

LOWER NORTH COAST DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION
2014 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Conditions of Play as set out in the RNSWBA Conditions of Play effective for all 2013-14 Association Events from 1st January, 2013" are to be taken in conjunction with the following:-

1. Clubs shall contact the District Match Committee (see list below) on all matters pertaining to Disputes, References, Interpretations, Gradings, Eligibility, Venue and/or Date changes, extra Tournaments not approved etc. . This has been supported by the District Executive as the proper course of Protocol and a means of having the matters resolved quickly and more efficiently. Details of these matters will be sent to the District Secretary for record and further action, if needed. Note that the Bowls Coordinator is not a member of the Match Committee.
2. District Matches starting times shall be 9.00am for morning games and 1.00pm for afternoon games. Two (2) Trial Ends shall be allowed each singles player, team or side, playing the number of bowls to be used in the event on each end. At least twenty (20) minutes notice shall be given and allowed for Trial Ends to be completed prior to the scheduled starting time on the rink allocated for the match. Check with the Controlling Body re practice before the Trial Ends (COP 2.11.)
3. It shall be the responsibility of the designated home Club at all District Matches to announce the names of the Controlling Body and Umpire before start of play, ensuring that Association Events are played in accordance with the RNSWBA Conditions of Play. Refer to COP 14 for further duties and responsibilities of the Controlling Body.
4. If the greens of the designated home Club are unplayable, the draw may be reversed, by mutual consent and the Pennant Result Sheets shall be completed by the designated home side ADDING an explanation of the situation, if this is the case.
5. In all District matches, Clubs shall provide the best available surface for play.
6. When a match is in progress on a green equipped with artificial lighting and an appeal against the natural light is upheld, the match shall be continued under the artificial lighting. When the green is NOT so equipped, such match may continue on the adjacent green, ONLY with the consent of the opponents.
7. The result OR non-result of all scheduled matches shall be faxed or phoned by the venue Club to the official recorder (Bowls Coordinator) by 7.00pm daily. A fine of up to \$500 + GST may be imposed for failure to do so.
8. Venues for District Championships (showing playing dates on Entry Form) shall be faxed and/or posted to Clubs on Mondays prior to the weekend of scheduled play. Team Events only show Skippers names. Completed District Championship cards MUST be held at the venue Club for at least one (1) month.
9. The relevant Controlling Body of any event shall make the decision to play, abandon, suspend, resume or reschedule a match when weather conditions (rain, hail, heat, cold, darkness, wind, lightning etc.) deem it necessary. In all cases, the health and safety of players should be the prime consideration. The Bowls Coordinator and Clubs involved shall be informed of its decision. (See also COP 2.19).
10. Communication Devices (mobile phones etc.) shall not be taken onto or used on the green or its surrounds in 'active' mode during any Event, except with the explicit approval of the Controlling Body. If approved, the device shall be in 'silent mode'. They may be left with responsible personnel for emergency purposes only.

Penalties prevail - (COP 2.24).

11. All Club officials and/or their agents are advised they MUST apply to and receive permission from the Match Committee if their Club wishes to hold any tournament that has not been approved by the District and is not listed on the Official Program of the District for that year. These tournaments are those at which members of other Clubs are invited to compete. It is further advised that if Clubs wish to change the dates of any approved event on the Official Program, permission MUST be received from the Match Committee.

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DISTRICT PENNANTS SECTION

(To be used and taken in conjunction with the above 2013-14 Conditions of Play)

1. There shall be as many grades of Pennants as the District from time to time may determine.
2. Where a Club enters two or more sides in any one Grade, they shall be identified as 1, 2, 3
3. etc., and be deemed the higher and lower in order for eligibility and grading purposes.
4. Pennant matches shall be played on Saturday, however the Match Committee shall have the power to list Pennant matches on Sunday, if necessary. The scheduled starting times shall be 1pm Saturdays and 9am Sundays with two (2) Trial Ends being permitted to each player in each Side, starting at least twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.
5. If practice is permitted, the Controlling Body shall advise the rinks allocated to each Grade not less than one (1) hour before the scheduled starting time and both sides given equal opportunity to practice up to commencement of the Trial Ends. Players SHALL NOT practice on the rinks allocated to their match. The highest Grade shall take precedence in green space.
6. The threshold number of matches to play in one grade and be eligible for Post Sectional Play is four (4), where seven (7) or more matches are scheduled for the season. This may be waived with recommendation of District/Zone and approval of State Match Committee. (COP 4.16.2.1) District Post-Sectional play-offs will be played on Saturdays as per Pennant procedure.

Side Managers (either male or female Club members) may have an assistant. They shall be at the venue Club not less than forty (40) minutes before the scheduled starting time. They shall be responsible for the drawing of cards and of rinks, the toss for the mat and inform the Controlling Body of same not less than twenty five (25) minutes before the starting time. They will also complete and send the Pennant result form. Side Manager shall be the Side's representative in all matters concerning the playing of a match.

7. In all matches, it is the Skippers responsibility to keep and sign scorecards.
8. A minimum of 54 ends shall constitute a completed game. If less than 54 ends are completed, the game shall be continued to 63 ends and resumed as soon as possible to gain a result. Each side shall retain its score cards and copy of the Pennant result sheet for the resumption, with skips to sign/initial score cards at point of interruption. One replacement player per team may be permitted for the resumed match only with approval from the Match Committee. Players selected in the resumed match shall not have played in any other grade in the same round. (Refer COP 4.10)
9. Results including Byes, Forfeits, Incomplete and Non-played matches shall be forwarded to the Bowls

Coordinator by the designated HOME side as soon as possible after completion or no later than 7.00pm of the following Monday on the Pennant Result Form. Penalty for failure to supply results or supply false and/or misleading information is a fine of up to \$550.

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10. All Pennant matches, including the FINAL round, MUST be played regardless of a Side's position. This condition may be waived by the District Match Committee upon application by the Clubs involved where these matches have no influence on the elevation and regression system. Games not commenced shall be played on the Sunday of the next week with the Home Side responsible for informing the Match Committee of the situation. (Refer COP Section 4.9.)
11. Unless a satisfactory reason is provided, a Club forfeiting a Pennant match may have a fine, not exceeding \$600, imposed for each side and/or the Club may have their entry declined for any Association event for a period of up to twelve (12) months. A side forfeiting shall notify the Controlling Body, the opponent and venue Club at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time, unless unable to do so within reason. (Refer COP 4.14 & 2.7.)

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