Zone 10 Match Committee has completed Grade Allocations for the 2017 Pennant Season, which is based on nominations received from participating clubs, and can be viewed on Zone 10 Web Site.. In deciding whether to reallocate a team we try to have a balanced competition with hopefully no byes. If there are to be byes Match Committee will try to have them in Grade 7 where possible. It was necessary for the Match Committee to reallocate some teams to grades different to those requested as follows:

**GRADE 2**

* Carlingford - promoted from Grade 3 to Grade 2. In order to balance Grade 2 (5 teams) and Grade 3 (10 teams) into a manageable and balanced competition, it was necessary to promote a Grade 3 side. As Carlingford were the next best performed in the 2016 Grade 3 Zone Pennant, with the runner-up (Rosehill) no longer having any grade 3 players who have left the club (Rosehill).

**GRADE 3**

* In order to balance Grade 3 (9 teams) The Match Committee would need to promote two teams from Grade 4 and keep requested regress (Denistone Sports) in grade 3. The promoted teams from grade 4 is the winner (Beecroft) and runner up (North Epping).

 **GRADE 4**

* It was necessary to promote a two teams to balance Grade 4 (10 teams) Grade 5 runner-up was Wentworthville Leagues the Match Committee decided to promote them, as the highest qualified team from Grade 5 after the winner was Burwood Diggers even thought they had requested a regression to Grade 6 we decided that they should be promoted to Grade 4. They had no loss of players or any gained Players.

**GRADE 5**

* To balance Grade 5 (14 teams) we need to regress two teams to Grade 6. The two Lowest performed teams in Grade 5 were Concord RSL and Denistone Sports.

**GRADE 6**

* In order to balance Grade 6 (19 teams) & Grade 7 (14 teams), it was necessary to regress a team from Grade 6. North Ryde RSL finished second last so it was decided they would be was regressed.

**GRADE 7**

* There are currently 15 teams in grade 7, If we can have an addition of three further teams, making an 18-side competition played in 3 sections of 6 sides.  As Zone 10 is keen for all players wishing to participate in State Pennants be given the opportunity to do so, the Zone 10 Match Committee is actively pursuing clubs to make up the additional three (3) sides required. If your club is in a position to assist with an extra team or the availability of 4 to 8 players who could become part of the formation of a composite side, please advise as such via return email.

Clubs have until Monday 30th January to make application to appeal the decisions of the Zone 10 Match Committee in relation to Grade Allocations. Such an appeal must be made in writing and should be sent to match@zone10.org.au.

Shortly after the closing of the appeals date, clubs will be sent a revised list of the players they have nominated to represent them in the 2017 Pennant Season, as well a summary of the grades in which they are permitted to compete based on the grades that have been allocated to each club. Clubs will be required to check these nominations and advise Zone 10 Match of any errors or omission.  If you have a player(s), that you are wanting to play in grades in which they are not automatically eligible, you will need to make an application to have them re-graded. This application should be made using the  Player Re-grade Application Form, which is available on the [Zone 10](http://www.zone10.bowls.com.au/customdata/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_main&ItemID=74210&OrgID=16427)  or [Bowls NSW](http://www.rnswba.org.au/RNSWBA/document-lib/search?searchText=Regrade17&x=7&y=1) websites (the 2017 version of Player Re-grade Application is only available at this time), and should be sent to match@zone10.org.au, who will then forward it with their recommendations to the State Match Committee for their consideration. Please note- whilst the decision to approve/deny re-grade applications is the function of the State Match Committee, *ALL APPLICATIONS MUST*  be directed through Zone 10 Match. Any application sent directly to the State Match Committee will be returned without action.

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