MEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS STATE SINGLES 2017/18
CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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1.	**Controlling Body**	Mornington Peninsula Bowls Division Match Committee
2.	**Event**	Men's Champion of Champions State Singles
3.	**Dates**	Entries Close - **18th December 2017 1:00 pm**
		Knockout Rounds Commence – **30th December 2017**
		Subsequent Play - **6th January 2018 & 7th January 2018**

4. Venues

As determined by Region/Division Championship Committee

5. Starting Times

5.1 Region/Division Championship Committees will set start times for events.

5.2 A player who is not available to play within 30 minutes of the appointed time for commencing the match will automatically forfeit the match.

6. Entry Conditions

Open to all Bowls Victoria affiliated Male bowlers who are champion of a club in the current season having played 25 up singles in that championship.

Entry Forms are to be emailed to mpmatch16@gmail.com by the closing date.

Entries received after **1:00 pm** on the closing date will not be accepted.

The Division will invoice each club for players recorded as received on the Entry Form.

7. Marking

Marking duties to be performed by appropriately qualified officials or suitable persons as nominated by them.

8. Format of Play

Rounds	25 shots up Knockout Play (number of games per day set by the Controlling Body)
Final	25 shots up.

9. Draw

9.1 The blind draws for the knockout rounds will be conducted by the Region/Division Championship Committee.

9.2 Once the draws have been published, no late entries will be accepted and the draw will not be changed.

10. Trial Ends

10.1 One trial end in each direction may be permitted prior to the commencement time, and must be completed before the designated commencement time.

11 Slow Play – Delaying Play

11.1 If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one on the skips or the opponent in singles, decides that a player is unnecessarily delaying the delivery of the player's bowl:

- On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player
- If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent.
- If the player offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent.

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12 Player Protection

12.1 Players due to participate in a higher level event on the same day as that scheduled for knockout, sectional and post-sectional play can apply to the Controlling Body for protection

12.2 If the event cannot be rescheduled then the participant concerned will have to decide which event to contest.

13 Footwear and Attire

13.1 2017/18 Bowls Victoria Regulations for Attire will apply to all rounds.

14 Other Laws, Regulations & Policies

The Championship will be played in accordance with the 2015 Laws of the Sport of Bowls, the BA Domestic Regulations and the 2017/18 BV Rules for Competition.

Bowls Victoria has introduced the following:-

A Region or Division conducting a State event shall have power to apply a penalty, solely in the case of a dispute that involves non-appearance by a person or persons who having nominated for a State event fail to appear at the appropriate time and location without prior advice to the controlling body at least 24 hours prior with good cause.

In such circumstances the onus is on the player/s to provide satisfactory reason and evidence for non-appearance. Such penalty shall be $50 for each occasion payable within 21 days from the date of the scheduled event. Failure to make payment within the prescribed time will result in the person/s being rendered ineligible in further State events for a period of 12 months from the date of the offence.

The Controlling Body has the right to alter the conditions of play if necessary