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CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION

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CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS

Note 1: Matters not specifically set out in these conditions are to be dealt with according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (including domestic regulations for Australia) January 2015.

In the event of any conflict between these Conditions of Play and the BA Policy/Laws, (includes BA Policy Affiliation and Eligibility to Play), the BA Laws prevail.

Note 2: Changes to these Conditions of Play may only be made by the BN Match Committee and approved by the Board.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

1. CONDUCT OF COMPETITIONS

- (a) All Bowls North (BN) competitions will be arranged and supervised by the BN Match Committee, which has authority to take any action deemed necessary for the satisfactory conduct of such competitions.
- (b) Except as otherwise expressly provided in these Rules, the Committee shall from time to time make By-Laws regulating the playing of Pennant or other similar matches and the method of determining the winner of any such Pennant / match provided due notice is given to affiliated clubs.

1.2 ELIGIBILITY

Every member of an affiliated Club (affiliated with BN / Bowls Tasmania / Bowls Australia) in respect of whom BN has received a capitation fee, is eligible to play in BN Championships and pennant play in any competition designated for them in the current Bowls Tasmania Handbook, in that Bowls season. For some team events registered players may be members of different clubs. Refer also Clause 1.10.

1.3 DUAL MEMBERSHIP:

Refer Bowls Australia Policy Affiliation and Eligibility to Play

A member (including a Pennant player holding dual membership) may play only in the Championships of the Club he or she has nominated to play in pennant competition in that season.

1.4 INFRINGEMENT OF LAWS OR CONDITIONS

The infringement of any BA Law or of a Condition of Play may involve disqualification or replay, a penalty set down in the Laws of the Game, or such other penalty as the Match Committee or the Bowls North Board may determine in respect of a player or team in accordance with Condition 1.8 of the Conditions of Play. A right of appeal to BN shall exist in relation to the imposition of a penalty or sanction.

1.5 CONFLICTING COMMITMENTS

Any player required to play in an event under the control of BT/BN shall not be penalised for their non-appearance in any club event, which is scheduled for play at the same time.



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1.6 CHOICE OF SURFACES

There shall be no discrimination in favour of either natural or synthetic surfaces in the allocation of BN events.

1.7 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Refer Bowls Australia Policy: The Use of Personal Electronic Devices and Communication devices.

The use of mobile phones or any other electronic devices on greens is not permitted during Pennant competitions or BN Championships.

Extract from the Policy: *Should a player have a legitimate reason (personal emergency or medical or emergency services personnel) to answer a mobile phone they must have permission from the controlling body and notify the Umpire of the day, prior to playing.*

1.8 PENALTIES FOR INFRINGEMENT OF CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Penalties - (may apply as decided by the Match Committee) for infringing Conditions of Play (including approved attire refers Law Book – Attire A2 and A3) are:

- (a) reprimand –
 - Via a formal letter or a face to face meeting followed by a formal letter
- (b) Loss of any number of Pennant points.
- (c) Fines up to \$500.00 per incident.
- (d) Exclusion from competition(s) for specific events, on specific dates or for a period of time.

1.9 ATTIRE – BASIC RULE

The Bowls Australia Logo Policy (dress regulations) and Approved Footwear as amended from time to time will apply to all persons in BN Pennant competitions and Championships.

1.10 ATTIRE FOR COMPOSITE SIDES

Players from a club making up a composite pennant side may wear BN approved Club attire as if they were a side.

1.11 BOWLS DISCS

Where discs are affixed to bowls, the discs must be identical for all bowls in use by:

- (a) A player in a singles event
- (b) A team in a team event
- (c) A side in a side event (**Penalty may apply**)
- (d) Players in composite teams or replacement players may use their own discs if playing in the club's lowest division in pennant



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1.12 ARTIFICIAL DEVICES:

Refer Appendix E: BA Artificial Devices

The decision to allow wheeled devices on a grass green ultimately lies with the greens committee at the home club and BN would recommend that an approach be made to the club prior to any match. BN will leave this decision to the home club as it will ultimately depend on prevailing conditions.

We believe static frames are unsuitable for grass greens but are not an issue on synthetic surfaces.

BN is committed to growing the sport of bowls, but a common-sense approach will ensure participants do not harm themselves or damage a club's facilities.

1.13 REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCES:

- (a) Before commencing pennant play or playing in any Club, Bowls North or Bowls Tasmania championship event, a player must nominate and register with a club associated with BN.
 - **After the commencement of the season, new player/s' registration form is to be emailed immediately to the Bowls North Secretary and the affiliation fee payment must be received by Bowls North within five (5) working days after player being added to the club's database.**
- (b) Players who have moved from other clubs (either during the pennant season or during the winter recess) must obtain a clearance from their previous club, which must be processed through the Bowls Connect (formerly IMGSTG) database before commencing play.
- (d) Players who move from Associations outside BN also require a clearance, including mainland clubs/associations
- (e) Clearances will not be processed by BN after January 31st each year in each bowls season. Clearances after this date require Bowls North Board approval before processing.

SECTION 2 - CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR BOWLS NORTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1 ENTRANCE FEES:

- (a) Entrance fees, as fixed by the Board of BN, must be paid **by a club cheque or Electronic Funds Transfer to Bowls North** within the time determined by the Board to entitle any player to take part in the competition.
- (b) **Entries on the prescribed form and the Entry Fees for BN events must be** received at the BN Office by 10am of the event closing date.
- (c) The BN secretary shall consolidate all entries and forward same to the BN Treasurer. The BN Treasurer is to advise the BN Secretary within 3 days that all entry fees have been received.



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2.2 DRAW FOR MATCHES:

- (a) The BN Greens Committee, in consultation with the club/greenkeeper, will select/recommend greens (refer Appendix B) to the Match Committee.
- (b) The Match Committee shall then conduct a draw in such a manner that, in knockout and post sectional events, the contestants are reduced to a power of 2 as quickly as possible. Where there are potential byes in the 1st round of post-sectional play, the Match Committee will determine the next best qualifier(s) after sectional play, or best loser(s), to fill the bye position(s). The next best qualifier can come from any section and the logic of clause 2.19.2 will be used to determine the 1st, 2nd (if needed), 3rd (if needed), etc. next best qualifier.
- (c) In Sectional Play, the Match Committee shall ensure that there is a minimum of 3 teams or 3 single players, but preferably 4 teams and 4 singles players in each section.
- (d) Matches shall be played on dates and at times determined by the Match Committee.
- (e) The Match Committee shall determine any alteration to these dates and times which circumstances may require. Late entries may be accepted to complete a section, at the discretion of the Match Committee, **but not for Singles Knockout events after the completion of the draw.**

2.3 MATCH COMMITTEE & RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVENTS:

For details, refer COP Appendix D.

FOR ALL BN EVENTS:

On each day of play, the Match Committee shall be responsible for all decisions up to one and a half hours before the scheduled time of commencement, after which time decisions affecting the event shall be the responsibility of the Match Manager appointed at each venue.

The host club is responsible for the appointment of the Match Manager, who may be a member of the Match Committee. (Or the Club Secretary or nominee)

2.4 ELIGIBILITY includes Novice:

The eligibility of players shall be:

- **Open Events** — all affiliated members of the BN for whom the event is designated (i.e. male, female or mixed)
- **Minor Events** — all affiliated members of the BN for whom the event is designated (i.e. male, female or mixed).



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Female players:

- Women who play Thursday Pennant at the closing date of the competition, must not have played more than three (3) pennant games in the current season in Division 2 or higher.
- Women who play Saturday Pennant **Only** at the closing date of the competition, must not have played more than three (3) pennant games in the current season in Division 1 or higher.

Male Players:

- Men who play Saturday pennant must not have played more than three (3) pennant games in the current season in Division 1 or higher.
 - Men who play Thursday Pennant **Only** must not have played more than three (3) pennant games in the current season in Division 2 or higher.
- **All affiliated members of affiliated Clubs** shall be eligible to compete in “Open” Championships.
 - **No player shall be eligible** to compete in **both** the “Open” and “Minor” Championship of any one event in any one season.
 - **NOVICE:**

A novice bowler is a person, who has not previously played in a novice competition, and at the time of joining a club has not played more than six (6) organized bowls matches. This person shall then be eligible to enter a novice competition in their first season only (e.g. 1st May to 30 April). An organized bowls match includes all events listed in the BT handbook (incl. social, midweek and carnival events), and similar events in other States and winter Indoor/outdoor rosters and events. It excludes Get-on-the-Green and Corporate type fun events.

 - **Example 1** A person plays 6 or more organized games during the 2009 winter period, in say an indoor / outdoor complex, then that person would only be eligible to play as a novice up to the end of 30 April in 2010 (the end of the 2009 / 2010 season). If that person decided to not play for a further 12 months, then they would not be eligible to play as a novice when they recommenced.
 - **Example 2** A person plays 6 organized games in the 2009 / 2010 season like carnivals and midweek triples games, then that person would need to play the novice in that same year. A delay of 1, 2 or more years renders the person ineligible for novice competition. If a person only plays three (3) or four (4) games they are still eligible to play as a novice when joining a club, but it is the responsibility of the club to ensure the person is eligible to enter a novice competition, as all players only have the one opportunity to play a novice competition.



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2.5 DUTIES OF HOST CLUB & UMPIRES' PANEL

Where BN Competitions are to be played, the Match Manager or Match Committee shall be responsible for:

- (a) Allocation of rinks as specified by the Green keeper.
- (b) Supplying score cards.
- (c) The Match Manager **immediately following the day's play MUST notify** the BN Secretary of the results by email ntbowls@bigpond.net.au and forward by email to the BN Webmaster bowlsnorthweb@gmail.com

The Umpires Panel is responsible for the umpire/s appointment; arrange sufficient markers for single matches and to advise the Host Club.

The Umpires are responsible for timing of the greens, with a timing ramp before play commences.

If insufficient umpires are appointed, the Club is to provide at least one umpire per green before the commencement of play.

2.6 NO SHOWS AT BOWLS NORTH COMPETITIONS

- (a) Any player, having nominated to play in any BN controlled Championship event must notify the Secretary of the Match Committee or the President / Secretary of the Club where the event is being conducted at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the game if he/she is unable to compete.
- (b) Failure to do so and / or any other breach of the BN Rules of Competition shall attract a penalty of \$30.00 unless reasonable explanation is given to the Match Committee.
- (c) If after appeal (if lodged) a player is found guilty of an offence, he/she will have 14 days to pay the fine, after receiving certified notice of the penalty.
- (d) All infringement notices shall be sent by the BN Secretary with fines to be remitted to the BN Treasurer.
- (e) The Match Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to future BN events including Pennant Matches if the fine is not paid.

2.7 FORFEITURE

- (a) When any team or player has failed to be in a position to commence play 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the match will be forfeited to their opponent. (BA Laws of the Sport of Bowls – 39.1.2)
- (b) In the event that a team shall play a non-eligible player in a competition, then that competition shall be regarded as a forfeit and the points allocated as in Clause 2.16 shall apply.



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2.8 TRIAL ENDS

One trial end each way, to a bare jack, using the number of bowls which are to be used in the match, shall be permitted before the first game of the day, provided that the trial ends, if still in progress at the scheduled starting time, shall cease immediately.

When players are required to transfer to another green, they shall be allowed one trial end each way, if time permits.

2.9 RESOLUTION OF TIED MATCHES

In any round of a knockout competition, when a match ends in tie, an additional end or ends shall be played until a winner is determined. In sectional play a tie is a tie, and points are shared.

2.10 SINGLES FORMAT

- (a) Knockout 25 up and all byes in the first round.
- (b) If required by the Match Manager at any venue, defeated singles players shall mark a match in the next session of play at the venue. Failure to do so will be an infringement for the purposes of the Conditions of Play. (Refer 1.8)
- (c) Sectional Play: players may be drawn in Sections of 3 or 4 at the Match Committee discretion. All games 21 up, the Entry form to specify.

2.11 PAIRS FORMAT

In pairs matches each player shall play four bowls in the following order: Leads-two bowls alternately, Skip- two bowls alternately, and then repeat this order of play. (Laws of the Sport of Bowls B3.2). Alternatively, competitions may be played as 3 bowls pairs where the leads play 3 bowls alternately followed by the skips playing 3 bowls alternately.

2.12 TRIPLES FORMAT

In a triples match each player shall play two / three bowls in the order: - Leads alternately, then twos and then skips likewise. (Laws of the sport of Bowls B3.3)

2.13 DURATION OF MATCHES – THE TABLE BELOW IS TO BE USED AS A GUIDELINE. ENDS TO BE PLAYED MAY BE ALTERED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MATCH COMMITTEE.

- Singles** Knockout 25 up or Sectional 21 up
- Pairs** Women's: Three (3) bowl pairs.
Men's: Four (4) Bowl Crossover – (2 x 2 x 2 x 2)

	WOMEN	MEN
Sectional	15 ends	15 ends
Post Sectional	18 ends	15 ends



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Quarter Finals	18 ends	15 ends
Semi Final	21 ends	15 ends
Grand Final	21 ends	18 ends

Triples	Sectional (2 bowls)	3 x 18 ends
	Post Sectional & Quarterfinals	18 ends
	Semi Finals & Grand Final	21 ends
Fours	Sectional	3 x 15 ends
	Post Sectional, Quarterfinals & Semi Finals	15 ends
	Grand Final	18 ends

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Singles	Sectional	21 up
Pairs	Sectional (Crossover or 3 bowls pairs)	3 X 12 ends
	Post Sectional	12 ends
	Final	15 ends
Triples	Sectional (2 Bowl)	3 x 18 ends
	Post Sectional	21 ends
	Final	21 ends

2.14 MINIMUM ENTRIES

If less than 16 teams (except for Under 18) enter an event which is advertised as Sectional play, the event may revert to a knockout competition, at the discretion of the Match Committee.

2.15 STARTING TIMES

Starting times will be determined by the Match Committee (or the Match Manager).

2.16 POINTS ON FORFEIT

Where a forfeit occurs, the player or team receiving the forfeit is to be credited with a win plus an average of the forfeiting team's losing margin, and the player or team that forfeits is to be debited with a loss and a further reduction in losing margin.

2.17 POSTPONEMENTS

In the event of any match being postponed because of inclement weather, or light, or the green being declared unfit for play, the match shall be played or continued at a time and place to be decided by the Match Committee. (Refer Laws of the Sport of Bowls Law 32 -Game Stoppages) In the case of an incomplete match it shall be resumed with the scores at the adjournment.

2.18 GAME STOPPAGES – Refer Bowls Australia Weather Policy

All matches are to be played without a rest break.



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2.19 POINTS ALLOCATION & DETERMINING A SECTIONAL WINNER

(Refer Laws of the Sport of Bowls Law 56.3)

1. In sectional play, teams will receive 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss. Teams who receive a bye or a forfeit will also receive 2 points, and a +4 shots differential to be added to their total net shots for all games.
2. Section winners shall be decided on game points, but if 2 or more teams share top position with equal points, the team with the largest difference between total shots for and total shots against shall be the winner. If the net margin is still equal, the Controlling Body will divide the total of shots scored against each player, team or side into the total of shots it has scored. The player, team or side with the highest result will be declared the winner. If the percentage is equal then the player, team or side with the highest number of ends won will be declared the winner.

2.20 U18 CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Players must be under 18 years of age at the completion of the event.

2.21 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS OPEN SINGLES

Bowls North will hold the Qualifying events under BA Conditions of Play for the current season club's winners of the Open Singles events.

Attire: BN Approved Club uniform

Winners will represent BN in the BT qualifying events.

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Match committee reserves the right to adjust the amount of ends played during Championship games at its discretion.



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SECTION 3 - GENERAL

BN THURSDAY AND SATURDAY PENNANT COMPETITIONS

Note: These rules shall apply to all pennant competitions separately, unless otherwise stated.

Refer COP Appendix C for a summary of Match Manager duties and responsibilities.

3.1 PENNANT SIDE ENTRIES

- (a) To register a Club Side in the lowest Division there must be a minimum of 9 registered players available.

3.2 ATTIRE (refer also Clause 1.9)

Sides members must be in Club uniform as approved by Bowls North and adhere to the Bowls Australia Logo Policy. Change or deletion of sponsors logo on Bowls North Clubs approved uniform is permitted. Uniforms may differ.

New players in the club's lowest division may be permitted to wear a plain white BA logo top in special circumstances.

3.3 REPEATED FORFEITS

- (a) Any side having forfeited three (3) consecutive games in anyone section or Division, shall forfeit its rights to participate in any further games in that season and shall lose all Pennant points accrued.
- (b) Any club that forfeits 3 times in a season will have its side relegated to the next lowest division in the following season.
- (c) Should any club have more than two (2) players absent from its Pennant Sides, due to representative games at BN or State level, either as selected players, selectors, or Match Manager, and that club is forced to forfeit in its lowest Division, then that forfeit shall count in the allocation of Pennant points, but shall not be counted as a forfeit towards the allowable number of forfeits before the club is disqualified from playing in that Division.
- (d) Any forfeits by a club shall be in the lowest Division in which that Club participates.

3.4 DURATION OF MATCHES

Except as otherwise provided in these Conditions of Play the duration of Matches shall be:

Thursday Pennant	21 ends
Saturday Pennant <i>Premier to Div.4</i>	25 ends
Saturday Pennant <i>Div. 5 & 6.</i>	21 ends



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3.5 PRACTICE

- (a) Players may practice on the green they are playing on, on any available rink apart from the rinks that are scheduled for play. Practice on pegs is permitted. Practice must cease thirty (30) minutes prior to start time.
- (b) If before play starts a player in a competition or game plays on the same rink on the day of the competition or game, that player will be disqualified. (Laws of the Sport of Bowls Law 4)

3.6 DRAW FOR RINKS

The Opposing Match Managers shall **at least thirty minutes prior to the scheduled starting time**, draw for rinks and teams shall play as drawn. The Home Match Manager shall toss to determine who controls the mat for the first end.

3.7 UMPIRES

The host club shall appoint an umpire at least one-half hour prior to the time scheduled for starting play.

Should the host club not provide an umpire; an accredited umpire from a visiting team should be appointed, if available. Match Managers shall not act as Umpires.

3.8 GREENS SUPERINTENDENT AND NOMINEE

If the Greens Superintendent or his Deputy is not available at the home club for home matches, a suitable person shall be appointed by the club as his nominated representative for these matches.

3.9 STARTING TIME, *DESIGNATED BREAKS* AND NO SHOWS

Thursday matches will start at 11.30 am and will be decided over 21 ends. A thirty (30) minute lunch break will be taken at 1 pm or after 11 ends. Starting time may be changed by agreement by opposing sides.

Saturday matches appointed time for commencing each match is 1pm. This time may be varied by mutual consent of participating Match Managers.

An afternoon tea break is to be taken between 2.30pm to 2.45pm approximately for a minimum of 15 minutes within this break the Host Club MUST provide the minimum of tea & coffee and biscuits for their opposition.

This MUST be adhered to unless there is an agreement between the two clubs at least 1 day in advance of the game.

If players are not on the green, ready to play 30 minutes after the time fixed, the side shall forfeit the match to the opposing players, if the conditions in Law 46.2.2 cannot be met.



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DIV 1 & 6 STARTING TIME:

For games involving **St Helens ONLY**, the starting time for both home and away games will be 12.30pm (12.15 roll up). The time at which games should be called off due to rain will be 9.30am.

3.10 REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

Where a club has a temporary shortage of its own members to fill its entire pennant sides the club may borrow up to three eligible players (1 in each rink in pennant) from other clubs. These replacement players may only be included in the club's lowest side. Replacement players shall be designated by (R) on the team sheet.

3.11 PLAYING ONE PLAYER SHORT

- (a) When nominating pennant sides, clubs must fill all higher division sides before considering the need for replacement players in their lowest division (refer 3.3 (d)). Only if a nominated player withdraws (for a legitimate reason) later than 3 hours before the scheduled pennant starting time shall the side in any division be able to play "one short" as per clause 3.12 and Laws of the Sport of Bowls Law 39.2.3 refer Domestic Regulations law 2.5. and

2.5.1.1 "A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player" &

2.5.1.2 "the order of play shall be maintained by the second in the complete team playing consecutive bowl"

2.5.1.3 "Each player must use the number of bowls specified in the conditions of play for that event"

Withdrawals earlier than three hours before starting time must be filled by promoting lower division players or calling on replacement players for the lowest division, if unavailable the lowest division side shall then play "one short" in as many teams (rinks) as necessary.

- (b) If a game commences with four players in a team and subsequently one of the players becomes ill or cannot continue for other reasons and there are no substitutes available, the game can continue with 3 players in that team. Laws of the Sport of Bowls 39.2.3. and Domestic Regulations law 2.5.2 and
- 2.5.1.1 "A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player" and**
- 2.5.1.2 "the order of play shall be maintained by the second in the complete team playing consecutive bowls" and**
- 2.5.1.3 "each player must use the number of bowls specified in the conditions of play for that event"**



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3.12 CANCELLATIONS

- (a) When a decision against the commencement of play is reached before the arrival of the visiting side or sides, such decision shall be promptly telephoned to the visiting club/s concerned.
- (b) Should the Greens Superintendent, his deputy, or the nominated representative of a club close the greens for pennant play, no bowls of any kind shall be allowed on those greens until 2 hours after the scheduled starting time on that day.
- (c) No greens should be closed or play abandoned due to extreme heat, more than two and a half hours before play should start on a pennant day. Penalties may occur at the discretions of the Match Committee.
- (d) Both Match Managers are to ensure that their team sheets are emailed to the Statistician in the event of a cancellation.

DIV 1 & 6 STARTING TIME:

For games involving **St Helens ONLY**, the starting time for both home and away games will be 12.30pm (12.15 roll up).

The time at which games should be called off due to rain will be 9.30am.

3.13 COMMENCEMENT

At the scheduled time for commencement of play, if the Greens Superintendent, his Deputy or his nominated representative has not ruled to the contrary, the start of play is in the hands of the Match Managers of the respective sides.

3.14 CHANGE OF SURFACES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

- (a) In the event that indoor games are the **ONLY** games played in a division in that round, then the match points will be shared, regardless of the result.
- (b) Where a club has both grass and synthetic greens, and games in a division are usually played on a surface, those games should not be re-allocated to the other surface type without:
 - i. Agreement by both match managers, or
 - ii. In exceptional circumstances with the approval of the Chair of the Regional Match Committee. For the purpose of this condition, adverse weather conditions does not constitute exceptional circumstances.

3.15 EXTREME/ALL WEATHER CONDITONS BEFORE STARTING

Match Managers MUST NOT make the decision to play 45 ends prior to the start of game.



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NOTE: *Clubs MUST adhere to BA Weather Policy in relation to high temperatures.*

- (a) Before play commences, if the weather is inclement, the Match Managers should confer and decide whether the start of play should be delayed until the situation improves, or the green becomes unserviceable.
- (b) Play should not be abandoned at this stage and a decision should be delayed whilst there is a reasonable prospect for the weather to improve sufficiently to allow the game to be completed.
- (c) If, owing to inclement weather, play has not commenced one and a half hours after the normal scheduled time for the commencement of play, it should be abandoned.
- (d) In the event of a disagreement between the Match Managers as to whether play will commence, the Umpire will decide.
- (e) In extreme heat being forecast, starting time may be changed by agreement by opposing sides. Refer Clause 3.13(c) **CANCELLATIONS.**

3.16 EXTREME/ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS AFTER STARTING.

- (a) After play has commenced, the Umpire is in control of the game.
- (b) **Postponement should take precedence over** abandonment whilst the time remaining is sufficient to allow for the match to be completed to a minimum of 45 ends.

3.17 UMPIRE'S DECISION

The Official Umpire, when making any decision in Clause 3.16 and 3.17 should have due regard to the time remaining for play.

3.18 RE-COMMENCEMENT

Should play be postponed, it should be re-commenced at the earliest possible time, having regard to playing conditions. If the Greens Superintendent, his appointed Deputy, or his nominated Representative, considers that continuation of play will have an adverse affect on the Green, he may close the Green.

3.19 INCOMPLETE MATCHES

Other than in finals if inclement weather, bad light, or any other justifiable cause prevents the conclusion of any Pennant match, the result may be determined if an aggregate of 45 ends have been completed in any Division.

If match is abandoned before 45 ends the match shall be deemed as a washout.



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3.20 MATCH SCORING (INCLUDING END OF SEASON ADJUSTMENTS)

Unless the Board determines otherwise the results of each match shall be scored as follows:

- (a) The match points – Win 6 points, Draw 3 points, loss nil
The team points – Win 2 points, Draw 1 point, loss nil
Washed out game = half of available points to each side
- (b) No points to be allotted for byes in rounds where all sides participate equally.
- (c) In rounds where there is an inequality, those sides receiving byes will be allotted point and shots at the end of the season equal to the average number of points and shots received from all games played during the season. If this results in a negative number of shots the award shots shall be nil.
- (d) At the end of the season in the event of two sides having the same number of points, their order shall be determined by dividing “total shots for” by “total shots against” for each side, the highest % finishes on top.

3.21 TRANSMISSION OF RESULTS

- (a) Each club shall arrange for the results of all matches played on its greens to be entered on:
 - (1) The official result sheet and sent, immediately following the conclusion of the game by email bowlsnorthstats@gmail.com to the BN Statistician.

Until the result sheet is received by the BN Statistician no points will be allocated.

- (b) The receiving side of a forfeited game must send a pennant result form to the Statistician giving Division, Date, Home Side’s Name and Visitor’s Name Side and the words “Forfeit by (name club)” written across the sheet.
- (c) In the event of washed out games, the Match Manager of each side must immediately email the pennant result form to the Statistician bowlsnorthstats@gmail.com, with all players’ names listed and noting the time of cancellation.

3.22 POINTS FOR CANCELLATIONS

In each Division or section, during inclement weather, points shall be allotted for all completed games. Points for any incomplete games will be shared.

3.23 East Coast Pennant

- Starting time roll up 12.15am for 12.30am start

1. FORMAT:

- (a) Sides to consist of 16 players = 4 teams of 4 players.



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(b) Scoring for sixteen (16) player game: (Total of 14 points)

- 6 points for a win overall
- 3 points for a draw overall
- 2 points per team (rink) win.
- 1 point per team (rink) for a draw

2. Eligibility

- (a) St. Helens Division 1 players;
Once a player has played 12 games in the Bowls North Pennant they are ineligible to play in the East Coast pennant, including finals.
- (b) Refer clause 3.24.1(d), (g), **all apply.**

3. Transmission of results

- (a) Each club shall arrange for the results of all matches played on its greens to be entered on:
- (1) The official result sheet and send, immediately following the conclusion of the game, to the East Coast Pennant Statistician **via email ntbowls@bigpond.net.au**

Until the result sheet is received by the East Coast Pennant Statistician no points will be allocated.

- (b) The receiving side of a forfeited game must email the Pennant Result Form to the Statistician giving Division, Date, Home Side's Name and Visitor's Name Side and the words "Forfeit" by (name club) written across the sheet.
- (c) In the event of washed out games, the Match Manger of each side must immediately email to the Statistician, the Pennant Result Form, with all players' names listed and noting the time of cancellation.

4. FINALS FORMAT:

Finals play shall be arranged as follows for all Divisions:

- (a) If competition includes 5 sides, top 4 to contest finals:
- (1) The sides finishing third and fourth in the roster shall play in the first semi-final.
- (2) The sides finishing first and second shall play in the second semi-final.
- (3) The winner of (1) shall play the loser of (2) in the preliminary final.
- (4) The winner of (2) shall play the winner of (3) in the Grand Final



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(b) If competition includes 4 sides, top 3 to contest finals:

- (1) The Home & Away Pennant ladder leader progresses straight into the grand final.
- (2) The Second and Third sides will play off for the position in the grand final.
- (3) The winner of second and third sides plays the Home and Away side in the Grand Final.

3.24 ELIGIBILITY – THURSDAY & SATURDAY PENNANT AND FINALS

3.24.1 Rules applicable to both Thursday and Saturday Pennant

- (a) Once a player has played 12 games in a higher Division in an 18-game roster, they are ineligible to play any further games in a lower Division.
- (b) The 12-game total rule also includes BN finals – e.g. If a player plays their 12th game in any final of an 18-game roster, then they are ineligible to play any further games in a lower Division.
- (c) *Where a club has more than one side in a Division, this rule also applies – a player can play a maximum of 12 games in an 18-game roster in either side but is then ineligible to change to the other side.*
- (d) *A player must play a minimum of 6 games for their current club in each pennant to qualify to play in each of the finals series, except in exceptional circumstances (confined only to a medical condition) approved by the relevant BN Match Committee.*
- (e) Clubs shall ensure that players who play only Thursday or Saturday pennant are selected before allowing any players to play two pennant games in a week
- (f) Players shall not be permitted to play in any of the last three (3) pennant games, or in regional or state finals in any lower division once they have played a total of three (3) games in the last six rounds of the roster series in higher divisions. (Refer BT rule in handbook)
- (g) The penalty for playing an ineligible player under any condition covered in this clause is the loss of all match points for the game in which the infringement occurs (points awarded to opponent).

3.25 COMPETING REPRESENTATIVE MATCH

- (a) If a player is chosen in a BN side and / or makes him / herself unavailable to play, he/she shall be ineligible to play, (except in exceptional circumstances accepted by the Board) in any pennant held while the BN team is travelling or playing. The penalty for infringement shall be forfeiture of the game by the side for which he / she plays.
- (b) When the pennant roster is being prepared, the season is to have continuity. There should only be postponements of pennant games or Division games played in advance to accommodate the absence of State or BN players.



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3.26 DRAWN FINALS MATCH

If at the end of the specified number of ends, a finals match ends in a tie, each team making up the side shall play an additional end against the same opponent, on the same rink, on the same day if practicable, to achieve a result. If at the conclusion of the additional end, a further end or ends shall be played as above until a result is achieved. (Laws of the Sport of Bowls 28)

3.27 PENALTIES

Unless stipulated in the specific section of these Conditions of Play, the penalty for breaches of any rules in this document shall be at the discretion of the Match Committee, after consideration of evidence, preferably written, by all parties involved.

3.28 ONE GAME PER ROUND

A player may only play in one pennant side in any one scheduled round of pennant games (i.e. if all divisions or games within a division are not played on the same day, a player may play in only one). This includes acting as a replacement player under clause 3.11.

3.29 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Play will be in Divisions consisting of ten sides each of three teams of four players, except in the case of the lowest division which will be structured at the discretion of

the Match Committee. The lowest Division may have teams (depending on Club nominations in September). Thursday Pennants are numbered 1,2,3,4, and Saturday Pennants are Mitsubishi Premier League (MPL), then divisions 1,2,3,4,5,6.

3.30 FINALS ARRANGEMENT

A finals series shall be played involving the first four sides in each division in which teams are made up of 12 players.

Finals will be played over a three-day period with the option of using a fourth day if inclement weather occurs.

Thursday pennant finals starting time is 12.45pm roll up start at 1pm and play straight through.

Finals play shall be arranged as follows for all Divisions:

1. The sides finishing third and fourth in the roster shall play in the first semi-final.
2. The sides finishing first and second shall play in the second semi-final.
3. The winner of (1) shall play the loser of (2) in the preliminary final.
4. The winner of (2) shall play the winner of (3) in the Grand Final.



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3.31 FINALS

- (a) A final series will be played as per the format in Section 3.33.
- (b) The Match Committee, following recommendations from the BN Greens Committee re quality greens, will select greens and make all arrangements necessary for the conduct of the final series.
- (c) Umpires for all final matches shall be appointed by the Umpires Panel (if practicable). Otherwise they will be appointed by agreement of the competing sides or failing agreement, by the Host Club for the match in question.
- (d) The Host Club's Match Manager will do the Draw for teams and rinks with cards being placed face down and mixed for each side prior to rink numbering on the cards. The Host Club's Match Manager shall also regularly update the main total shots scoreboard throughout each final.
- (e) Inclement weather for Finals; The game must be completed within 3 days of the next scheduled game. If this is not achieved the team with highest points will be the winner provided that 45 ends have been completed. If neither of the above happens, the team finishing the higher on the Pennant ladder shall be declared the winner.

3.32 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

(a) Promotion

The club finishing on the top of the ladder after the home and away games is promoted (as per BN COP & BT Policy), unless that club already has a side in the higher division. Both BN COP and BT policy allow only one side per club in each division (except the lowest division).

Therefore, if the top club cannot be promoted:

- The club winning the pennant grand final is next in line for promotion.
- If this is also not possible (might be the same club or the club may have a side in the higher division), the club finishing 2nd on the home and away ladder is promoted.
- If this is also not possible, the club finishing runner up in the pennant grand final is promoted.

If none of these apply, the Match Committee will have the final discretion as to whom (and if) relegation/promotion will proceed.

(b) Relegation

The club finishing on the bottom of the ladder in each division after the home and away games **will** be relegated to the next lowest division, except for the lowest division, in each Pennant competition.



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In the case of two clubs being relegated due to a club having potentially two sides in any division, the same logic as above shall apply for the 2nd promoted club.

NOTE: All clubs' side/s to be promoted and/or relegated at the end of the season will be at the final discretion of the Match Committee, following the above guidelines.

3.33 PLAYING OF MUSIC

If music is played during a pennant game, it should not impact on the conduct of the game and be at a level acceptable to Match Managers.



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Appendix A

Greens and Equipment Guidelines

Club Responsibility

It is the responsibility of every club to ensure that their greens and equipment are maintained to the best possible standard and that they comply with the “Laws of the Sport of Bowls”. These guidelines are provided as a checklist to assist clubs in conducting an audit Greens and Equipment and to prompt appropriate action.



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Appendix B - SELECTION OF GREENS FOR MAJOR EVENTS

Objective

The objective of this selection process is to provide the best possible greens and equipment for conduct of BN Championships, BN Pennant Finals and Bowls Tasmania events

Responsibility

The allocation of greens is the responsibility of the BN Greens Committee in liaison with clubs / green superintendents and the BN Match Committee.

The BN Greens Committee will determine the recommendation based on the following criteria: -

Compliance is with the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls January 2015" - Definitions Section 1 - The Green, Ditch and Banks.

The results of the regular green inspections by the BN Greens Committee during the playing season will to be forwarded to the BN Match Committee.

Green ratings completed on the Pennant result forms by the visiting Match Managers, as supplied in summaries from the BN statisticians.

Other Considerations

The allocation of greens will not be influenced by the geographic location of the club.

There shall be no discrimination in favour of either synthetic or natural surfaces.

Only those clubs who maintain an acceptable standard both with their greens and equipment will be considered. Clubs should be rewarded for their effort in reaching the required standard.

Process

The Greens Committee Chairman will be contacted several weeks before any event by the appointed BN Match Committee Organisers, to seek recommendations with regard suitable greens to use – the organiser will detail as best they can the number of greens rinks required for an event.

The Chairman will recommend to the Organiser suitable venues and greens, and it is the responsibility of the BN Match Committee Organiser to contact the relevant club(s) and determine willingness and availability etc. (Refer Appendix D)



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Appendix C - Match Managers Guidelines

MATCH MANAGER must be a member of the pennant side and duties for BN pennant games (both Thursday & Saturday) are –

- **Prepare Score Cards** for own side only. Visiting Match Manager to take their completed score cards to the venue. Ensure you have a list of BA registration numbers available for your side or club.
- **Appoint an “umpire”** from the home side or visiting side or non-playing member. Should there be no qualified “umpire” available then a competent person is to be appointed. Record the name of the appointed umpire on the result sheet. Match Managers cannot be the Umpire.
- **Draw for opponents** and rinks of play with the opposing side manager or his delegate at least thirty minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.
- **Toss for opening play.** The Home Match manager/s shall toss a coin and the winner of the toss shall decide who has the option to play first. The result and decision apply to all teams.
- Home Match Manager is to **complete the result form**, ensuring all the players’ initials **and Bowls Australia registration numbers** are recorded.
- **Replacement players** - Refer Conditions of Play section 3.11. Note on sheet with **(R)**.
- At the end of the game, collect all score cards, correctly signed by the skips, record the results and time the game finished.
- Record the names of any team **scoring an “8”** in the comments box.
 - **8 Badges-** A copy of the result form together with the **both Clubs’**- team scorecards (*copy of both sides*) should be emailed to the BN Office ntbowls@bigpond.net.au to claim 8 Badges.
- Both Match Managers must **sign the result form** and visiting manager is to receive a copy.
- Should there be a **dispute** in relation to the contents of the result form, it should not be signed as being correct. Details of the matter in dispute should be recorded at the bottom of the form and if necessary a full report sent to the BN Secretary as soon as possible, signed by both Match Managers.
- A brief summary of any disputes /complaints during the game must be documented on the Result Form and initialled by both Match Managers.
- **Thursday** - A detailed report of the dispute/complaint must be emailed to the BN Secretary NO LATER THAN the following **Sunday by 8pm** after the game.
- **Saturday** - A detailed report of the dispute/complaint must be emailed to the BN Secretary NO LATER THAN the following **Tuesday by 8pm** after the game.



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IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETION OF THE RESULT FORM, THE HOME MANAGER IS TO:

1) EMAIL THE RESULT FORM TO THE BN Statistician:

Email: bowlsnorthstats@gmail.com

- **Score Cards** should be retained by the home club for at least two weeks after the match.
- Match Managers should be familiar with all Conditions of Play, especially 3.14, 3.15 and 3.16 (**Inclement Weather**).
- In the event of a **cancelled game** Refer Clause 3.12 due to weather or other cause, the home Match Manager is to email the Result Form to the Statistician after the cancellation, including all team names, noting details of the time and reason for the cancellation. **Both Match Managers** must ensure that their sides are named and emailed to the Statistician.
- Match Managers to ensure their players abide by the **Attire (Conditions of Play Clause 3.2)**, Refer to the **Bowls Australia Smoke Free Policy and the Department of Health and Human Services- Smoke Free areas**.



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Appendix D - BN CHAMPIONSHIP "HOW TO GUIDELINES" for MATCH COMMITTEE ORGANIZERS

(In conjunction with C.O.P Section 2 rules and formats etc.)

- Prepare and send out to clubs the entry form at least 4 weeks before the closing date (the date should be 3 weeks before the event starts).
- Entry Form with the entry fee should reach *the BN Office by 10am of the event's closing date.*
- Match Committee Secretary is to contact the Greens Committee and seek recommendation(s) as to suitable club or clubs' greens to hold the event – use last year's entry numbers as a guide for rinks required until the current years number of entries are confirmed
- The BN Secretary is to collate all *received* entries and forward the same to the BN Treasurer. The BN Treasurer is to advise the BN Secretary within 3 days that the event's entry fees have been received.
- The Match Committee then decide on the number of sections needed etc. (section play for all but singles – four (4) sides per section, a minimum of three (3) sides in each)
- The Match Committee will do the sectional draw (each side within a section plays each other)– and check the rink numbers required – two (2) rinks per section of four (4), and a side must not play on the same rink twice when the final allocation of rinks is done, but each section should wherever possible stay on the same green.
- The Match Committee will do the post-sectional draw as to which winners will play who etc. in the subsequent rounds, until the final – get to 4, 8 or 16 teams remaining as soon as possible. "Byes are to be eliminated in the 1st round post sectional draw by using the next best qualifier or qualifiers – the post sectional draw itself will show these as NBQ1, NBQ2 etc. (refer COP clause 2.2(b)).
- The Match Committee Secretary is to contact the likely host club and advise them of their selection as hosts and check that they are able to hold the event and have a suitable match manager to run it (also catering required?).
- The Match Committee Secretary is to put the Sectional draw in the Examiner via their website with time, date and venue(s) and email it to all clubs and the BN webmaster, bowlsnorthweb@gmail.com including catering arrangements if any.
- The Match Committee's nominee shall distribute three (3) game cards to the host club(s) along with the event COP etc., the post sectional format and the result sheet.
- **The Host Club's Match Manager immediately following the day's play MUST notify the BN Secretary of the results by email ntbowls@bigpond.net.au and forward by email to the BN Webmaster bowlsnorthweb@gmail.com**



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- The Match Committee's nominee is to ask the event Sponsor to present winners and runners-up their money and medals (which the BN Secretary has arranged in advance).
- The Match Committee's nominee is to ensure the host club runs the post-sectional event as directed and after the final game the winners with their \$\$ and medals be presented by the Event Sponsors or a Bowls North Board Representative.
- The Event's Match Manager is to email ntbowls@bigpond.net.au and the Webmaster, bowlsnorthweb@gmail.com the completed result sheet.

Appendix E





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POLICY TITLE: ARTIFICIAL DEVICES

POLICY

RELATED POLICIES:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:	Chief Operating Officer National Officiating Advisory Group, Education and Training Coordinator
AUTHORITY:	Audit Risk & Policy
APPLICABLE FORMS:	Nil
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1. PRINCIPLE

The Bowls Australia philosophy is to allow access to our sport to as many participants as possible and ensure an inclusive atmosphere from club to elite level. We must also ensure that bowlers (regardless of any requirement of a wheelchair or artificial device) must not damage the playing surface during play.

2. POLICY

2.1 The Laws of the Sport of Bowls — Crystal Mark Third Edition - Law 41.1 under the heading of 'Players with disabilities' states that "Wheelchairs should be of a type approved by both World Bowls and the Governing Body for wheelchair bowlers in the country in which the player is playing" (in this case Bowls Australia in conjunction with Wheelchair Sports Australia Lawn Bowls).

2.2 Law 41.8 states that Member National Authorities can approve the use of artificial devices for delivering the jack or bowl such as 'Bowlers Arms'.

3. SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 Wheelchairs

3.1.1 The large and usually rear tires (pneumatic or soft rubber slicks), must have a minimum width of 45mm. Tires must be smooth "slicks" or inverted tread tires.

3.1.2 The most suitable tires for the small or front wheels are 200mm x 50mm with a pneumatic tire or soft rubber "slicks".

3.1.3 Castors made of nylon or polyurethane are becoming increasingly popular and can also be used for front wheels. The recommended width of these should be a minimum of 75mm. It is a requirement that the edges, if sharp, must be rounded off.

3.1.4 If there are any doubts about tire tread, duct tape can be placed over the tire to provide a smoother surface as a temporary or precautionary measure.

3.1.5 The above guidelines are intended for use in all conditions, however in the case of particularly wet greens or other unusual circumstances, consultation and a common-sense approach between the wheelchair user and club administrator or greenkeeper is appropriate. To further ensure there is no undue damage to the green, players should



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ensure a wide circle is taken when turning their chair on the green. In the event of a dispute, the Greenkeeper and or Controlling Body / Tournament Director / relevant Official shall be the final decision maker.

3.1.6 The use of an electric wheelchair encompasses the above guidelines and measurements, with the additional consideration of the weight of the chair. This is of particular importance for the care of the surface where the green is wet or experiencing another unusual circumstance.

4.1 Walking Frames

4.1.1 Walking frames can be used provided the frame does not cause damage to the green. To eliminate damage that may be caused to the green, the frame must comply with the following:

4.1.1.1 Preferably wheels of 45mm and pneumatic as applied to wheelchairs or 4.1.1.1 Preferably wheels of 45mm and pneumatic as applied to wheelchairs or wide wheels that are smooth and without tread.

4.1.1.2 If the frame has "feet", each one must have its own base covered with rubber or similar material. The base should measure at least 76mm across.

4.1.2 Players are not to sit on their frames while on the green unless each "foot" and wheel complies with the specifications above.

5.1 Bowlers Arms

5.1.1 "Bowlers Arms" were introduced into the game to allow persons with a medical condition that would otherwise prevent them from playing the game, the opportunity to play or continue playing bowls. There are various types of bowler's arms approved for use in Australia.

5.1.1 Each device is manufactured in several lengths and release mechanisms. Only approved arms (with a BA logo as part of the National Merchandising Program) can be used in Australia. Modifications are not permitted (with exception to the rubber grip on the bottom of the arm which may need to be replaced as it wears out.). For a list of approved bowlers arms refer to the Bowls Australia website at <http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au/ClubAssist/Approved-bowlers-arms>.

5.1.2 An affiliated member must gain approval from their State Governing Body to use an artificial device (bowlers arm). A medical certificate stating that the affiliated member requires the bowlers arm to continue to participate in lawn bowls must accompany the application for approval.

5.1.3 A player using an approved bowlers arm should have their State Governing Body issued approval card/certificate with them on the day of play.

5.1.4 If a player is using a bowlers arm that is not approved, the player becomes a defaulting player as per law C.2 and will forfeit the game as per law C. 10.

5.1.5 If a player is using a bowlers arm that is approved but does not have approval to use one, the player becomes a defaulting player as per law C.2 and will forfeit the game as per law C. 10.

5.1.6 If a player using an approved bowlers arm does not have their approval card/certificate with them on the day of play, the player must show their State Governing Body issued approval card/certificate to the controlling body of the competition within five working days.



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- 5.1.7 A player may use any number of bowlers arms during trial ends for suitability. Once a game has commenced, the designated brand or style of bowlers arm chosen by the player must stay the same during the match.
- 5.1.8 Whenever a player commences using a bowlers arm in a game, the player must use it for the remainder of that game. This does not apply to the rolling of the jack, which can be rolled either by hand or by a bowlers arm.
- 5.1.9 A player cannot alter/change the brand or style of bowlers arm during the course of a game except in such circumstances where the device is rendered unplayable and, in this instance, the player may change to another designated brand or style of bowlers arm on approval by the umpire or controlling body.
- 5.1.10 Challenge on appeal to an umpire regarding a bowlers arm could occur before the trial ends or up to 10 minutes after a game (but not during the game) as similar to law 52.4.3 and 52.4.4. 2.