



Zone 10 2017 Pennant Procedures

Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, 21st February 2017 @ 7pm

Location: The Hills Club

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2017 Procedures Club Information

I. Introduction to Meeting

- a. Welcome
- b. Update as to progress of State Match Grade Allocations
- c. Update as to status of publishing of draw

II. Update of changes to COP, State and National Regulations

4.6 Side Officials

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

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

4.7 Timetable

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

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

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

4.15.1 Elevation of Clubs

(i.) All Winners of State Pennants, Grades 2 to 7, shall be elevated to the next highest Grade, irrespective of whether that Club has a side already entered in that higher grade.

(ii.) All Zone Winners, Grades 2 to 7, may be elevated to the next highest grade.

(iii.) Zones (and Districts) may, subject to 4.15 (i), (ii) and (iii), elevate Clubs having regard to the previous years' Pennant performances and according to the previous season gradings of the players indicated as playing with each Club. (See COP 4.3.1)

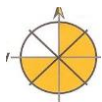
NOTE: Refer COP 4.16, player's eligibility – State & Zone Pennant winners.

4.16.1.1 Previous Season State Pennant Winners

A Zone winning graded player from the previous season may not play lower in the current season. (The no lower now lasts one season)

4.16.1.4 Players from outside of NSW

- (i) Players who have previously played in a State or Territory other than NSW and who do NOT have a previous season grading from NSW shall be deemed to have a previous season grading based on the grade they played in the other State or Territory.



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

4.16.1.7 **Player Graded In The Current Season**

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

4.16.2.1 **Graded During the Current Season**

Threshold number of matches (now 5 matches for 9 or 10 round competition)

4.16.2.2 **Graded at end of Sectional Play**

Players graded at end of sectional play ARE eligible for post section play)

4.16.4 **Player Match / Grading Records**

Clubs and Zones/Districts should keep accurate records of players participation in each round of Pennants, ensuring that players are selected and play in grades as they are eligible according to Condition of Play 4.16. (See also 4.15.3 Approval & Reporting during a match must be recorded on the result form”

4.21 **Eligibility for Post Sectional Play**

A waive of eligibility will only be considered if: There are insufficient eligible players available whose current season grading is in the grade required AND The Club’s next lowest graded side is also involved in Post-Sectional Play. Applications for players who have not played in the current season will only be considered for the Club’s lowest Grade.”

4.24 **Penalty for Pennant Infringements**

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

4.24.1 **Sectional Play**

The offending side disqualified with loss of all points for the match involved and shall be credited with a margin of -15 shots or the margin by which it lost whichever is the higher. The non-offending side shall receive maximum points and shall be credited with a margin of +15 shots or the margin by which it won, whichever is the higher. Should the scores need to be recalculated, the score of the offending side should stand and the score of the non-offending side recalculated as Offending side score +15 shots)



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4.7.2 Practice

Scheduled for trial ends are to commence at 12.40pm, players may practice up to 12.25pm, as per the following schedule:

- Home Side to practice from 11.45am to 12.05pm.
- Away side to practice from 12.05pm to 12.25pm.
- To avoid breaching State COP 4.7.2 that prohibits players practicing on the rinks they are drawn to play, it was agreed that Rink Draws would take place at 12.25pm, after the conclusion of practice.

For games that are scheduled for Trial ends to commence at 9am, no pre-game practice will be permitted.

4.12 Method of Scoring

The method of scoring for all sectional Pennant matches shall be a total of 10 points per game distributed as:

Side - Win 7 pts, Draw 3.5 pts each, Loss 0 pts.

Team – Win 1 pt, Draw .5 pt each, Loss 0 pts.

- 4.12.1** Determining Section Winners – Side with the highest number of points, if tied then side with highest margin, if still tied then the side with lowest total shots against shall be declared the winner.

A copy of the 2017 State COP and 2017 Zone COP can be obtained by visiting the Zone 10 Website – www.zone10.org.au

A copy of the Crystal Mark 3rd Edition Laws of the Sport of Bowls handbook can be obtained from Bowls NSW – www.bowlsnsw.org.au

III. Eligible Players

- a. Each club has been issued with a list of their notified intended players and their eligible grade. It is the responsibility of the club to check this listing and immediately notify Zone Match with any errors, omissions or discrepancies they find.
- b. Clubs wishing to add additional players to their already tendered Intended Players list are required to fill out the 2017 Additional Intended Player Application (available for download on the Zone 10 Website), which is then to be submitted to Zone 10 Match. Players who do not appear on your club's Eligible Players list are not permitted to play in the State Pennant Competition without approval of the State Match Committee. Penalty for breach of this rule is loss of points in the match played (Refer State COP 4.24).
- c. When considering player grade eligibility, following these simple guidelines should avoid attracting unwarranted penalties:
 - i. A player graded N# is *NOT* permitted to play in a grade lower in the current season. There are no exceptions without applying through Zone 10 Match to the State Match Committee for a player re-grade.



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- ii. All other players are permitted to play *ONE(1)* grade below their previous season grading. No Zone approval is required and there is no limit as to the number of players who can be relegated e.g. a Grade 3 player can play grade 4, an entire grade 5 team can play grade 6.
 - iii. A player retains his previous season grading until he has played in Five (5) matches in the current season in any one grade.
 - iv. Once graded in the current season, a player is ineligible to play in a lower grade.
 - v. Where a Club does not have consecutive Grades a maximum of four (4) players only shall be eligible to play more than one grade below their previous season's grading. This shall be no lower than the Club's next highest Grade. For assistance with this please refer to the player grade list you were issued or contact Zone 10 Match.
- d. Zone 10 Match will regularly update the Zone 10 website with player gradings. Please refer to this database should you have any grading queries.
 - e. The penalty for fielding an ineligible player is loss of points for that round.

IV. Result reporting procedures

- a. All results are to be submitted on approved result sheets available from the Zone Website or via the online Pennant Result facility. It is *VERY* important that manually completed result sheets are filled out legibly and with correct player id numbers. Illegible or incorrect sheets will be returned to clubs to be completed correctly.
- b. It is preferable that clubs submit results using the Online Pennant Result Facility, a link to which will be sent to clubs once the Pennant Draw has been finalised. Help in using this method of recording is available to all clubs that require assistance.
- c. Faxing or emailing results is still acceptable if use of online facility is not possible – match@zone10.org.au, (02)9034-4539
- d. Results, standings and most current gradings will be published on the Zone 10 Website.

V. Inclement weather procedure and match rescheduling

- a. Decision to postpone a game due to inclement weather is at the sole discretion of the venue club.
- b. In the event of inclement weather clubs should:
 - i. Have a contact onsite from 10.30am to update members, opponents and Zone Match as to likelihood of the match commencing.
 - ii. On reaching a decision to continue or cancel play, clubs should:
 - Notify Zone 10 Match match@zone10.org.au or 0412 948 769
 - Notify opponent clubs visiting the venue that day



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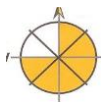
- c. Should threatening weather be prevalent, Zone Match will endeavour to provide regular updates as to the state of play at all venues through the Zone 10 Website and Facebook Page.
- d. Clubs are asked to encourage their membership to check Social Media *PRIOR* to phoning venue clubs for information.
- e. Matches not commenced or not completed will be resumed on the Sunday of the following week with no exceptions - Refer Zone COP 4.9 & 4.10

VI. Rule infraction, appeals and disputes reporting procedures

- a. As per State COP 2.23, Clubs wishing to lodge an appeal to dispute a result or notify the Controlling Body of a rule infraction should:
 - i. Lodge an appeal with the Zone 10 Match Committee in writing, either by email to match@zone10.org.au. or by completing the *Appeals Form* available on the Zone 10 Website. Appeals should be lodge within 72 hours of the infraction becoming evident.
 - ii. The Appeal should contain all relevant details pertaining to the incident including:
 - Date, time and place incident occurred
 - All parties involved
 - Exact nature of complaint
 - Reference to relevant COP(s) breached
 - Other supporting evidence (Result sheets, witness testimony etc.)
 - iii. Zone 10 Match will conduct an investigation into the appeal and notify the complainant of the outcome as soon as a decision has been reached.
 - iv. Penalties for breach of COP can include fines or disqualification.

VII. Season Schedule, Draws and Results

- a. Sectional matches:
 - i. All grades will commence on Saturday 4th March 2017.
 - ii. Sectional matches will be conducted as follows:
 - Grade 1 Metropolitan Pennant:
 - Four Sections of Six teams
 - Ten Rounds played on Home and Away basis
 - Finals played between two highest ranked teams from each section
 - Grade 2
 - 1 Section of Six teams
 - 10 Sectional rounds played on a home and way basis
 - Top two placed teams to contest final
 - Grades 3, 4 & 5
 - 2 sections of 6 teams
 - 10 Sectional rounds on home and away basis.
 - Winner Section 1 to Play Winner Section 2 in the Final



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Grades 6, 7

- 3 sections of 6 teams
 - (i) grade 6 has 18 Teams
 - 3 Sections of 5 teams each with a bye.
 - (l) grade 7 has 15 Teams.
 - 10 Sectional rounds played on a home and way basis
 - Three sections winners plus the next best ranked team will contest the finals.
- iii. Post Sectional Matches are scheduled to be held on Saturday 27th May
- iv. Should Pennant Finals be required to be rescheduled, they will be played on Sunday 28th May, then if required Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th June.

VIII. Zone Championships Entries Procedures

- a. Clubs are to enter teams into Zone Championships as follows:
- i. Entries for all Zone Championships are to be submitted on the official and current event entry form, which is available on the Zone 10 website.
 - ii. Proof of payment of any applicable entry fee is to accompany entry form.
 - iii. Entry forms and proof of payment should be emailed to match@zone10.com.au (preferable) or faxed to (02)9034-4539 prior to team nomination close date. Late entries *MAY NOT* be accepted.
- b. No later than two hours after official close of entries, all entries that have been received by Zone 10 will be published on the Zone 10 website and emailed to designated club contacts. This publication will indicate:
- i. Names, RNSWBA numbers and positions of all entered players.
 - ii. Acknowledgment that notification has been received of any playing restrictions on a club's entrant.
 - iii. Whether or not payment for entries has been received from the club.
- c. It is the responsibility of clubs to check information listed on this publication is correct and to ensure payment for entries has been received. Clubs should notify Zone 10 Match of any errors or omissions no later than 5pm of the Tuesday following the close of entries.
- d. Championship draws will be conducted and published on the Wednesday following close of entries. Teams fielding ineligible players or that are not accompanied by payment of entry fee will be withdrawn prior to the undertaking of the draw. These draws will be *FINAL*, no alteration or addition will be considered.