



ZONE 10

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1. Introduction and Administration

The Zone 10 Conditions of Play are written as an outline of the methods and procedures Zone 10 will employ in performing its function as the delegated Controlling Body for Bowls NSW.

In order for there to be cohesion, the clause numbers referenced within the Zone 10 Conditions of Play are aligned to those contained within the Bowls NSW State Conditions of Play. State Conditions of Play clause numbers omitted from this document are indicative that further clarification from Zone 10 was not required.

This document is intended to be used in compliment to **The Bowls NSW Conditions of Play, Bowls Australia Domestic Regulations (DR 1-5) and The Laws of the Sport of Bowls Third Edition**: Should a situation arise that is not covered by the Zone 10 Conditions of Play, reference should be made to these publications.

Subject to State Match Committee endorsement, the following shall apply:

If Clubs have not paid their capitation fees by the required date they are deemed to be not financial and as such shall be disqualified or withdrawn from all Association events

1.6 Club / District / Zone / State Match Committee Responsibility

Zones / Districts / Clubs have delegated the responsibility of ensuring that Association Events are conducted in accordance with the RNSWBA Conditions of Play.

The relevant Match Committee is responsible for the conduct of all Association events under their control.

The relevant Match Committee, under special circumstances, may change the number of ends to be played, change the days and times of play, change greens or venues for play or make such other adjustments as are deemed necessary to complete an event.

The relevant Match Committee shall inquire into and settle disputes concerning Association events in accordance with agreed procedures.

Appeals and disputes shall be settled according to the protocol through Club, then District then Zone, and then State Match Committee. The RNSWBA Board finalises any subsequent appeals.

1.7.1. Attire (Association Events)

All Players and Officials shall be required to be attired in compliance with RNSWBA Regulations and Policies

Note: Bowls Australia logo is mandatory on shirts, jackets and vests

The penalty for Non-Compliant Attire– Disqualification.

2. General Conditions Governing All Championships (Association Events)

2.1. Association Events

- State Pennants – (Excluding Grade 1 Metropolitan Pennant)
 - State Championships
 - State Senior Championships
 - State Junior Championships
 - President's Reserve Singles & Pairs
 - Inter-Zone Sides Championships
 - Senior Inter-Zone Sides Championship
 - Junior Inter-Zone Sides Championship
 - Champion of Club Champions - Singles
 - Champion of Club Champions – Pairs
 - Rookies Singles and Pairs
- **Note:** All other events are Non-Association events governed by Zone 10 Match Committee. It is the responsibility of the Controlling Body for that event to determine the Conditions of Play.

- Mid-Week 5-a-side Championship
- Zone 10 Triples & Fours

This does not include club events, i.e.: Minor Singles or mixed events, which are under the control of the individual clubs.

2.3. Format of Zone Championships

Association events shall be conducted as follows: State

Pennants - Open draw

State Championships - Open draw, knockout

Special events –See Conditions of Play for each special event.

Rookies Singles and Pairs (Refer Separate publication of Rookies Conditions of Play) Play or Forfeit Rule - At least six (6) days' notice of play given to all players before each match.

Notes:

- All Clubs must recognise that in Association Events players shall, at all times, be able to choose their own teams. In Club Triples and Fours (only) Clubs may include eligibility restrictions on the formations of teams.
- For all Zone 10 Events the venue Controlling Body shall announce, before the commencement of play, the name(s) of the Representative of the Controlling Body and Umpire(s) on the day.

2.4. Disqualification

If a player, team or side is disqualified for any reason, the player, team or side LAST DEFEATED by said disqualified player, team or side, shall take their place.

2.5. Entries

Nominations for an event showing the player(s) names and RNSWBA Registration Number(s), accompanied by the applicable entry fee or proof of payment, should be made to The Zone 10 Secretary no later than 5pm on entry closing date. Late entries will not be accepted.

Players in a team shall be from the same Club, except as otherwise provided for in Conditions of Play.

2.6. Players Eligibility

2.6.1. To Enter Association Events

To enter and play an Association event with a Club, a player shall:

1. **be a registered Bowling Member of that Club (ie. registered with the RNSWBA as an Individual Member or Registered Player by that Club)**
2. **be Cleared to play at that club (if required)**
3. Not have another club as their declared club for that season
4. **If Applicable, have a membership category at that club that entitles them to play Association Events.**

2.6.2. Declaration Of Club For Season

A player changing their declared Club from one season to the next requires a Clearance & Registration Transfer Application (with the appropriate fee) to the RNSWBA, as required in RNSWBA Regulation 7.2 If two or more Clubs shall each have registered the same member in any season, then such member shall be deemed to have declared to play for the Club with which he shall first have played or been constituted in any Association competition during such season.

No Bowling Member shall play in Association Events for more than one Club during the bowling season, except as provided by Condition 2.6.3 unless substituting as an affiliated member providing no eligible player is available.

Penalty: player, team or side disqualified from the competition. Refer Condition 1.3 NB: Penalties for Pennants applies only to the Rounds in which an ineligible player played, refer 4.24

2.6.3. Change Of Declared Club During The Season

2.6.3.1. Change of Declared Club

A player who wishes to change his declared Club during the season must make written application to the State Match Committee. Any such application shall be endorsed by the Clubs, District(s) and Zone(s) involved and a Clearance & Registration Transfer Application lodged with the RNSWBA. (refer also RNSWBA Regulations)

Permission to change declared Club for the season shall only be considered when;

- i. A player changes his place of residence, the change making travel to his declared Club impractical.
- ii. The player is required to change his declared Club as a condition of his employment with his prospective new Club. *Employment must be full-time or a primary source of income.* OR
- iii. There are special or exceptional circumstances.

Once approved by the State Match Committee the player shall cease to be eligible to enter or play in ANY Association Event with their former club (except as provided for in 2.6.4 below) and shall become eligible to play in any Association Event they have not already entered in or become constituted in during the current season.

2.6.4. Winners / Qualifiers

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Club, District, Zone or Association Champion always remains eligible to continue to compete in that specific event during the season, irrespective of any change of declared Club membership, provided he is registered with the RNSWBA.

2.6.5. Host Clubs of Events

Clubs hosting District, Zone and State Events shall allow all players drawn to play at their venue the ability to participate in those events, provided those players have not been suspended for a bowls related matter. Should the club decline to allow a player to participate, that match may be transferred to another venue on appeal to the relevant Controlling Body.

2.7 Forfeits - Players / Teams / Sides Obligations

2.7.1 Forfeit

A player or team unable to meet their commitment to play on a drawn playing date and to whom dispensation is not applicable shall forfeit the match to their opponents.

2.7.2 Notification

A player or team forfeiting shall, no less than 24 hours prior, notify:

- The Zone 10 Match Committee
- The Opponent's Club
- The Venue Club

Notification of a forfeit is binding and may not be revoked. Should play not commence on the date of the forfeited match, the forfeit shall remain in force.

2.7.3 Penalty

Not exceeding \$110 per player for any one offence and/or have their entry declined for any Association Event for a period of up to twelve (12) months

2.8 Championship Draws

Entries received for Zone 10 Championships will be published online and emailed to each Club four days prior to draw being conducted. It is the Clubs responsibility to ensure all entry information is correct and to notify The Zone 10 Match Committee immediately of any errors or omissions. Completed and published draw will be final and shall not be amended.

All draws shall be conducted as an open draw and include intended dates for each round of play. Post sectional play shall be as follows:

2 Section Competition

Final: Winner Section 1 -v- Winner Section 2

4 Section Competitions

Winner Section 1 -v- Winner Section 2 Winner
Section 3 -v- Winner Section 4 Final: Winner (1
-v- 2) -v- Winner (3 -v- 4)

8 Section Competition

Winner Section 1 -v- Winner Section 2

Winner Section 3 -v- Winner Section 4
Winner Section 5 -v- Winner Section 6
Winner Section 7 -v- Winner Section 8
Semi Final 1: Winner (1 -v- 2) - v- Winner (3 -v- 4)
Semi Final 2: Winner (5 -v- 6) -v- Winner (7 -v- 8) Final:
Winner Semi Final 1 -v- Winner Semi Final 2

2.9 Starting Times

Scheduled start time for all matches is deemed to be 20 minutes after the advised commencement of Trial Ends as determined by the Zone 10 Match Committee. Thirty (30) minutes to be allowed between matches for lunch.

2.9.1 Late Arrivals

If 15 minutes after the scheduled start time for a match, one or more players are absent from a team, the defaulting team will forfeit the match to their opponents (Refer **Law 39 & COP 2.28.5**)

2.10 Trial Ends

A singles player or team shall be allowed two (2) trial ends for each match, playing the number of bowls to be used in the event on each end. Trial ends shall be completed prior to the scheduled starting time. The rink on which a player or team is to play shall be announced and made available not later than twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.

2.11 Practice

No practice will be permitted prior to play of State/Zone Championships.

2.12 Controlling Body / Umpires

It is preferable for The Controlling Body Representative for a Zone Championship not be a contestant in the said Zone Championship Event.

A person currently accredited as a National Umpire should be in attendance to officiate at all Zone Championships. The Umpire so appointed shall not, unless absolutely unavoidable, be a contestant in said Zone Championship. Refer Section 13– Duties of Controlling Body

2.13 Number of Bowls Used in Zone Championships

Except for as specifically provided for in an event's COP, bowls used shall be:

- Singles 4 bowls each played singly and alternately.
- Pairs 4 bowls each in order lead 2 bowls, skip 2 bowls, played singly and alternately.
- Triples 2 bowls each played singly and alternately in order lead, second, skip.
- Fours Two bowls each played singly and alternately in order lead, second, third, skip.

2.15 See Bowls Stickers/Adhesive Markings

Refer Law 52.1.8 (cm 3rd Ed) and DR 4.7

2.16 Concurrent Events

If a player qualifies for more than one Zone Championship event under the control of the Zone Match Committee, the player shall not be penalised for failing to attend any other event which is set down to be played at the same time. Refer Section 5 Order of Precedence

2.17 Markers

A marker shall be appointed for each singles match and shall be a registered Bowling Member of a Club affiliated with a State, Territory and/or National Lawn Bowls Association.

A player defeated *MUST* mark in the next round scheduled on that day if so required. If more markers are available than required, names shall be drawn by lot before the preceding match. A substitute marker may mark.

The penalty for failing to mark if required - one hundred and ten dollars (\$110) & disqualification from participation in subsequent Zone Events for 12mths.

2.18 Greens for Play

Clubs should not schedule any event to be played on the same dates as the State, Senior, President Reserve Singles and Pairs sectional rounds. All Zone 10 clubs are expected to be a

venue club for these events. Failure to comply with this provision may incur a fine of up to \$600 and/or disqualification of the offending clubs' championship entrants. Clubs shall provide the best available surface for the playing of Association events.

2.19 Inclement Weather

The venue Club is solely responsible for making a determination as to whether a game affected by inclement weather or unforeseen circumstance is to proceed. The venue club shall notify the Zone 10 Match Committee and the Clubs of the players affected immediately upon reaching its decision. Where possible, the Zone 10 Match Committee will publish these decisions on the Zone 10 website and Facebook page.

2.20 Duration of Matches

Except for as specifically provided for in an event's COP, match duration shall be:

Fours - 21 Ends;

Triples - 25 Ends (2 Bowls) Club Events (3 Bowls) Pairs
- 21 Ends;

Singles - 31 Shots Up

2.21 Results

The Venue Club shall either update results electronically or forward results for all State/ Zone 10 Championships to the Zone 10 Match Committee via Email match@zone10.org.au or Fax 9034 4539 immediately after the conclusion of *EACH* round or the suspension of the days' play.

2.23 Appeals - Disputes

The relevant Controlling Body should resolve disputes or appeals arising out of the application of these Conditions of Play. A decision taken by a Controlling Body shall be binding in all respects if any immediate result is required.

If an immediate result is not required, an appeal accompanied by all relevant information may be made to the Zone 10 Match Committee.

2.26 Coaching

Either the coach of a player, team or side or, in their absence, the coach's delegated deputy, can give advice to a player during the course of play as long as:

- the umpire is given the names of the coach or the coach's delegated deputy as appropriate before the game starts;
- only one person is present at the rink to give advice at any one time;
- the person giving the advice does so when their team or side is in possession of the rink; and
- the person giving the advice does so from outside the boundaries of the green.
- If, in the umpire's opinion, this law has been broken, the umpire must ask the coach or delegated deputy concerned to stay within the law. If they do not stay within the law, the umpire must ask the Controlling Body to take immediate action to make sure that the offender stops breaking the law.

The Coach shall be considered as a member of the team or side shall be attired in a manner that identifies them as a member of that **club**

2.27 Delaying Play

If the Umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips, decides See also SCOP 2.29

2.27 Substitutes and Replacement Players (Refer Domestic Regulations)

For information, as to Substitutes, Replacement players and Absentee players, please refer to **State COP 2.28**.

that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl:

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

Particular attention should be paid to **State COP 2.28.2.6** - *A player may not withdraw from an intended team unless the entire team withdraws from the competition and*

State COP 2.28.5 - Absentee players in a side game (Law 39.2.3), which prescribes that:

If a player is absent from one or more teams in a side game and no eligible substitute is available, each team with an absent player plays as though the second is missing and each player uses ONLY the number of bowls specified for that event.

E.G. – In a Side game, a fours team with an absent player plays six bowls to their oppositions 8 bowls. The game result stands as played with no weighting adjustment made to the score.

Clarification of use of Substitutes and Replacement Players in a resumed Pennant Match

The State Match Committee advises that in a **resumed** Pennant match where players from the original side are not available to play when the match resumed:

1. If one player is absent from a team (within a side), a substitute player (only) may be used to take that player's place. The substitute may play lead, second or third but is not permitted to play skip.
2. If two players are absent from a team (within a side), a substitute and a replacement player may be used in that team. The replacement player is permitted to play skip.
3. If three players are absent from a team (within a side), a substitute and a replacement player may be used in that team and the team shall complete the match with three players (as permitted under COP 2.28.5) with the three players each playing two bowls and the members of the team playing in the positions of lead, third and skip (the team plays as if the second is the member absent). The complete (opposition team) will play consecutive bowls in the second position. In this case the lead shall assume the duties of keeping the score card.

Note: replacement players are permitted in a resumed Pennant match ONLY and only when two or more players are absent from that team. The above provisions apply to each team within a side.

Note: The Conditions of Play provide that a substitute may be play in place of a player who is absent for part of a match. (for example, a substitute may be used in place of a player who becomes ill during the course of a match)

2.29 Restricting Movement of Players

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

2.29.1. Singles Game

After delivery of their third and fourth bowls

2.29.2. Pairs game

2.29.2.1. Leads: After delivery of their second and fourth bowls

2.29.2.2. Skips: After delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls

2.29.3. Triples Game (2 bowls)

2.29.3.1. Leads: After delivery of their second bowl

2.29.3.2. Seconds: After delivery of their second bowl

2.29.3.3. Skips: After delivery of each of their bowls

2.29.4. Fours Game

2.29.4.1. Leads: After delivery of their second bowl

2.29.4.2. Seconds: After delivery of their second bowl

2.29.4.3. Thirds: After delivery of their second bowl. The third for each team may stand at the head end until it is their turn to play.

2.29.4.4. Skips: After delivery of each of their bowls

2.29.5. Players remaining at head end

When a player at the head walks up to the mat to deliver their first bowl, their direct opponent can remain at the head until that bowl has come to rest before walking up to the mat to deliver their first bowl.

2.29.6. Penalty

See also Law 13, Possession of the Rink

(i.) On the first occasion the umpire shall warn the player concerned. The skip of the team and manager/Coach in a sides game shall also be advised of the warning.

(ii.) On the second occasion the end in progress shall be declared completed and the opponents awarded the number of shots the same as the number of bowls in use in that game.

(iii.) On the third occasion the match shall be forfeited to the opponents.

2.30 Instantaneous Penalties

If the Umpire, on appeal by the Controlling Body, a Side Manager, a Skip or an Opponent, or by observation, in their opinion decides that a breach of any Law or Rule or any action by a Player/s, (**where there is no penalty specified in that Law or Rule**) such as: ...

- acting in an abusive, threatening or intimidating manner towards any person,
- using obscene, offensive, abusive, threatening or intimidating language towards any person,
- threatening any person with physical violence or assault,
- assaulting any person,
- acting in a manner likely to bring the sport of bowls into disrepute
- acting in a manner likely to bring Bowls NSW or any affiliated body into disrepute.

Has taken place, then after consultation with the controlling body,(in their absence the team / side managers) the end shall be immediately regarded as completed and the

(i.) Opponent of the offender shall be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the Opponent in singles or opposing Team in a Team game or team in a side game.

(ii.) Upon a second such offence by the same Player in the same game, the Umpire shall award the game to the Opponent/s according to Laws of the Sport (3rd Edition) C2 and C10.

(iii.) Should this penalty be applied, no replacement or substitute Player will be allowed for his/her Team.

(iv.) In a Team game the defaulting Team will forfeit the game to their Opponent.

(v.) In a Side game BA Domestic Regulations 2.5.1.1, 2.5.1.2 and 2.5.1.3 will apply.

(vi.) A replacement player is not permitted for a singles player. BA Domestic Regulation 2.4.6.

(vii.) Serious offences may also be subject to police action. Consultation should occur between the venue manager/ controlling body and umpire/s before such action is undertaken.

(viii.) The umpire must forward a written detailed report about any incident involving an instantaneous penalty to the respective Controlling Body within seven (7) days of the incident

3. State/Zone Championships

4. State Pennants

Amendments to 2017-18 State Pennants from 2016 State Conditions of Play

Players and Officials should familiarise themselves with State COP Amendments and changes to the 2017-18 State COP. Ignorance of these changes will not be accepted as an excuse for a breach of the 2017 COP.

4.1 General

The 2017 Grade 1 Metropolitan Pennant will be run directly under the auspices of the State Match Committee, who will act as Controlling Body for this competition. All rules,

regulations and decisions governing the Grade 1 Metropolitan Pennant can be found in the State COP. All reporting, disputes, appeals and enquiries relating to the Grade 1 Metropolitan Pennant should be directed to the State Match Committee.

The Zone 10 Pennant Competition for Grades 2 – 7 shall be conducted under the control of the Zone 10 Match Committee, who will delegate to the Controlling Body of the Venue Club(s). The COP outlined in Section 4 of this document pertains only to those competitions and matches under the control of the Zone 10 Match Committee.

4.1.1 Player Clearances (Zone 10)

A player who elects to change his declared club at which he plays his association events must complete the current RNSWBA Player Clearance and Registration Transfer Application Form and forward it to the RNSWBA together with the fee of \$25.00. Copy this form should be sent to the Zone Match Committee either by email match@zone10.org.au or Fax 9034 4539.

The player's intended club will be responsible for ensuring that the player's clearance form has been completed and signed by the club Secretary of his previous club and that such clearance has been received and processed by Bowls NSW.

4.2 Pennant Play

Pennant grades may be played as a single section or in multiple sections.

4.2.1

Pennant rounds may be played prior to the scheduled date by mutual agreement of the Clubs involved and the consent of the Zone 10 Match Committee. If the match is not commenced or completed, it shall be completed as directed by the Zone 10 Match Committee.

4.6 Side Officials

A club shall appoint a Side Manager (male or female) who shall be a member of the club and their respective association. They shall be responsible for drawing of the cards and rinks, the toss for the mat, and the completion of the pennant result form. The Side manager shall be the Sides representative in all matters concerning the playing of the match.

All Side Officials are regarded as members of the side and order to participate in any Zone Championship or event, the player must be a registered, shall be attired in a manner that identifies them as a member of that club.

Timetable

- 4.7.1** 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 shall commence not later than twenty (20) minutes before the starting time of the event.

Practice

- i) For matches scheduled for Trial ends to commence at 12.40pm:
- o Home team to practice from 11.45am to 12.05pm
 - o Visiting team to practice from 12.05pm to 12.25pm
- N.B – As players are not permitted to practice on the rink on which they are drawn to play, rink draws *SHALL* not take place till 12.25pm
- ii) For matches scheduled to begin at 9.30am, no practice will be permitted.

4.8 Play

Number of ends

Matches shall be played over 63 ends (21 ends on each rink).

4.9 Play Not Commenced

Matches not commenced shall be rescheduled to be played as per the following: Shall be played at 9.30 am on the Sunday following the next scheduled Pennant round.

Round 10 - Matches not commenced in round 10 that have a bearing on the competition shall be played on Saturday, May 20th,

Should there be insufficient time available to complete sectional rounds, clubs will be awarded Five (5) points for each round not played.

The Home Side is responsible for ensuring that Zone 10 Match is notified that play was not commenced. Both sides should send their intended side to the Zone 10 Match Committee as, if not played, the match may be used for eligibility for Post-Sectional Play.

Players selected to play in a rescheduled match shall not have played in a higher grade in the same round and shall not have a current season grading in a higher grade on the date that the match is rescheduled. **(Note that an originally named intended player may become ineligible to play in the rescheduled match. - Refer 4.17)**

4.10 Play Not Completed

Matches not completed shall be resumed as per the outlined scheduled for matches not commenced (Refer 4.9).

Should there be insufficient time available to complete sectional rounds, clubs will be awarded Five (5) points each for each The Pennant Result Form for the match not completed shall be forwarded to Zone 10. Each side shall retain its score cards and a copy of the Pennant Result Form.

Notes:

- ☐ A minimum of 54 ends shall constitute a completed **match**. If an incomplete match is resumed at a later date, it shall be continued to 63 ends where conditions permit.
- ☐ In a resumed match where an original constituted player(s) is unavailable, the provisions of DR 4 shall apply. One replacement player per team may be permitted; such replacement player must be approved by the Zone 10 Match Committee.
- ☐ The originally constituted players remain eligible to complete the match.

Players selected as replacement players or substitutes in a resumed match shall not have played in a **higher** grade in the same round and shall not have a current season grading in a higher grade on the date that the match is resumed round not completed.

4.11 Inclement Weather

The venue Club is solely responsible for making a determination as to whether a Pennant Match affected by inclement weather or unforeseen circumstance is to proceed. The venue club shall notify the Zone 10 match Committee and their opponents of a decision to postpone no later than 8 am for morning matches and 11 am for afternoon matches.

Where Possible, the Zone 10 Match Committee will publish these decisions on the Zone 10 website and Facebook page.

4.12 Method of Scoring

The method of scoring for ALL SECTIONAL PENNANT MATCHES shall be:

Win.....7 Points (Side scoring the highest aggregate number of shots).

Tie (Draw).... 3.5 Points (Both Sides Score equal aggregate number of shots).

Loss.....0 Points (Side scoring the lesser aggregate number of shots)

Team. Win 1 point for each team in a side that wins (rink win).

Team Tie.....0.5 points for each team in a side that ties (drawn rink).

4.12.1 Determining Sectional Results

The winner of the Sectional Series of Matches shall be determined as follows:

- i. The side scoring the highest number of points shall be declared the winner.
- ii. If there is a tie, the side with the greatest aggregate margin (the difference between 'shots for' and 'shots against') shall be declared the winner.
- iii. If there is still a tie, the side with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- iv. If there is still a tie, the side winning the highest number of ends over all matches of Sectional play shall be declared the winner.

This method will also be used to determine the rankings of Sectional Winners.

4.13. Bye

Where a Club withdraws before the commencement of a competition OR where there is an odd number of teams in a section, a bye shall occur.

Nil points for a bye.

Note: Byes do not count towards players eligibility for post section (COP 4.21) or grading (COP 4.16)

4.14. Forfeit

A side receiving a forfeit during sectional play shall be awarded **maximum points** and be credited with a margin of +15 shots.

At the time of the forfeit the match shall be recorded as a score of 15-0. If at the end of sectional play the determination of section winners is to be determined by shots conceded (See COP 4.12) the match scores shall be calculated as: Side forfeiting shall be credited as scoring the average number of shots of losing sides in that section over the season. Side receiving forfeit shall be credited with average losing score +15 shots ,

A side receiving a forfeit shall submit a Pennant Result Form. For the purposes of grading of players and eligibility for post sectional play the match shall be deemed to be a match played and the players declared on the Result Form regarded as having played the match

If a Club fields more than one Pennant Grade on the same playing date, any forfeit shall be that of the lowest grade.

See Also Condition 2.7:

A side forfeiting shall notify:

- The Controlling Body
- The Opponent
- The Venue Club

at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the first match, unless there is a satisfactory explanation for not doing so.

PENALTY (as prescribed by 2.7): not exceeding \$600 per side for any one offence and/or have their entry declined for any association event for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

A side forfeiting any match must submit to the relevant Controlling Body a written explanation of the reason(s) for the forfeiture of the match. Such explanation to be submitted within seven (7) days of the date on which the match was scheduled to be played.

Should the explanation be deemed inadequate, a penalty not exceeding \$600 per side may be imposed on the Club for any one offence and/or the Club may have their entry declined for any Association Event for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

4.15 Clubs

Byes do not count towards player eligibility for Post Sectional Play (State COP 4.21) or grading (State COP 4.16) and as such, team sheets are not required to be recorded.

4.15.1 Elevation of Clubs (refer to State COP 4.15.1)

Clubs that nominate for a grade other than the automatic elevation in accordance with State Conditions of Play will need to provide justification to the Zone 10 Match Committee for that nomination to be granted.

4.15.2 The Zone 10 Match Committee may regress sides within a club, taking into account the previous year's pennant performances and according to the previous season gradings of the Approval & Reporting

All Clubs shall provide a list of players nominating for selection for the club for the current season. Such list should show the players previous season grading and should accompany the application for grades in that season.

Clubs will need to make application, through Zone 10 Match, to the State Match Committee to use players in their teams during the 2016 Pennant Season that do not appear on this list (See COP 4.3.1)

4.16 Player Grading & Eligibility

Clubs may make an application for specific players to have their grading or eligibility varied by completing the Application for Variation of Condition of Play 4.16 Form (available on Bowls NSW Website) and submitting it along with any supporting evidence **to the Zone 10 Match Committee**. Who then will forward on to the State Match Committee for approval.

4.16.1 Eligibility (refer State COP 4.16.1)

The Zone 10 Match committee will issue all Clubs with a list of registered players and their grade eligibility prior to the commencement of the 2017 Pennant Season. Clubs should check all intended Pennant players are confirmed on this list, their gradings are correct and should notify the Zone 10 Match Committee immediately should any discrepancies be identified.

4.16.1.6 Non-Consecutive Grades

- (i) Where a Club does not have consecutive Grades **four (4)** players only from each of those non-consecutive grades 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. ***The four players is for the whole of the season (for each of the non-consecutive grades) and includes any players under 4.16.1.3. Refer also 4.16.1.1. Clubs requiring more than the permitted four players shall apply for a variation of Condition of Play 4.16 on the appropriate form.***
- (ii.) A Club having consecutive grades as a result of regression shall be entitled to apply the conditions of 4.16.1.5(i) to those consecutive grades.

4.16.2.1 Current Season Grading (refer State COP 4.16.2)

The Zone 10 Match Committee will post updated gradings for participating pennant players at the conclusion of each round on the Zone 10 Website. Clubs should continually check these posts to confirm player grade eligibility.

<i>Number of Sectional Matches Scheduled</i>	<i>Threshold – A player is graded in the grade if he plays in</i>
9 or more	5 matches
7 or 8	4 matches
5 or 6	3 matches
3 or 4	2 matches
2	1 match

4.17 Participation in State Pennants

A player may not participate in more than one match in any Round of Sectional Pennant Play (Grades 1 - 7) ***except for a resumed match or a rescheduled match not commenced.***

In a resumed or rescheduled match a player may play a subsequent match in a higher grade in place of an originally named player who is ineligible or unavailable for a reason accepted by the Zone 10 Match Committee on the subsequent date. Prior written permission shall be obtained from the Zone 10 Match Committee.

Matches shall be counted as matches played for grading and eligibility as follows:

Matches Not Completed

For a Replacement Player - Both the replaced and replacement player are regarded

has having played the match. The match counts towards current season grading and post sectional qualification eligibility.

For a Substituted Player – The match does not count for the substituted player.

Matches Not Commenced

Players constituted in the side on match re-commencement date are considered at COP 4.3.1) to have played for eligibility and grading purposes.

Penalties: As prescribed in Condition 4.24

4.18 Artificial Lighting

Artificial Lighting is permitted.

4.19 Change of Venue, Green or Rink.

The Venue controlling body may decide when to abandon play or change greens or rink/s of play because of adverse conditions of the weather or any other valid reason.

Grades with one section

If the greens of the home side are unavailable, the round may be played on the opponent's greens. If the greens of the visiting side are also unavailable, the Zone 10 Match Committee shall select an alternate venue.

Grades with multiple sections

If the greens of the home side are unavailable, the draw will be amended by the Zone 10 Match Committee

4.20 Results (refer State COP)

DEFINITION: The home side is the side appearing first in the draw.

1. The home side shall provide the pennant result form.
2. The pennant result form is designed to state the name of the home side on the left-hand side of the page. The Zone recommends that all scoring materials, scorecards, and scoreboards follow this pattern.

If a substitute is used, that person's name and RNSWBA Registration Number shall be recorded on the result form and signed by the **RESPONSIBILITY**

1. It is the responsibility of the home side following a match to email the results to the Zone 10 Match Committee at match@zone10.org.au no later than 6.00 pm on the day of the match, including matches that have not commenced, have not been completed or were forfeited.
2. The penalty for failing to supply results or supplying false or misleading information may result in a fine not exceeding \$500.

4.21 Eligibility for Post Sectional Play

To be eligible for Post Sectional play, a player must have played a minimum of the threshold number of matches as outlined in State COP 4.21. A player who has met the eligibility in a lower grade shall also be eligible.

Practice

No practice shall be allowed during Post Sectional Play. The host club should have a contact person available to provide progressive scores and results of matches.

4.22 Method of Scoring

All post-sectional play shall be conducted as a Knockout Competition, and the method of scoring shall be in accordance with State COP

4.22.1. Knock out play

The knock-out format is determined as follows:

- **Grades with One (1) Section:**

The top two (2) sides will contest the final.

- **Grades with Two (2) Sections:**

The two (2) Section winners will contest the final.

- **Grades with Three (3) Sections:**

The three (3) section winners will contest the finals plus the best ranked runner up. The No. 1 ranked side will play the No. 2 and the No.3 ranked side will play the best ranked.

The winners of each of these matches will then contest the final.

- **Grades with Four (4) Sections:**

The winner of Section 1 plays the winner of Section 2 The winner of Section 3 plays the winner of Section 4

The winners of each of these matches will then contest the final.

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.

4.24.1 Sectional Play

The offending side disqualified with the loss of all points for the match involved. 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.

PENNANT AWARDS

Pennant Flags

Winners Flags; will be presented to the Zone 10 winning sides.

Runner-up Flags; The Zone will *not* provide flags to the runners up, clubs may purchase them with Zone 10 approval.

Badges

14 Winners and 14 Runners-up badges will be awarded to players who participated in the Zone 10 Pennant finals, plus 1 badge each will be awarded to the non-playing Side Manager.

5. Order of Precedence

Order of precedence shall **not apply** for deferment of **State Pennants Sectional matches** with the exception of matches affected by players selected to represent NSW at the Australian Sides Championship. Clubs affected (for other matches) may negotiate with their opponents for affected matches and play on an alternate date, with the approval of the relevant Controlling Body. Failing agreement, the match shall be played on the scheduled date.

A player wishing to take advantage of the Order of Precedence provision as set out in State Conditions of Play (Section 5) shall give not less than seven (7) days written notice of the request to the Zone 10 Match Committee. Failure to provide such notice will result in a request for deferment being denied.

6. **Champion of Club Champion Singles and Pairs**

6.1 **Entry – Champion of Club Champions Singles & Pairs**

Open to players who win the respective Club Major Singles or Pairs Championship in the current year and register their intent to compete in the CoCC finals with the Zone 10 Match Committee prior to closing date of submissions Monday 31st July 2017.

6.3 **Format**

Open draw knockout play to find a winner.
Singles - 31 shots up,
Pairs - 21 ends.

6.4 **Pairs–Substitutes/Replacement Players**

Substitutes and/or replacement players are **not** permitted.

6.5 **Awards**

Awards will be presented to Zone winners and runner-ups

8 **State President’s Reserve Singles & Pairs, Zone Triples and Fours**

8.1 **Entry Eligibility State President’s Reserve Singles & Pairs**

Open to bowlers who were graded to play in No.5 Pennants or below in both the current and **his** previous **Bowling Season**. (Refer 4.16 and 4.17) and who have not entered in the corresponding State or Seniors Championship.

Previous winners of State President’s Reserve Singles at State level are not eligible to enter the State President’s Reserve Singles.

Note: A player who becomes graded higher than Grade 5 in the Current Season shall become ineligible to continue in the event (i.e., the player/team shall be disqualified) Players not having played Pennants are eligible to enter this competition

8.2 **Entry Eligibility Zone Triples & Zone Fours**

i. Zone 10 Fours: Eligible for players who played in Grade 5 pennants or below in the previous season and have not entered the corresponding State Fours Championships.

ii. Zone 10 Triples: Open to bowlers who are eligible to play in No.5 Pennants or below in the current Bowling Season (Refer 4.16 and 4.17) and who have not entered in the corresponding State Triples Championship.

Note: A player who becomes graded higher than Grade 5 in the Current Season shall become ineligible to continue in the event (i.e., the player/team shall be disqualified) Players not having played Pennants are eligible to enter this competition

9. **State Senior Singles & Pairs**

9.1 **Entry Eligibility State Senior Singles & Pairs**

Open to bowlers who are aged 60 years or over as at the commencement date of the competition who have not entered in the corresponding State or President Reserve Championship.

10. **to Zone Winners and NSW Junior (Under 18) Bowls Events**

10.1 **General**

10.1.1 **Eligibility RNSWBA Junior Events**

To enter an RNSWBA Junior event, a player must be registered with the RNSWBA or NSWBA and be under the age of 18 years as at the completion date of the competition.

10.1.4 **Entries**

Nominations for an event showing the player(s) names and RNSWBA Registration Number(s), accompanied by the applicable entry fee or proof of payment, should be made to The Zone

10 Match Committee no later than 5 pm on entry closing date. Late entries will not be accepted.

10.2.1 State Junior Championships

For State, Junior Pairs and Fours Championships players in a team must be from the same Zone, but players need not be from the same Club.

10.2.2 NSW State Junior Championships: Singles, Pairs and Fours

The competition shall be conducted as Sectional, Knockout or combination, as determined by the Zone 10 Match C Duration of Matches

Duration of matches shall be:

Sectional (or 3 matches per day)		Finals (or 2 matches per day)
SSingles	25 shots up	31 shots up
Pairs & Fours	15 ends	21 ends

The Zone 10 Match Committee may alter the duration of matches to allow the competition to be brought to a successful conclusion.

13. Preferred Procedure for Organisation of State Pennants (Grades2-7)

Minimum recommended Time –

ACTION that should be completed

10 weeks' prior

Zone to advise SMC of proposed starting date of Pennants.

8 weeks' prior

Clubs advised that they must nominate their sides for Pennants, including closing date for nominations – 13th January 2017. Clubs should be advised to nominate the number of sides to be entered and may be given the opportunity to nominate which grades they wish to enter.

6 weeks' prior - 13th January 2017.

Close of nominations – 13th January 2017 Clubs should ensure that a list of players who have indicated that they are available for selection for the Club for the season is included with their nomination noting any players who have changed their declared Club.

5 weeks' prior - 20th January 2017

Zone to determine grades allocated to each Club, ensuring that elevations and regressions are compliant with Conditions of Play and accounting for the grading & eligibility of players at each Club Clubs to be advised of proposed grades allocated. Clubs to be advised the timeframe for lodging of appeals.

4 weeks' prior - 30 th January 2017	Any appeals lodged to be assessed, and if necessary changes made – ensuring that allocated grades are compliant with Conditions of Play. Clubs with changed grades or rejected appeals to be immediately contacted to ensure that no further appeals are to be lodged
3 weeks prior – 7 th February 2017	Zone to submit proposed grades for all Clubs to State Match Committee for endorsement. Any appeals against Zone's allocation to be lodged with submission. Submission to include any applications for variation of COP 4.15 (or equivalent)
2 weeks'' prior –	State Match to reply to any requested re-submission
10 Days prior - 21 st February 2017	Final draw & format of competition (including finals) to be advised to participating Clubs. Procedures Meeting.

14. Duties of the Controlling Body

14.1 Pre-Match

- Before the commencement of play on any day the name(s) of the person(s) representing the Controlling Body and the Umpire(s) of the day should be announced.
- Being present at all times during the match, plus for a reasonable time before the start of play and after play finishes.
- They ensure that Association Events are played in accordance with the RNSWBA Conditions of Play.
- They should ensure that the players, umpires and markers are aware of any non- standard playing conditions.
- They should ensure that an umpire has been appointed to officiate for the matches being played.
- They should ensure that there are markers in attendance for singles matches.
- They ensure that the rinks on which players are drawn to play are announced not less than 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.
- They declare the position of a constituted member in a team to be vacant under condition listed in DR4; they can then authorise an eligible member to join that team as a replacement player (in conjunction and under advice from the Zone 10 Match Committee).
- They can authorise one team in a side to play one player short if there is no eligible player or substitute available.
- They are responsible for ensuring that the player's attire is in accordance with the RNSWBA Regulations and Conditions of Play.
- They decide when to start play if the weather is doubtful.
- They can award the match to the opponent if a player, team or side fails to show or otherwise forfeits its match.

14.2 During Match

- They can warn the player involved if he is causing damage to the green, then they can ask him to retire from the green and take no further part in the match.
- They can replace a marker whose performance or behaviour is less than acceptable standard.
- They can take action to have spectators refrain from disturbing, advising or interfering with players.

- They can award the match to the opponent if advised by the umpire that there has been an infringement of a law that requires a penalty.
- They decide when to abandon play for the day because of darkness, the conditions of the weather or any other valid reason.

14.3 After Match

- They are the official to whom the appellant gives his written appeal and to whom the umpire hands the deposit and his written report if there has been an appeal against the umpire's application of the Laws.
- They ensure that any necessary closing announcements are made.
- They ensure all results are submitted to the Zone 10 Match Committee immediately upon the completion of each round or suspension of the day's play.

15. Additional Regulations

15.1 Meals

The venue club(s) for State or Zone Championships shall not be required to supply meals to players. If meals are available players may be required to order and pay before the commencement of play.

Players should inquire at the venue club about meal arrangements.

15.2 Centre Line

The Centre line of each rink shall be marked in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. The centre line shall be a minimum of 4.5 metres in length at each end.

15.3 Markers' Duties in Singles (Law 55.2 and State COP 2.17)

The marker should ensure that the delivered Jack is the required distance from the mat line after it has been centred. If there is any doubt, the marker may call an umpire to determine if the jack has been improperly delivered.

15.4 Inclement Weather Policy

The venue Club is solely responsible for implementation and application of an *Inclement Weather Policy* for all Zone 10 events. Said policy should have provisions for heat, cold, wet weather, and dangerous conditions. Details outlining the policy and its implementation should be announced to the participating players prior to the commencement of matches.

15.5 Suspended Players

Clubs hosting District, Zone and State Events shall allow all players drawn to play at their venue the ability to participate in those events, provided those players have not been suspended for a bowls related matter. Should the club decline to allow a player to participate, that match may be transferred to another venue on appeal to the relevant Controlling Body.

Pennants

In the case of pennant matches, the two teams have the option of replacing the player or playing the match at another club.

Championships Singles:

Player forfeits

Team: If a replacement player is required the player/team must inform the Zone Match Committee in writing to get approval prior to the start of the competition otherwise the team will forfeit. A substitute may be allowed if a late unforeseen circumstance occurs or sickness or injury occurs during the match.

If a club has failed to inform the Match Committee of player suspension at their

club, there will be a penalty of up to \$600.

15.6 Artificial Lighting

Lighting may be used in all Zone and Association events

15.7 Player Agreement

All players representing Zone 10 will agree to and sign a player's agreement which will include a code of conduct.

15.8 Venues

When a Zone match has been scheduled for morning play, venue clubs need to have their facilities available by 8.30am for a 9.00am start (Trial ends to begin at 8.40am).