

# BOWLS CENTRAL COAST ZONE 15

## 2015 MID WEEK TRIPLES - CONDITION OF PLAY

### 1. CONDITIONS of PLAY

All games will be played in accordance with the 2015 Bowls NSW Conditions of Play except as varied by these 2015 Zone 15 Mid Week Triples Conditions of Play.

### 2. STRUCTURE & NUMBER OF SIDES

**2.1** The Zone 15 Mid Week Triples (MWT) will be contested in three Divisions Viz. A, B & C. Each Side will consist of **TWO** Teams of three players.

**2.2** A Club may enter one or more Sides in any Division.

**2.3** If a Club has more than one Side in the same Division they will be identified as No. 1 & No. 2 etc. They will be of equal standing and may be drawn to play each other.

### 3. MATCH COMMITTEE AUTHORITY

The Zone Match Committee reserves the right to alter these Conditions of Play, or take whatever actions it deems necessary to bring the competition to a satisfactory conclusion.

### 4. ENTRY QUALIFICATION

**4.1** A Players eligibility to participate in a MWT Division is based on his current Pennant grading in accordance with Table 4.1 and Condition 5 (Club Membership) of the 2015 Zone 15 MWT COP.:-

Player's Pennant Grade	Eligible for MWT Division
Grade 1	Division A
Grade 2	Division A
Grade 3	Division A & B
Grade 4	Division A & B
Grade 5	Division A, B & C
Grade 6	Division A, B & C
Grade 7	Division A, B & C

*Table 4.1* (a comma or ampersand in the above table denotes the words "and/or")

**4.2** A player who has not played in State Pennants in the current bowling season will be graded on the last pennant season he played in.

**4.3** Where a club has consecutive Pennant grades, a player is eligible to play no lower than one (1) Grade below his Pennant grading from his most recent Pennant Season, except as otherwise provided for in this clause.

**4.4** Where a club does not have consecutive grades, a maximum of **TWO** (2) players only from each of those non-consecutive grades shall be eligible to play more than one grade below their Pennant grading and no lower than the Clubs next highest grade in the recent Pennant season.

### 5. CLUB MEMBERSHIP

All players must be financial members of Bowls NSW and be cleared to play at the Club they are representing in the MWT Competition.

A player may apply to the Zone 15 Match Committee for permission to represent another Club in the MWT competition, if his declared Club has not entered the MWT Competition subject to Condition 4 (Entry Qualifications).

### 6. MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS BETWEEN DIVISIONS

**6.1** In sectional play, a player may be elevated to a higher Division for one game only during the season to retain his grading in the lower Division.

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- 6.2 A player elevated for a second time to a higher Division in sectional play shall be graded in that Division.
- 6.3 Where a Club has more than one Side in a Division, interchange of players between Sides is only permitted in the first three (3) Rounds. Thereafter a player must remain in the Side he plays in for Round 3 and onwards for the remainder of the Season. He may however play in a higher Division.
- 6.4 In post-sectional play a player elevated to a higher Division shall remain in that Division.

## 7. PENALTIES

The following penalties apply for Playing an Unregistered/Ineligible or Grading Infringement Player or forfeiture of a match due to a breach of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. (Refer to Bowls NSW COP 1.3, 4.10(note), 4.16, 4.17, 4.24, Law 8.6 and Law 46.2.1 and RNSWBA By-Laws)

### *Round Robin or Sectional Play*

The offending Side disqualified with loss of all points for the match involved.

The non-offending Side shall receive maximum points and shall be credited with the average of the winning margins scored by the other Sides in that section in that round or the margin by which it won, whichever is the higher. The offending Side is credited with a **similar negative margin.**

### *Knock out Play*

The offending Side is disqualified. The Match Committee shall substitute in the next succeeding round the Side last defeated by the offending Side.

## 8. MATCHES

- 8.1 Players in Divisions A and B will play 2 bowls each per end over 25 Ends. Division C Players will play 3 bowls each per end over 21 ends, unless inclement weather or any other justifiable cause prevents this.
- 8.2 Sectional matches shall be played on **Wednesdays over a maximum of 6 Sectional Rounds during August & September.** Cards to be called at 12.30pm with two trial ends commencing at 12.40pm for a 1.00pm start.
- 8.3 Matches may be played at other times if both Sides agree and permission is obtained from the Match Committee. Any such Matches must be completed by the date shown in the Draw unless they are play not started/not completed matches where the time restriction will not apply.
- 8.4 In the Divisions where the number of entries permit the Draw will be conducted on a North/Middle/South basis.

## 9. SIDE MANAGERS

Side Managers shall comply with the requirements for Side Managers as specified in the 2015 Bowls NSW COP and shall arrive **40 minutes** before the starting time of the Match.

## 10. ALLOCATION OF POINTS - SECTIONAL PLAY

- 10.1 The Side which in the aggregate, scores the greater number of shots shall be awarded two points.
- 10.2 Where Sides are equal in aggregate shots each Side shall be awarded one point.
- 10.3 Each winning Team will be awarded one point.
- 10.4 Teams playing a tie shall be awarded ½ point.
- 10.5 Where a Side withdraws from the competition after the draw has been finalised but prior to the commencement of the first round, the matches concerned with such withdrawal shall be treated as byes and no points will be awarded.
- 10.6 Where a Side withdraws from the competition after the commencement of the first round, the Side withdrawing shall be deemed not to have entered the competition and a bye shall exist in all rounds and no points will be awarded to other Sides in that section. This includes Rounds that were played up to the time of the withdrawal. If a Side is withdrawn without a satisfactory explanation the penalty shall be a fine not exceeding six hundred dollars (\$600) and/or refusal

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of entry in a subsequent competition, at the discretion of the relevant controlling body.

10.7 A maximum of four points will be awarded to the Side receiving the forfeit.

## 11 DETERMINATION OF - SECTION WINNERS

11.1 The Side recording the greatest number of points in a section shall be the winner of that section.

11.2 Should there be more than one Side in a section with the same number of points, then the Side with the highest margin of net shots shall be the winner of that section (total shots "for" less total shots "against" equals "net shots").

11.3 In the event that Clauses 11.1 and 11.2 still fail to determine the winning Side, then the Side with the lowest total shots against shall be the winner.

## 12. RESULT FORM

12.1 The result of each match commenced (**whether completed or not**) shall be recorded on the result form provided and be certified by each Side Manager.

12.2 The completed result form **must be faxed or emailed** by the home Side Club, to the Chairman of the Zone Match Committee on **Fax 4311 2663** or email **zone15bccmatch@gmail.com** **ASAP and no later than the 5.30 pm on the day of the match.**

12.3 If wet weather or some other circumstance prevents the commencement of a match and irrespective of whether or not the visiting Side proceeds to the Club at which the match is to be played, a result form (including all players names who would have played had the match commenced) shall be completed by both Side Managers in respect of his own Side **and faxed or emailed to the Zone Match Committee**. If this match is not replayed these players will be recorded as having played the Match.

## 13. VENUES

13.1 Matches shall be played at the Home Club specified in the draw for each Round.

13.2 In the event of inclement weather, or any other justifiable cause the venue shall be reversed if the home Club's greens are unfit for play and the greens of the opposing Club are playable and available provided that should this occur in the first three rounds of sectional play the original home Club shall have the right to elect to play the return match on its green in the second three rounds.

## 14. INCLEMENT WEATHER

14.1 **In the event of inclement weather all clubs MUST phone the Chairman of the Match Committee on 4389 1138 or 0438 242026 to report Green closures.** This information will be immediately displayed on the Home Page of the Zone 15 Website for players' information.

14.2 *Sectional and Post-Sectional Play Stopped*

An appeal may be made to the Controlling Body / Umpire for play to be suspended or abandoned. Such appeal should be made by the Side Manager (players may request their Side Manager to make the appeal)

14.3 *Sectional Play Not Commenced - All Divisions*

If inclement weather or other justifiable cause prevents the commencement of play the match will be played after the Sectional Rounds at the discretion of the Zone 15 Match Committee. Both Sides should send their intended Side to the Match Committee. If not played the match may be used for eligibility for Post-Sectional Play.

14.4 *Sectional Play Not Completed - a minimum number of completed ends.*

A minimum **43 ends** shall constitute a completed Game in Divisions A and B and **36 ends** in Division C.

If inclement weather, bad light or any other justifiable cause prevents the completion of a Match the score cards should be retained by each Club and the **Result sheet should be returned to the Zone Match Committee**. The Match will be resumed after Sectional play is completed, at the discretion of the Zone 15 Match Committee however if it is determined the result of the Match will have no bearing on the Section result each Side will be awarded 2 points.

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**14.5** Players selected to play in a rescheduled match not commenced or not completed shall not have played in a higher Division in the same round and shall not have a current season grading in a higher Division on the date that the match is rescheduled. This restriction does not apply to those that played in a lower Division or have a current season grading in a lower Division. (Note that an originally named intended player may become ineligible to play on the rescheduled match date)

**14.6** *Post-Sectional Play Not Commenced.*

If inclement weather or other justifiable cause should prevent the commencement of play, the match shall be played on the next scheduled post sectional playing day.

**14.7** *Post Sectional Play Not Completed - less than a certain-number of completed ends*

If inclement weather or other justifiable cause should prevent the completion of the required ends (14.4) the match shall be continued on the next scheduled post-sectional playing day.

## 15. POST-SECTIONAL PLAY ELIGIBILITY

**15.1** To be eligible to contest a post sectional match the player must have played a minimum of three sectional matches in the current competition not necessarily in the same team.

**15.2** Where a Club has multiple Sides in the same Division the player must have played a minimum of three Rounds in that Side or in a lower Division to be eligible.

**15.3** If insufficient players are available to contest post sectional play a written application must be made to the Zone Match Committee for the inclusion of players with the following qualifications:-

(a) Players who have played two rounds in that Division or lower;

(b) Players who have played one round in that Division or lower;

(c) Should no players be available after the application of (a) and (b), the inclusion of other players will be at the discretion of the Zone 15 Match Committee after considering any written applications.

## 16. DETERMINATION OF WINNER - POST SECTIONAL PLAY

**16.1** *Completed Matches*

The section winners will play post sectional matches on a “knock-out” basis (playing the number of bowls and ends as specified in 8.1) and such matches will be determined by the highest aggregate shots. In the event of a tie, an extra end or ends shall be played by each Team in the Side to determine a winner.

**16.2** *Forfeit*

In the event of a forfeit, the Side receiving the forfeit shall be deemed to have won the match.

## 17. PENNANT FLAGS AND BADGES

**17.1** Winning Sides will receive a plaque and winning players will be eligible for badges if they have played a minimum of 50% of all matches (both sectional and post sectional) in the current competition irrespective of grade.

**17.2** A maximum of eight player Badges will be available. The Side Manager must have managed a minimum of 50% of matches in any grade to be eligible to qualify for the award of a Side Manager's badge.

## 18 GREEN FEES

All MWT Players pay the appropriate green fees to their own Club and they are retained by that Club.

*No green fees are paid by visiting Sides to the Venue Club.*