

Guidelines for the Play of Zone 10 Championships

GENERAL

- Practice is not permitted prior to the play of State/Zone Championships (Zone COP 2.11)
- Starting times for all matches is deemed to be 20 minutes after commencement of the trial ends – e.g. 8.35am call of cards, 8.40am roll up, 9am official start time of the match. (Zone COP 2.9)
- Players arriving after roll-up time forfeit their right to pre-game practice.
- If 15 minutes after scheduled start time one or more players are absent from a team, the defaulting team forfeit the match to their opponents (COP 2.28.5) e.g. – 1.15pm for a game that has a 12.40pm roll-up

SUBSTITUES AND REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

Domestic Regulation 2.1.7 and Law 55.1.6 in relation to the use of Replacement Players has changed so as to no longer allow the use of a Replacement Player in the **FIRST** round of a competition:

2.1.7 Replacement Player: *a player who is appointed to take the place of a constituted player who cannot play in any round **after the first round** of that competition for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body.*

This basically means that:

- Once entries close, Intended Players in a team can only withdraw if the whole team is withdrawn.
- A Replacement Player may replace a constituted player only **AFTER** the first round, for reasons accepted by the Controlling Body (Zone 10 Match Committee).
- **Only the Zone 10 Match Committee can authorise a Replacement Player.** The team desiring the use of a replacement player is required to make written application to the Zone 10 Match Committee with said request.
- A Substitute Player is still permitted for **ANY** round of a competition as per **COP 2.28.3**. Please note: Substitutes are not permitted for a player who has a commitment to another bowls competition and are not permitted to act as Skip. **Venue Controlling Body is able to authorise the use of a substitution.**
- Penalty for breach of Substitute or Replacement Player rule is disqualification.

RESULT RECORDING

- Results shall be recorded at the conclusion of each round and advised to Zone 10 Match by one of the three methods outlined below:
 - i. By accessing the following Link you are able to record results directly to the Zone 10 Database, which will automatically update results to the Zone 10 Website. You require only an internet connection to use this method as per directions below:
 - a. Connect to "Microsoft One Drive" through this link: **Will be provided**
 - b. Click on the 'Edit in Browser' button located in the top bar of the webpage.
 - c. Scroll to your section and enter your results. They will be automatically saved and updated to the Zone 10 Website immediately upon data entry conclusion and name of winner should appear in the box for the next round.
 - d. When finished, simply close the window and re-open the link when further result entry is required.
 - ii. *OR* Enter results into the attached spreadsheet and email results to match@zone10.org.au at the conclusion of each round.
 - iii. *OR* Fax result sheets to (02)9034-4565 at the conclusion of each round.

Please note: When using spreadsheets to record results, if there is a forfeit, please enter a "WOF" in the result box of the non-offending player and a "0" in the box of the forfeiting player to allow for automatic updating of result sheets.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- The Host venue is the sole arbitrator in determining whether play should be delayed or abandoned as a result inclement weather (refer Zone COP 2.19), Should weather result in play being **delayed**:
 - i. Players may be asked to remain at the venue for a reasonable period of time if it is reasonable to expect weather will clear.
 - ii. Where it is unlikely morning matches will proceed, but it is expected that weather may clear in time for the afternoon, the host venue should:
 - a. Ask players scheduled to play morning games to return to play in the afternoon
 - b. Advise the clubs of players scheduled for afternoon matches of the change.
 - c. Notify Zone 10 Match of the change so they can alert players and clubs through social media.
 - d. All subsequent rounds shall be regressed one timeslot e.g. – Sunday morning matches deferred to Sunday afternoon, Sunday afternoon matches deferred to following Saturday morning etc.
- Should weather result in play being **abandoned**:
 - i. Games will be regressed to the following scheduled day e.g.- Sunday abandonment, next Saturday morning resumption.
 - ii. The host club should:
 - a. Immediately notify Zone 10 Match of the change so they can alert players and clubs through social media.
 - b. Advise the clubs of players involved of the change.
 - c. Should a member of the controlling body not be readily available on-site to assist with enquiries please:
 - ii. Post a notice in a conspicuous location of the required changes
 - iii. Ensure a responsible contact remains at the club to advise those who may call-in of the change.

FORFEITS

Should a team/player be required to forfeit a Zone Championship match, they shall, no less than 48 hours prior to scheduled match, act in accordance with procedures outlined in **Zone COP 2.7.3** and:

- Notify their home club secretary/bowls coordinator.
- Notify the Zone 10 Match Committee via email – match@zone10.org.au
- Notify the host venue of their match.
- Notify their opponent or their opponents club.

Failure to adhere to these stipulations may result in players being fined or being restricted from participating in future Association Events.