



WEST PENNANT HILLS MEN'S BOWLING CLUB LOCAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. General

- 1.1. These Conditions of Play are for the conduct of Club events, including social matches, and are supplementary to “Laws of the Sport of Bowls”, RNSWBA “State Conditions of Play”, and Zone Conditions of Play.
- 1.2. All club events will be under the control of the West Pennant Hills Men’s Bowling Club Match Committee who has the power to inquire into and settle any disputes. The decision of the Match Committee will be final.
- 1.3. On entering any club bowls event, the player agrees to abide by these Conditions of Play and any other conditions that may be necessary for the Match Committee to implement.
- 1.4. Players participating in club events, other than Nominated Pairs, are required to wear the authorised bowls footwear and clothing. If the club shirt is not worn, a plain white/cream shirt with collar attached is required. Trousers or shorts must be white or cream in colour. Not other coloured trousers or shorts will be permitted.
- 1.5. “Mufti” may be worn when stated, however only bowling shoes will be permitted to be worn on the greens. Shoes with heels and ribbed or chunky soles, i.e., joggers, thongs, sandals etc, are unacceptable and, unless approved by the Match Committee, must not be worn.
- 1.6. Players representing the club in pennants, state or zone events must wear the new red, white and blue shirt, and white or cream trousers or shorts, and if the weather requires it the club’s new spray jacket.

2. Controlling Body

- 2.1. The Controlling Body over all club events is the Match Committee.
- 2.2. The Controlling Body will provide assistance to both the Bowls Co-ordinator and the Events Committee (if created) in organising all competitions run by the West Pennant Hills Men’s Bowling Section.
- 2.3. The Controlling Body will consist of five (5) members:
 - 2.3.1. The Bowls Co-ordinator who will be the Chairman.
 - 2.3.2. A member of the Management Committee
 - 2.3.3. The Chairman of the Selection Committee
 - 2.3.4. The Chairman of the Umpires Panel or an appointed delegate umpire.
 - 2.3.5 A second member of the Management Committee
- 2.4. The Match Committee may delegate the roll of controlling body to an independent person, who should not be an Umpire or a player in the event.
- 2.5. When competition game(s) are to be played, the Controlling Body in consultation with the Chairman of Umpires will appoint an accredited Umpire. In the event that an accredited Umpire is not available then a suitable person will be appointed.

3. Authority

All Club Championships will be conducted in accordance with the “Laws of the Sport of Bowls”, RNSWBA “State Conditions of Play”, and Zone Conditions of Play, West Pennant Hills “Local Conditions Play”, and will come under the direct control of the Controlling Body of West Pennant Hills Men’s Bowling Section.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. In order to be eligible to play in any club championship, a player must be a financial member of West Pennant Hills Men’s Bowling Section and be registered with the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association at the time of nomination for the event and during the playing of the event.
- 4.2. To be eligible to participate in any club championships a member shall not have played in an association event (for association events players eligibility rule shall be as per State Conditions of play 2.6) for any other club during the calendar year without written consent from RNSWBA Match Committee.
- 4.3. Under RNSWBA Conditions of Play an Association event is classified as follows:
 - 4.3.1. State/Zone Championships,
 - 4.3.2. State Pennants/Premier League,
 - 4.3.3. Club Championships (other than minor championships).
- 4.4. Sections 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 shall also be read to include any mixed club championships.

5. Events

5.1. Unless provided elsewhere by specific event Conditions of Play, all competitions shall be conducted on the open draw "Play or Forfeit" rule and results determined on a knockout basis. The advertisement of each event will include

Conditions of Play specific to such events, i.e., types of event, closing date for nominations, dates that each round is to be completed, starting times, number of trial ends, no dead ends etc.

5.2. Duration and format of Association Championship matches are:

5.2.1. Singles: 31 Shots up

5.2.2. Pairs: 21 ends

5.2.3. Triples: 21 ends (3 bowls)

5.2.4. Fours: 21 ends

5.3. The Match Committee reserves the right to alter or reschedule games and draws of championship, competition or other event to bring them to a successful and timely conclusion

5.4. All competition rounds are to be played in accordance with the event draw schedule.

5.5. With Major and Minor Championships, if there are large number of entries, Round One may be played in two halves being 'split' over two dates OR played on the same day with a morning game (AM) and an afternoon game (PM). AM games to start at 9:00am and PM games to start at 1:00pm. Cards are to be called 15 minutes before start time.

5.6. Championship and competition event requirements.

5.6.1. The recommended minimum number of nominations required to conduct a club competition event is eight (8), however the Match Committee will make a decision whether to proceed with the event based on the actual number of entries received.

5.6.2. No player in a competition shall practice on the same rink on the day of competition before play commences. Roll-ups on a non-event day or prior to events should be conducted using the boundary markers as the centre line. Competition players/teams on arrival on game day are to check with the Bowls Co-ordinator their rink for pre-game practice or use the boundary markers as the centre line.

5.6.3. A member may play in Minor Singles, Minor Pairs and Minor Triples Club Championship if they are eligible. All eligible members are eligible to play Major Club Championships:

5.6.3.1 Minor Club Championships (Single/Pairs/Triples)

5.6.3.1.1. If a player has won a Minor or Major Singles Championship at this club or any other club, they are ineligible to play in the Minor Club Singles championship.

5.6.3.1.2. If a player has won a Minor or Major Pairs Championship at this club or any other club, they are ineligible to play in the Minor Club Pairs Championship

5.6.3.1.3. If a player has won a Minor or Major Triples Championship at this club or any other club, they are ineligible to play in the Minor Club Triples Championship

5.6.3.2. Novice Singles Championship

A participant must have been playing no longer than 5 years and not have won any club championship at this club or any other club.

5.6.3.3. Rookie Championship

A participant must have been playing no longer than 1 year but may have won a club championship.

5.6.4 At the conclusion of championship and all non social competitions, the time the match concluded is to be noted on the scorecard/(s) and signed by both Skips. Any protests relating to the match must be made to the Controlling Body within ten (10) minutes of the time noted on the scorecard.

5.7. Games must be played by the scheduled draw date, subject to 5.12 and 7.2 below.

5.7.1. Games may be played prior to the scheduled draw date provided:

5.7.1.1. Team skips obtain agreement with team members,

5.7.1.2. Mutual agreement of the opposing skips,

5.7.1.3. The consent of the Match Committee, who has been notified at least three (3) days prior to the proposed new date,

5.7.1.4. Rinks and Umpire are available.

5.7.1.5. Single players are responsible to ensure a marker and umpire is available for the date if approved.

5.8. Should a game being played early be washed out or deferred for any reason, then it can still be rescheduled as long as it is played on or before the scheduled draw date, with the exception of semi-finals and grand finals which must be played on the scheduled date except in very exceptional circumstances.

5.9. If drawn scheduled games are unable to be played because of adverse weather conditions they will be rescheduled as per 5.7.1 above, except where a specific date is advised by the Match Committee.

5.10. Where a rescheduled date of play is necessary for any reason, it is the responsibility of the respective skips to inform their team members.

5.11. No player is expected to play club competition games on public holidays, long weekends, Mothers Day or Fathers Day, UNLESS by mutual consent of ALL PLAYERS of both teams, the BOWLS CO-ORDINATOR and the availability of an UMPIRE.

5.12. If a skip wishes to postpone a match after the scheduled draw date, the Match Committee may approve this subject to:

5.12.1. Situations provided under the RNSWBA Conditions of Play.

5.12.2. A final may be postponed for a maximum of one (1) week and rescheduled as per 5.7.1 and 5.8 above.

5.13. Markers for Singles Games. The Match Committee will be responsible for the appointment of all markers for the Club's Major, Minor and Novice Singles competitions. For the quarter-final rounds and onwards, markers will be appointed by the Match Committee from a list of markers identified as the Club's most competent markers.

5.14. The Bowls Co-ordinator is responsible for organising the marking of Zone and club competition results onto the respective results sheets and event draw schedule on the club notice board.

6. Restrictions on the Green.

6.1. Bowls practice is not permitted while uniform games are being played.

6.2. The following shall not be taken on the greens:

6.2.1. Electronic devices such as mobile phones, pagers, radios, etc., in an active mode during the playing of any Association, club competition or special event game,

6.2.2. Food or drinks of any kind.

7. Forfeits

If a player or team drawn to play cannot do so on or before the scheduled draw date, a forfeit will apply UNLESS:

7.1. A replacement or substitute player is available and eligible to play (as defined by DR 4.1.6), OR

7.2. The opponents by mutual agreement and with the consent of the Match Committee, play the game prior to the next scheduled round, OR

7.3. Postponement to a new date has been approved by the Match Committee. The new date must be prior to the next scheduled date.

8. Dispensation

All Members selected to represent or officiate at the State/Zone will be given dispensation in club championships if club dates clash.

8.1. Dispensation will be given where there is a death in the family within seven (7) days prior to the event. If unable to comply with this dispensation, a substitute must be used in a team game.

8.2 Dispensation will be given to players representing the club at State/Zone level for the day of competition where there is a clash.

8.3. For all other situations the 'play-or-forfeit' rule will apply, except in finals where extra dispensation may be given by the Match Committee, for a period no more than two (2) weeks from the original scheduled date.

If players who find themselves in any of these situations wish to receive dispensation, notification must be made to the Match Committee at least two (2) weeks before the match they wish to receive dispensation for (with the exception of those applying under section 8.1).

Players who receive dispensation will be expected to try and play the club game earlier if possible. If not the game must be completed prior to commencement of next round or as the Bowls Co-ordinator programs (opposing players/teams are to be asked to assist in playing games early).

If no notification is given, or a substitute cannot be found for that game, the Match Committee will have no choice but to enforce the 'play-or-forfeit' rule (refer DR 4.1.4)

9. Replacement Players/Substitutes

As defined by Law 51.1/2/3 and Domestic Regulations 4.1 in the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls", especially

DR 4.1.4 "A Replacement Player is one who is appointed to take the place of an intended player prior to the start of the competition and for a reason accepted by the controlling body".

This means that once the competition has commenced there can be no further replacement players. There can only be substitutes and if no substitutes are available the match would be forfeited.

DR 4.7.5 "Each format (pairs, triples, or fours) must have a constituted player in its team at all times during the competition".

The law goes on to state that each format of the game can have a replacement prior to the commencement of the competition and/or substitute prior to the commencement of or during the competition. However, in pairs, if the replacement is made prior to the commencement of the competition, the substitute can only take the place of the replacement player.

10. Inclement Weather and Safety

Inclement weather is where any weather conditions or safety aspects are such that no one should be expected to be playing the game of bowls. In the event of inclement weather occurring before or during the game, the Controlling

Body will make the final decision as to the suspension or continuation of play. An indication of circumstances that may be deemed inclement and the resulting course of action are outlined as follows;

10.1. If there is a likelihood of play on a game day being cancelled by inclement weather, the decision to temporarily suspend or cancel play will be made by the Controlling Body. A decision as to play shall not be made before 8:00am for AM games or 11:00am for PM games. AM games are normally scheduled to commence at 9:00am and PM games at 1:00pm, however, all of the above times may vary by up to an hour due to weather conditions. Such delays will be decided by the Controlling Body. Should the decision require input from other committees or panels (e.g. greens, umpires etc.) the Controlling Body will consult with them, however the final decision shall rest with the Controlling Body. (refer 1.3)

10.2. On days with high temperatures, the Controlling Body will employ the use of a temperature gauge, to be placed under the shade-cloth covers at either end of the green, to decide whether to commence or indeed continue playing in such conditions. In regard to all matches, if the temperature at the commencement of play is greater than 32 degrees but during play doesn't exceed 37 degrees, then one mandatory drink breaks of 10 minutes will be taken at the conclusion of the 11th end. If the temperature exceeds 37 degrees for 5 minutes, the Controlling Body will halt all matches for a period of up to one (1) hour in the hope that the temperature will fall below that point. In the event that the temperature does not fall below 37 degrees, play for the remainder of the day will be abandoned (refer 10.9).

Should either of the mentioned situations occur, players will be instructed by the Controlling Body to leave the green and adjourn to the shaded area adjoining the clubhouse or the clubhouse itself and take fluids to prevent dehydration.

10.3 In the event of particularly heavy or extreme rain before the commencement of play, the Controlling Body will consult with the greens committee chairman before deciding whether play should commence. As per section 10.1, the Controlling Body can wait for a period of up to one (1) hour before making a decision on the conditions and the playability of the green.

10.4. If the Controlling Body believes that lightning poses a threat to the safety of participants, then matches will be suspended and players directed to take shelter until the threat has abated. The general rule to make such a decision will be based upon the sight of lightning followed within thirty (30) seconds by thunder.

10.5. In the event of strong winds causing the Jack to become unstable by moving on the green, matches will be temporarily suspended until such winds abate sufficiently enough to allow a restart of matches. If the winds continue making a restart impossible, then matches will be abandoned. (refer 10.9)

10.6. If inclement weather delays or interrupts a game, failure of a Singles player or team to be present if the game is to proceed will result in the match being awarded to the non offending team.

10.7 The Controlling Body on the day may remove the players from the rink if they consider continuation would affect the health of the bowlers, or cause damage to the rinks. There need not be an appeal from the players or umpire.

10.8. If play has been suspended and the weather improves, the players' skip may appeal to the Controlling Body to resume play. Only if the weather has improved, would the Controlling Body give permission.

10.9. In the event that the Controlling Body has suspended play and there has been no noticeable improvement in the weather conditions for one (1) hour, then play will be abandoned.

10.10. Players may appeal to the Controlling Body to come off in extreme weather conditions or darkness, or if no umpire or controlling body present, then by mutual agreement.

The above Conditions of Play may be amended from time to time if or when the need for such amendments arises.

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