on or after the specified time of commencement of the match **shall forfeit the right to trial ends.**

No trial ends are allowed on resumption of play after a delay on the same day, unless the players are required to change greens.

11 Measuring

Before play commences a skip may delegate any member of the team to do the measuring. If no player is so delegated, the player who plays immediately before the skip shall do the measuring. **The skip cannot do the measuring.**

12 Conceded Match

If a team is in a position where it cannot possibly win, with the number of ends remaining and shots available, it may concede the match without playing the required number of ends. The umpire's permission is not required.

13 Practice

An intended player or team playing in a competition and due to meet a player or team who, on that day has previously played, may practice, provided there is sufficient time available without delaying the competition

and a rink is available other than the one upon which the player or the team has been drawn to play in a subsequent round. (DR 1.1). If two such players or teams are thus entitled to practice they may practice together. Such practice sessions must be completed prior to the cessation of play in the current round being played. Players who are practicing during the running of a State Championship must wear State approved uniform on a green where Championship play is in progress.

14 Substitutes and Replacements. D.R. 2.3 and D.R. 2.4

- (a) Domestic Regulations (BA to apply)
- (b) There is no dispensation allowed for jury duty. Clubs cannot have a domestic ruling which allows time to play a championship match if called for jury duty. In a team match, a substitute may be used, but in a singles match the player must forfeit.
- (c) There can be no domestic rule which allows extra time if for any reason a player is unavailable when a game is set down. Agreement between all players and notification to the Controlling Body allows play before the game is carded but not after it.
- (d) A player is not permitted to use a **substitute** in one match if the player has entered another bowls match scheduled to be played at the same time. The Controlling Body should satisfy themselves regarding the eligibility of any proposed substitute/replacement and the circumstance governing the request.
- (e) 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 in accordance with DR 2.

An intended member of a team means one whose entry has been accepted for a competition. However, if the intended team withdraws before their first game, the members of that team shall be regarded as not having entered the competition and be eligible to be substitutes, or replacements in the competition. Note: an intended member of a team entered in a competition is not eligible to act as a substitute/replacement in that competition if the team forfeits the first round.

An intended team CANNOT be reformed between the close of entries and the event commencement of play.

A 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.

In the first round, the only option available is the use of ONE substitute. If more than one player is unavailable in the first round, the team must forfeit.

Domestic Regulations

- (i) No member may act as a substitute and no change of substitute may be made unless the Controlling Body on request, grants permission after having satisfied themselves regarding the eligibility of the proposed substitute and the circumstance governing the request.
- (ii) A substitute shall be chosen from available eligible members whose playing ability shall not be considered.
- (iii) If there be no eligible member available, an affiliated member may act, provided the Controlling Body on request, grants permission after having satisfied themselves as to the comparative playing ability in relation to that of the absent player in the team.
- (iv) A member who has acted as a substitute, if they remain eligible, may continue to act as a substitute in that or any other team, in the same competition or may be changed at the completion of any end during the match or between succeeding matches in the same competition.
- (v) A constituted player in a team, or a team that is part of a side whether defeated or not, shall be ineligible to act as a substitute in any other team in the same competition.

- (vi) A substitute may play in any position except that of skip. In the case of a triples or fours, the other players may arrange their positions as desired.
- (vii) A player who requires the use of a substitute for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body cannot be denied entry to the venue during the playing of the event. DR 2.3.3 may apply.

15 Game Stoppages Law 32

If after an appeal to the umpire, a match is stopped due to inclement weather or bad light, and then the match is to be resumed, it shall be continued with the scores as they were when the match stopped. If play is resumed on the same day, an end not completed should be declared dead Law 32.2. A match shall be resumed with the same personnel except for the inclusion of a substitute in a team, if necessary. The substitute may play in any position except that of skip. Should two players be absent from a team, the match shall be forfeited.

(a) Delaying Play

If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips or the opponent in singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying play:

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

16 Abandon Play

Only the Controlling Body may abandon play for the day. When this occurs, all players must leave the green immediately. Once play has been abandoned for the day it cannot be resumed on the same day.

17 District Matches

The District Match Committee shall conduct State Events within its District in accordance with these Conditions of Play and conduct these events on behalf of WBNSW.

State Singles:	25 up (Shots scored over 25 will not be counted)
State Pairs (Open & Senior)	18 ends ** Open 4 bowls per player. Seniors 3 bowls
State Triples	21 ends 2 bowls per player
State Fours (Open & Senior)	21 ends **
Pennants	21 ends per team
Mixed Pairs	Sets play.

** Open and Senior Fours and Open and Senior Pairs are to be conducted at the same time at District, Regional and State level. A player may enter only one of these State Fours events, or Pairs events, however an eliminated/defeated player may act as a substitute (only) in the other event in subsequent rounds, if required and eligible. See heading STATE EVENTS later in this document for more details for each State Event.

This does not mean that the Fours and Pairs events are to be run at the same time, only the Open and Senior categories of each discipline. See heading 'STATE EVENTS' later in this document for more details on each State event.

Special Conditions: District Secretaries call for all entries for State Singles, Open and Senior Pairs, Triples, Open & Senior Fours Championships and Mixed Pairs, and play these events with an Open Draw made of individual entries received from Clubs in the District and run by the District Match Committee, until a District Winner is found. All District are Open draw matches.

All greens are declared neutral for ALL Association Events at District, Regional and State level.

The Draw for the District Section of these competitions is made by the District and the winners are required to enter for the Regional Playoff and for the State Title. A copy of the completed District and Region's play-off

draw for each event together with the entries on the current entry form and the fees where applicable for State play-offs, **must be** forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer of WBNSW by the delegated District Official.

Regional Playoffs are to be played in an open draw knockout format.

- Districts within a Region will meet to agree on the following in relation to organising Regional events: venue, dates, times, notifications to players and other persons, etc. The chosen host District is normally the Controlling Body and organises lunch, venue and officials. Their Match committee will handle draws, etc. and are also responsible for cards. The other District/s in the Region advise players names and details to the host District.

The host district Chair of Match at a Regional play-off is responsible for completing the entry form and result sheets, via the District Secretary and forwarding it to Head Office in a timely manner, on or before, the applicable deadline. Head Office will send invoices for payment, as appropriate. Confirmation of receipt of Regional entry will also be forwarded.

18 Club Championships.

All Club Championships are Association Events and teams **must be self-selected and an open draw conducted, in each Club** and played as follows:

Singles	25 up (Shots scored over 25 will not be counted)
Pairs	18 ends 4 bowls (2x2x2x2)
Triples	21 ends 2 bowls
Fours	21 ends

Club Championships must not commence before 1st January of the current year.

There is no minimum number of entries required for a Club Championship. If only one team/player enters the event, then they are declared the winner for that year. The awarding of any trophy, certificate, badge or prize would be at the discretion of the sponsor (if any) or the Executive of the Ladies Club.

19 Order of Precedence

1. State and National Players

All District/Club Match Committees are to adjust their programs for all NSW State events to accommodate players who are selected to represent NSW and/or Australia, or are taking part in a trial for Selection or Official practice for NSW and/or Australian Representation. This includes U18, U25 and Over 60s scheduled events and the Australian Open. Special Dates for other events listed on the State Program must also be considered to avoid changes to your program further down the line.

2. All State events

State Singles, Open and Senior Pairs, Triples and Open & Senior Fours, State Mixed Pairs; are all played at District and State level. NSW Indoor Singles, State Champion of Club Champions; Singles and Pairs; Club Major Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours.

NB If a player is in any of the events conducted by the State i.e. State Carnival, Indoor Singles, Under 25's Under 18's State Championships, or are selected in the Over 60's Interstate, City v Country, Inter-Regional Challenge event or enter the BA Australian Open, they cannot be set down to play District or Club Championships until eliminated or the event concludes, allowing adequate and a safe, reasonable time for travel.

No representative selection or event takes precedence over Pennants. Selection in a Club Pennant team can be changed each round (prior to State playoffs) if required. Clubs may reschedule their games if agreeable and advise District Match. Entry into Police Championships, Education Championships, CHS or BWD events do not get dispensation.

3. Regional Games, Inter-District and Inter-Club Games, District and Club Carnivals, Open Days, Gala Days and Club Competitions such as Queen of the Green, Minor Singles, Minor Pairs and Consistency, Club mixed Pairs/Fours or Club Challenge (as conducted by Bowls NSW) Champions League. (Associated Organisations: BWD, Vision Impaired, Police, Education)

4. Dispensation does not apply for official duties for any Club/District/State Committees if carded for a Club or District Championship.

Events listed in each heading are of equal "standing".

20 Master Qualifications

Any Controlling Body (Club/District/State) should provide qualifying criteria for their own Masters events on their entry forms.

21 Bowls Requirements

Bowls (4) must be a matched set: the same make, model, size, weight, color, bias, serial number and engravings. Distinguishing marks on bowls must be clearly visible and if grooved rings or dimples are colored, each bowl in the set shall be colored the same.

If a team elects to use stickers, all bowls belonging to players within a team or side must have these adhesive stickers and they should be the same on both sides of the bowl. We recommend that the large ring and the dot of the adhesive stickers are used on bowls to allow the WB stamp to remain visible. Law 52.1.8.3 DR 4.7.4 allows for the adhesive markings (dot) to cover the distinguishing mark (logo) on the bias side of the bowl.

WBNSW has no requirements for bowls to be retested and re stamped every ten (10) years for WBNSW Association Events. However, players qualifying for, or entering, an event controlled by Bowls Australia, must comply with DR 4.8 and all bowls must carry the stamp of the current year or better.

22 Instantaneous Penalties

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 has been unsportsmanlike, then in consultation with the Controlling Body, they may apply the BA Instantaneous Penalties Policy.

23 Other BA Policies that apply to all WBNSW State Events include the following: -

Smoke Free & Alcohol Policy Extreme Weather Anti-doping Artificial Devices
Greens Policy (which covers damage to greens)

STATE EVENTS:

The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the conditions of its program (e.g. greens, schedule, shots up, number of ends etc.,) if it decides that this is essential to bring an event to a successful conclusion. Any change will be advised as soon as practicable at the Event.

State Carnival Open Fours – Self Selected

Entries to be on the printed form supplied by WBNSW and need to be returned to the Chief Executive Officer of WBNSW on or before the closing date as shown on the form. Composite teams are accepted.

Entrants **must** notify WBNSW immediately of any alteration to mobile telephone numbers prior to the commencement of the Carnival. A mobile telephone number must appear on the entry form for contact during the event.

Programs including conditions of play are supplied to entrants and all venue clubs before play commences by the WBNSW Match Committee.

Attire – Players in the team do not need to be dressed the same. Any apparel with the BA logo is allowed and the BA logo is compulsory.

Prior to the start of the first match, teams may be reformed provided at least one member of the original team remains. Introduction of a "fresh player" during the event in any team is not permitted.

Withdrawals: The State Match Committee reserves the right to replace a team if required. If a team withdraws after the closing date, there will be **NO REFUND of the Entry Fee**. If the team cannot be replaced, then the required fee per player for the first day's meal is to be paid plus a fine may be imposed.

Winners - A Monetary award and a certificate.
Runners Up - A Monetary award.

Champion of Club Champions Singles

Knock-out Principle 25 Shots up – Four bowls each player (any shots above 25 should not be counted)

Entries are restricted to one member from any affiliated club, such member, at the time of entry to be the Club Singles Champion for the current bowling season (January-December). The entrant's full name must be stated on the entry form. Club singles championships must not commence prior to the 1st January.

This event to be played on an **OPEN DRAW** principle with no seeding of players and is regarded as an Association Event. Club Championship events must be completed by the date specified. Should the club champion resign from the club prior to commencement of the State event shall be ineligible to compete. Successive rounds will be played morning and afternoon of each day.

The winner of the State Champion of Club Champions Singles event is eligible to enter the National Champion of Club Champions Singles event conducted by Bowls Australia and BA Conditions of Play will apply.

A defeated player must be available to act as a marker in the next round or a fine determined by the WBNSW will be imposed.

Winner - Badge, and Monetary award
Club - Certificate and the Rose Bowl Trophy to be held for the ensuing year.
Runner Up - Badge and Monetary award.
Club - Certificate.

Champion of Club Champions Pairs

Knock-out Principle 18 ends – Four bowls each player.

Each Player shall play four bowls alternately and in the following order – Lead 2 bowls, Skip 2 bowls, then repeat this order of play.

Entries are restricted to two members from any affiliated Club, such members, at the time of entry to be the Club Pairs Champions for the current bowling season (January – December). The entrants' full name must be stated on the entry form and must be accompanied by the completed Club Pairs Draw. Club Pairs Championship must not commence prior to the 1st January. This event to be played as an OPEN DRAW principle with no seeding of players, and is regarded as an Association Event. Club Pairs Championship event must be completed by the date specified. Should a member of Club Pairs Championship team resign from the Club prior to the commencement of the State event, the team shall be ineligible to compete. No substitute will be allowed in this event at the State Playoffs and should the original winners of the Club Pairs not be available to play the team must forfeit.

For the State Playoff – two games a day will be scheduled.

Winners - Badge and Monetary award.
Club Certificate and the Jewel Buchanan Perpetual Trophy to be held by the Club for the ensuing year.
Runners Up - Badge and Monetary award.
Club Certificate

State Singles Championships

Knock-out Principle - 25 shots up (shots above 25 should not be counted) 4 bowls per player.

To be eligible an entrant **must** remain a member of the club from which their entry was received.

An Open Draw of Regional winners, will be conducted by the WBNSW Match Committee.

Two rounds will be played on the one day. **A defeated player must be available to act as a marker in the next round if required, or a fine determined by the WBNSW Executive will be imposed.**

- Winner -** Badge and Monetary award.
- Club -** Certificate and the State Singles Trophy to be held for the ensuing year.
- Runner up -** Badge and Monetary award.
- Club -** Certificate.

State Open Pairs Championships **

Knock-out Principle - Self Selected 18 ends - 4 bowls per player.

The team **must** be members of the same club from which the entry was received.
Each player shall play four bowls, alternately and in the following Order-Lead 2 bowls, Skip 2 bowls, then repeat this order of play.
An **Open Draw** of Regional winners, will be made by the WBNSW Match Committee. Two matches to be played on the one day.

- Winners -** Badge and Monetary Award.
- Club -** Certificate and the State Pairs Perpetual Trophy to be held by the Club for the ensuing year.
- Runners Up -** Badge and Monetary award.
- Club -** Certificate

State Senior Pairs **

Knockout principle, self-selected. 3 bowls per player 18 ends. No dead ends. Jack re spotted on the "T"

The team must be members of the same Club from which the entry was received.
Date of Birth must be entered on the District & Regional entry form and players must be 60 years of age on the Sunday prior to commencement of the event at District level.
Open draw of Regional winners will be done by WBNSW Match Committee and two games a day will be played.

- Winners** Badge and Monetary award
- Club** Certificate and Senior Pairs Trophy to be held at the Club for the ensuing year.
- Runners up** Badge and Monetary award.
- Club** Certificate

State Triples Championships

Knock-out Principle - Self-selected. 21 ends- Two bowls per player.

The team **must** be members of the same Club from which the entry was received.
Open Draw of Regional winners will be made by WBNSW Match Committee. Two matches will be played on the one day.

- Winners -** Badge and Monetary award.
- Club-** Certificate and State Triples Trophy to be held for the ensuing year.
- Runners Up -** Badge and Monetary award.
- Club -** Certificate.

State Open Fours Championships **

Knock-out Principle - Self-selected 21 ends - 2 Bowls per player.

The team must be members of the same Club from which the entry was received.

Open Draw of Regional winners will be made by the WBNSW Match Committee. Two matches to be played on the one day

Winners - Badge and Monetary Award.
Club - Certificate and State Fours Trophy to be held by the Club for the ensuing year.

Runners Up - Badge and Monetary award
Club - Certificate.

State Senior Fours Championships **

Knock-out Principle - Self-selected 21 ends - 2 Bowls per player.

The team must be members of the same Club from which the entry was received.

To be eligible teams must provide Date of Birth on District and Regional Entry form and **players must be 60 years of age on the Sunday prior to the commencement of the event at District level.**

Open Draw of Regional winners will be made by the WBNSW Match Committee. Two matches will be played on the one day.

Winners - Badge and Monetary Award
Club - Certificate and State Senior Fours Trophy to be held by the Club for the ensuing year

Runners Up - Badge and Monetary Award
Club - Certificate.

** Open and Senior Fours and Open and Senior Pairs are to be conducted at the same time at District, Regional and State level. A player may enter only one of these Fours or Pairs events, however an eliminated/defeated player may act as a substitute ONLY in the other event in subsequent rounds, if required and eligible.

This is not to be interpreted that the Fours and Pairs are to be played at the same time, just the Open and Senior of the individual discipline.

Winners of the Singles, Open Pairs, Triples and Open Fours qualify for, and are expected to enter, the Australian Championships conducted by Bowls Australia.

Mixed Pairs Championships.

Three (3) bowls pairs – 2 x 5 end sets with 1 end tie break if required. No dead ends, Jack re-spotted on “T”. 1 Trial end before each game.

This event will be played at District level – a female and male player in each team and either player can play skip. Players do not need to belong to the same Club, but entry is from the Club/District of the female player. Play should be sectional in the preliminary rounds to achieve section winners who will then play in knockout rounds to achieve a District winner. Regional playoffs - Round robin of all regional winners and team with best overall result proceeds to State Playoffs. All entrants must be made aware of the Conditions of Play for District and Regional event before the event. Play should be either twilight/evening or weekends to allow flexibility and entry by players still in the workforce. **No change to the format as stated above is permitted in any District or Regional event.**

At all levels - District, Regional and State:

Sectional and Knockout Play

If a game is tied after the first two sets have been completed (each team having won one set or both sets having been drawn) a tie breaker consisting of one end must be played to determine the winner. Law 56.2.1

Skips must toss a coin and the winner will decide who must play first. Law 28.2

Knockout: There must be no further play in a set if, at any point it becomes impossible for a team to draw or win the set, given the number of ends left. Law 56.1.6

Attire: Either Club uniform or any bowls apparel with a BA Logo. Players do not need to be dressed the same.

NSW Indoor Singles - See entry form for Conditions of Play.

City vs Country - State Selected

Inter-Regional Challenge – selected by District Officials from eligible players within the Region

DUTIES OF THE APPOINTED CONTROLLING BODY.

What is the Controlling Body?

The Controlling Body is the Match Committee of the Club/District or State running the event. A Controlling Body may also be appointed by the Match Committee to act on their behalf during an event.

They must:

- Be an affiliated member of WBNSW
- They must ensure the fair and equitable running of a lawn bowls match/event.
- Wear approved Club/District uniform when on duty
- Have a written copy and reasonable knowledge of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls
- Have a written copy and good knowledge of the Conditions of Play for the event in question
- Have a current written copy of the Weather Policy/Guidelines and Uniform (Dress) Policy
- Set the Conditions of Play for any game where they are the Main Controlling Body

Jurisdiction:

- For Club championships and District championships/pennants, the respective Club/District Match Committee is the Controlling Body and they run these events on behalf of the State in accordance with the Conditions of Play issued by the Association.

Authority	Duties and Responsibilities
Conditions of Play	Set and understand these
Rink Allocation	Ensure enough greenspace is available. Allocate rinks for play or ensure that rinks are drawn in accordance with the rules.
Stickers	Issue or approve the use of adhesive stickers for players in the event.
Practice Sessions	Advise players/officials if any pre-match practice rink(s) are available and coordinate this with greenkeepers
Time Penalties & Extensions	Enforce time penalties where appropriate. If warranted, extend the time allowed for late arrivals, using common sense and good sportsmanship
Award a Match	<p>Award a match to the opponent if a player, team or side fails to show up for or forfeits a match.</p> <p>Award a match to an opponent if the umpire advises there has been an infringement of the law which warrants such action</p>
Umpires/Markers	Ensure that an umpire and/or markers have been appointed for the match. Replace a marker whose performance or behaviour is less than acceptable
Uniform	Ensure each player's attire is in accordance with the Conditions of Play for the event. Invoke warnings/penalties for breaches, in accordance with the State Uniform (Dress) Policy, if applicable
Substitutes/Replacements	<p>Approve the use of these and make sure both cards are signed correctly. DR2.3 & DR 2.4.</p> <p>If during a match a player is unable to continue play, the Controlling Body must sign in a substitute player, before that substitute commences play</p>
Player Changes	Authorise a team in a side match to play one player short if there is not an eligible player or substitute available
Emergency Procedures and Weather Conditions	<p>Be familiar with the host club's medical and non-medical emergency procedures.</p> <p>Be familiar with the BA Extreme Weather Policy and the WBNSW Guidelines for Play in Extreme Weather. Follow these guidelines and the powers they bestow on the Controlling Body</p>

Damage to Greens	If an umpire reports a player or team for deliberately and significantly damaging the green, the Controlling Body should disqualify the offending player or team and they will forfeit the match to the opponent. All such damage must be reported to the Club Ltd.
Scorecards	Receive scorecards at the conclusion of a game, ensuring they are signed, matching in the result and the finish time is recorded
Challenges to Bowls	Receive any challenges to bowls based on Law 52 or receive any appeal against an umpire's interpretation of the Laws of the Game (Law 43.2.6) which is made not later than 10 minutes after the signed finish time on the cards at the conclusion of the game.
Appeals	Receive appeals, at the conclusion of a game, for deliberate non-sporting action from players or umpires
Announcements	Ensure all closing announcements to players and officials are made, advising details of next games/round
Spectators	Take action to have spectators refrain from disturbing, advising or interfering with players. This is only done after the Umpire has referred the situation to the Controlling Body

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