

Bowls ACT



Conditions of Play

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SECTION 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Introduction

- (a) All Bowls ACT events are conducted under the World Bowls: Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 3rd Edition January 2015. These Laws include the Domestic Regulations for Australia, and are the primary point of reference for the conditions governing the playing of all Bowls ACT events.
- (b) This document provides additional information relating to the conditions of play covering the conduct of Bowls ACT events. It includes information on matters such as player eligibility criteria, format, etc. The document also includes information on any variations to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls that Bowls ACT has introduced for certain events.
- (c) In summary, unless otherwise covered in this document, the conditions of play outlined in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls apply to the conduct of Bowls ACT events. This document is divided into four sections:
 - Section 1: General Information
 - Section 2: Conditions of play applying to all Bowls ACT events
 - Section 3: Additional conditions of play applying to specific Bowls ACT events
 - Appendices
- (d) The last amendment to the Conditions of Play was published on 19 February 2015. Some changes have been made in this edition of the Conditions of Play for 2016. They are summarised in Appendix A.

1.2 Combined Match Committee Responsibility

- (a) The Combined Match Committee (CMC) is responsible for the conduct of Bowls ACT events in accordance with the conditions of play outlined in this document.
- (b) The CMC may make adjustments to the conditions of play at short notice to enable the completion of an event. This includes changing the date and times of play, or changing the greens/venues, but should not involve changes to the playing format.
- (c) The CMC shall keep the Bowls ACT Board informed of major decisions taken, including all decisions that involve application of the penalties for a breach of these conditions of play (see Section 2.17). Copies of all relevant correspondence on these matters should be provided to the Bowls ACT Executive Officer.

1.3 Bowls ACT Events

- (a) The following are defined as Bowls ACT events:
 - Men's and Women's State Pennant
 - Men's and Women's State Championships
 - Junior State Championships
 - Men's and Women's Champion of Club Champions
 - Men's and Women's Rookie Singles
 - Men's and Women's 60 and Over Pairs
 - Men's 60 and Over Fours
 - Mixed Winter Tournament
 - Doran Bowl
 - Mixed Pairs
 - Australian Indoor Singles Championship (ACT Qualifying)
 - Club Major Singles/Pairs/Triples/Fours
 - Such other events as may be declared by the CMC as a Bowls ACT event.

- (b) Club major championships are considered to be Bowls ACT events because they are feeder competitions for the Bowls ACT Champion of Club Champion events. The club major championships are also considered to be Bowls ACT events for the purposes of determining player eligibility (see Section 2.4. of these Conditions of Play).
- (c) Other club events are not defined as Bowls ACT events and are therefore not governed by the Bowls ACT Conditions of Play. Bowls ACT formally delegates the authority for the conduct of these events to the clubs, which as the Controlling Bodies for such events are responsible for determining the conditions of play. In all cases, however, participating players must be registered with Bowls ACT as a member of an affiliated club.

1.4 Bowling Season

The Bowls ACT bowling season commences 1 January and concludes 31 December.

1.5 Attire

- (a) Unless otherwise stated, all players and officials participating in Bowls ACT events are required to be attired in compliance with the Bowls Australia Logo Policy (Dress regulations). See Appendix B - Relevant Policies.
- (b) Further, unless otherwise stated, players participating in those Bowls ACT events identified in Section 3 of this document that require players to be from the same club are to be similarly attired. This applies to all garments identified in the national dress guidelines as comprising team wear, but is especially relevant to the colour and image of the shirt.

1.6 Order of Precedence

The following order of precedence applies to all players and officials involved in:

1. Bowls Australia events, functions and meetings.
2. Bowls ACT interstate, inter-district or zone team including scheduled practice matches/sessions.
3. Bowls ACT events, functions and meetings.
4. Club events, functions and meetings.

SECTION 2

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

APPLYING TO ALL BOWLS ACT EVENTS

2.1 Introduction

This Section outlines the conditions of play applying to all Bowls ACT events. The following Section (Section 3) outlines the additional conditions of play applying to specific Bowls ACT events.

2.2 Entries

- (a) Nominations for entry to a Bowls ACT event must be made either through the relevant Club Secretary or through the on-line entry facility in the IMG system (also known as Bowls Connect). Entries must be received by Bowls ACT prior to the closing time for entries.
- (b) Nominations for entry to a Bowls ACT event which are submitted through the relevant Club Secretary must be accompanied by the entry fee. For online entries via the IMG system a transfer of funds or separate payment to the Bowls ACT office must be made. In all cases the entry fee must be received by Bowls ACT prior to the closing time for entries. The entry fee for each event is set as part of the Bowls ACT annual budget process. Notice of the entry fee applying to each event is included on the Bowls ACT circular seeking entry nominations.
- (c) Late entries or late receipt of entry fees will result in the entry being excluded, unless CMC determines there are exceptional circumstances.

2.3 Code of Conduct

All participants in Bowls ACT events listed in 1.3 (a) are required to adhere to the Bowls ACT Code of Conduct.

2.4 Player Eligibility

- (a) To enter and play a Bowls ACT event, a player shall be a bowling member of an affiliated club (i.e. registered with Bowls ACT by that club).
- (b) Unless otherwise specified, players comprising a team or side in any Bowls ACT event must be from the same club. For the purposes of Mixed Pairs, members from the following are deemed to be from the same club:
 - Yass MBC and Yass WBC;
 - Weston Creek MBC and Weston Creek WBC; and
 - Bungendore MBC and Bungendore WBC.
- (c) A player is deemed to have declared to play for the club with which they first play in a Bowls ACT event in any bowling season. This includes playing in a club championship that feeds into a Bowls ACT Champion of Club Champion event. This club is referred to as the player's declared club.
- (d) Unless otherwise specified, a player can only play Bowls ACT events for their declared club in any bowling season.
- (e) State Pennant is not considered to be a Bowls ACT event when determining a player's declared club. Accordingly, a player may play pennant for a club other than their declared club. There is no requirement for a player to seek CMC approval to play pennant for a club other than their declared club, nor do both clubs need to agree to this happening. However, the club for which they wish to play pennant must notify Bowls ACT in writing prior to that player participating in any games. Also both clubs involved (the declared club and the pennant club) must register and pay the registration fee to Bowls ACT on behalf of that player.
- (f) A player whose declared club is in another STA (State or Territory Association) is required to complete an "Interstate Pennant Declaration" prior to playing in the Pennant competition.

Clubs intending to play an interstate player must notify Bowls ACT in writing of their intention at least three clear days prior to that player first playing in the Pennant competition for that season.

- (g) A player can only play pennant for one club in a pennant competition.
- (h) Where a player is required to change their declared club during a bowling season as a condition of employment with the prospective new club, the player must make written application to the CMC. Any such application must be endorsed by the clubs involved.
- (i) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any club champion remains eligible to continue to represent that club in the relevant Champion of Club Champion event, irrespective of any change of club membership, provided they are registered with Bowls ACT.

2.5 Format/Draws

- (a) The CMC shall decide the format of each event after taking into account factors such as number of entries received, availability of greens, etc.
- (b) Unless otherwise specified, events will normally be conducted on a straight knockout basis.
- (c) The CMC shall conduct the draw for each event as soon as practicable after the closing date for receipt of entries.
- (d) A draw for a Bowls ACT event shall not be added to, amended, altered, or in any way interfered with by any player or member club.

2.6 Forfeits or Withdrawals

A player, team or side forfeiting or withdrawing shall notify Bowls ACT, the opponent and the venue club at least 24 hours prior to the start of the first game.

2.7 Venues, Start and Finish Dates and Times

- (a) The venues and playing dates for Bowls ACT events (other than pennant competition) will be published with the call for nominations
- (b) The starting times for Bowls ACT events (other than pennant competition) will be published with the issue of the draw
- (c) In consultation with CMC these times for non-pennant events may be varied to suit local conditions.
- (d) Refer to 3.2.8 for starting times of pennant events.

2.8 Number of Bowls Used

- (a) Unless otherwise stated in this document, the number of bowls to be used for Bowls ACT events is as follows:
 - Singles Four bowls
 - Pairs Four bowls (In order: Lead two bowls, Skip two bowls, then repeat)
 - Triples Two bowls (At club level only may be played as three bowls)
 - Fours Two bowls
- (b) For Bowls ACT events all bowls must carry a World Bowls stamp but there is no requirement for the stamp to be current. That is, bowls showing a past year may be used.

2.9 Bowls Discs

- (a) The Controlling Body or clubs may supply and require identifying bowls discs to be used on bowls and stipulate the occasions they may be used. Worn or faded discs shall be removed or replaced.
- (b) When using identifying discs on bowls, all bowls belonging to players within a team or side must have these discs on them and the discs must all be the same design and colour.

2.10 Duration of Matches

Unless otherwise stated in this document, Bowls ACT events will be conducted as follows:

- Fours 21 ends
- Triples 25 ends, two bowls (Triples at club level may be 21 ends, three bowls)
- Pairs 21 ends
- Singles 25 shots

2.11 Markers

- (a) A marker shall be appointed for each singles game. A marker may be a constituted player, an intended player, an eligible member or an affiliated member (see Domestic Regulation 2.1 for definitions of these terms).
- (b) A player defeated in one round of an event must be available to mark in the next round even when that round falls on another day. Players may be required to mark another game on the same day, either prior to or after their scheduled game. If more markers are available than required, names shall be drawn by lot, either at the time of the draw or on the day of play.

2.12 Umpires

Bowls ACT as the Controlling Body for Bowls ACT events is responsible for appointing umpires to each event. This responsibility has been delegated to the club on whose green a Bowls ACT event is to be played. In such circumstances, the umpire appointed shall not, unless unavoidable, be a contestant in the said event and shall, if possible, be accredited as a National Umpire.

At all times Bowls ACT reserves the right to rescind the delegation of responsibility for appointing umpires in respect of any Bowls ACT event, venue, match or series of matches.

2.13 Coach

- (a) The name of the team or side Coach shall be nominated to the Controlling Body before the commencement of play. The Umpires and opposition shall also be informed of the name of the nominated Coach for the team or side.
- (b) The Coach is considered to be part of the team or side. A Coach must ensure that the player in possession of the rink is not interfered with, annoyed or distracted in any way under penalty as provided for in the Laws.
- (c) The Coach must ensure that, in giving advice, they are not delaying play.

2.14 Greens for Play

- (a) Unless otherwise agreed by Bowls ACT, clubs are to provide the best available outdoor surface for the playing of Bowls ACT events.
- (b) The playing surface may be either vegetation or synthetic.

2.15 Inclement Weather

- (a) On days when inclement weather is likely at a club where a Bowls ACT event is to be played, the venue club/s shall make a decision as to the fitness of the green for play on that day (by 9:00a.m. for morning games and 12 noon for afternoon games).
- (b) In all cases, the health and safety of players should be the prime consideration in determining whether play should be suspended and/or abandoned.
- (c) Bowls ACT events are to be conducted in line with the Bowls ACT Weather policy. CMC may specify procedures for clubs to ensure adherence to this policy. See Appendix B - Relevant Policies.

2.16 Postponed Events

- (a) An event shall not be postponed except for inclement weather or other justifiable cause. If two events fall on the same date, the one with the higher precedence (see Section 1.6) will be played, including any scheduled practice matches for representative teams.
- (b) A postponed game shall be played on the next available playing date. If a player or team drawn to play cannot do so, a forfeit will apply unless:
 - a substitute or replacement player is permitted under Domestic Regulation 2, or
 - the opponents, by mutual arrangement, obtain the express consent of the Controlling Body and play the game on another day.

2.17 Penalties

- (a) The CMC shall determine the penalty to apply where a condition of play is breached. This would normally involve disqualification from the event. In Pennant competition a breach of eligibility shall result in the forfeit of all match points to the opposing side (if they have not also offended) for a Home and Away match, or loss of the match in the case of a Final. CMC may at its discretion also impose a fine.
- (b) In circumstances where disqualification from the event is not an option, and where a monetary fine is not specifically mentioned in the relevant condition of play, the CMC may impose a monetary fine not exceeding \$200 for any one offence.
- (c) If a player or official does not pay the nominated monetary fine within 30 days of notification, they are liable to have their entry declined for Bowls ACT events for a period of up to 12 months.
- (d) If a club does not pay the nominated monetary fine within 30 days of notification, the matter will be referred to the Bowls ACT Board for appropriate action.
- (e) For repeated or more serious breaches of a condition of play, the CMC may decline entry to Bowls ACT events for a period of up to 12 months.
- (f) If a player, team or side is disqualified in a knockout phase of an event for any reason, the player, team or side last defeated by the disqualified player, team or side, shall take their place.
- (g) A CMC member who is a party to a dispute will not take part in any discussion/resolution of the dispute.

2.18 Appeals

- (a) Appeals arising out of the application of these conditions of play should be resolved by the relevant Controlling Body (Club, CMC or Bowls ACT Board).
- (b) An appeal against a decision taken by the Controlling Body may be made to the next highest authority (CMC then Bowls ACT Board).

2.19 Determining Winners

Unless otherwise specified, the winner and other finishing positions in a tournament event are determined as follows:

- (a) the number of wins
- (b) if the number of wins is equal, the team with the highest margin (shots for minus shots against in all matches)
- (c) if level on wins and margin, then the highest aggregate shots (shots for in all matches)

- (d) if two teams are still level, then the winner of the match between these two teams
- (e) if there was no winner of the match between the two teams that were level after application of 2.19 (c) and circumstances allow, then the positions between these two teams shall be decided by the result of a one-bowl end involving the team Skips
- (f) if circumstances do not allow for application of 2.19 (e) or if there are more than two teams tied after application of 2.19 (c) then positions between these teams shall be decided by lot.

SECTION 3

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY APPLYING TO SPECIFIC BOWLS ACT EVENTS

3.1 Introduction

- (a) This Section outlines additional conditions of play applying to specific Bowls ACT events. It should be read in conjunction with the previous Section, which outlines the conditions of play applying to all Bowls ACT events.
- (b) The specific events covered in this Section (with the relevant subsection shown in brackets) are as follows:
 - State Pennant (3.2)
 - State Championships (3.3)
 - Junior State Championships (3.4)
 - Champion of Club Champion Events (3.5)
 - Sixty and Over Events (3.6)
 - Doran Bowl (3.7)
 - Rookie Singles Championships (3.8)
 - Mixed Winter Tournament (3.9)
- (c) The conditions of play applying to all other Bowls ACT events will be promulgated by the respective Controlling Bodies prior to the conduct of an event. This would normally occur as part of the process calling for nominations for an event.
- (d) Any changes to these conditions of play will be advised, via Circular, to all Clubs.

SECTION 3.2 STATE PENNANT

3.2.1 Competitions

Separate pennant competitions are conducted for men and women. Two women's pennant competitions are conducted: one mid-week, the other on the weekend.

3.2.2 Number of Grades

- (a) The pennant competitions shall be played in such number of grades as determined by the CMC. Grades shall be titled and numbered No. 1 Pennant, No. 2 Pennant, etc.
- (b) In order to achieve a balanced distribution of sides, the CMC may vary the number of grades for a pennant competition.

3.2.3 Grading of Sides

- (a) Each club may nominate one side for the No. 1 Pennant grade, and that nomination shall be accepted for that grade by the CMC.
- (b) A club may nominate any number of sides for any of the remaining pennant grades.
- (c) In assessing the suitability of a side for inclusion in a grade other than the No. 1 grade, the CMC shall take into consideration factors such as the performance of the side during the previous pennant competition, reasons put forward by the club for the nomination of the relevant grade, and the promotion and encouragement of participation in pennant bowls.
- (d) Where two sides from a club have been included in a particular grade, each side shall be deemed to be a separate side.
- (e) Where a grade has been divided into two sections, the CMC shall allot sides to each section with the intention of having the two sections evenly matched overall in the strength of their sides.
- (f) CMC may establish a grade that is to be divided at a pre-determined point of the season into multiple grades. Where the intention is to establish higher and lower grades (rather than equal grades) the highest grade resulting from the division will retain its name (e.g. Grade 1) and subsequent grades will be numbered from there as required (e.g. Grade 2, Grade 3 and so on). Ranking of sides for the purposes of dividing them into multiple grades shall be done in accordance with the mechanisms described for finishing positions under 3.2.19. Where such a division has taken place and further home and away matches are to be played the grade table will be reset for each of the new grades. That is, no match points or shots for and against (earned prior to the division) are carried forward.

3.2.4 Number of Sides in a Grade

- (a) There is no upper limit on the number of sides that may contest the No.1 Pennant grade.
- (b) Where practicable, the remaining grades shall have six sides, with a Bye counting as a side.

3.2.5 Sides in the Same Grade

- (a) If a club has two (or more) sides in the same grade, regardless of whether they are in separate sections, players are not to be interchanged between such sides at any stage of the competition.
- (b) A club may make representations to the CMC for variation of this condition in respect of an individual player in special circumstances.

3.2.6 Number of Teams in a Side

- (a) For Men's Pennant, all grades shall consist of sides of three teams of four players.
- (b) For Women's Pennant (Weekend and Mid-Week), all grades shall consist of sides of two teams of four players.

3.2.7 Number of Ends

- (a) Each match shall be played over 63 ends (men) or 42 ends (women), with each team playing against a team from the opposing side over 21 ends.
- (b) If the match ceases due to inclement weather (excessively wet, cold, hot, windy, lightning, etc), bad light or other reasonable cause before 45 ends (men) or 30 ends (women) in aggregate have been completed, the match shall be continued on a day fixed by the CMC.
- (c) In home-and-away matches if in aggregate 45 or more ends (men) or 30 or more ends (women) are completed and inclement weather, bad light or other reasonable cause prevents play from continuing on that day, the match shall be treated as completed. The shots scored by the respective sides and teams up to and including the last completed end shall determine the result of the match and the match points to be awarded.
- (d) For all finals matches the full number of ends must be played i.e. 63 ends (Men) and 42 ends (Women).
- (e) If a match is deferred because of bad weather (or other reasonable cause), it shall be rescheduled and played even though the outcome of the deferred match may not affect final positions in the grade.

3.2.8 Starting Times

- (a) The normal starting time for the women's weekend pennants (home and away rounds) will be 10:30 am. The normal starting time for women's mid-week pennants is 10.00 am. The normal starting time for the men's pennants (home and away rounds) will be 12:30 pm.
- (b) CMC may set different starting times for certain rounds or matches as it sees fit.
- (c) The starting time for Pennant finals shall be published by CMC after completion of the home and away rounds.
- (d) Trial ends shall commence not later than fifteen minutes before the starting time of the event.
- (e) Upon agreement from both sides, starting times may be varied. However CMC reserves the right to set limits on varied starting times for any round, match or venue.

3.2.9 Practice

Pennant players may practice on the green on which they are to play, but practice is not permitted on the rinks set down for that grade. Home clubs are to nominate the rinks for each grade prior to the opening of the green. Clubs are to make every effort to have greens available for practice at least 60 minutes prior to the commencement of trial ends. Players may practice up to 10 minutes prior to the commencement of trial ends, and are encouraged to attend the 'calling of the cards'.

3.2.10 Side Manager's Responsibilities

- (a) Each club shall appoint a Manager for each match played by a pennant side.
- (b) The Manager of a side in a pennant match is the club's representative in all matters relating to the match.
- (c) The Side Manager shall attend the drawing of the opponents and rinks, toss for initial possession of the mat and complete the Pennant Result Form.
- (d) The Side Manager is responsible for ensuring that their final teams are recorded correctly on IMG by COB Tuesday following each game. This must include updates for any late changes

made to the teams.

- (e) The Side Manager is responsible for ensuring that, for every home game, the results are recorded on IMG by COB Tuesday following each game. In addition, until otherwise advised, the Manager of the designated home side is to submit a completed Result Form to Bowls ACT and the Canberra Times as soon as practicable after the completion of play. (Fax to 6108 3557)
- (f) The Side Manager of the home side is also required to submit an interim Result Form to Bowls ACT for any incomplete match, i.e. one that has been deferred after the commencement of play. This must be done as soon as practicable after the decision is taken to defer the match.

3.2.11 Match Draw

- (a) The Side Managers shall be at the host club thirty minutes before the event starting time.
- (b) The draw for rinks and opposing teams shall be done at random in the presence of both Side Managers.
- (c) Once the draw for rinks and opponents is made, the teams drawn for a rink must play each other and the players in those teams cannot be altered, although their positions in that team may be altered before the first end is commenced. In effect the teams are considered to be constituted on completion of the draw.
- (d) If a player in a team falls ill or otherwise cannot commence or continue play, then a substitute player is permitted under the provisions of Domestic Regulation 2. If a suitable substitute is not available then the team may play a player short in accordance with the Laws.

3.2.12 Deferred Matches

Where a home-and-away round is unable to be completed as scheduled because of inclement weather or other reason, the CMC shall re-arrange the fixtures so that the competition can be completed as close as possible to the original schedule.

3.2.13 Change of Venue

If the greens of the Home Club are unplayable the draw may be reversed, by mutual consent. The Pennant Result Form shall be completed by the Manager of the designated home side.

3.2.14 Method of Scoring

Sides in a pennant match shall be allotted match points on the following basis:

- Six match points (men) or four match points (women) to the side scoring the greater number of aggregate shots
- Three match points (men) or two match points (women) to each side when sides are equal in aggregate shots
- Two match points to a side for each rink win
- One match point to each side when a rink is tied

3.2.15 Forfeits

- (a) In the event of a side receiving a forfeit, it shall be awarded 12 match points (8 for women), together with the average 'shots for' scored by the winning sides in that round and the average 'shots against' for winning sides in that round (rounded to the nearest integer).
- (b) The side giving the forfeit shall be awarded no match points, and it shall also receive the opposite of the relevant 'shots for' and 'shots against' awarded to the side receiving the forfeit.
- (c) If a side forfeits a match, the penalty shall be a fine not exceeding \$200 and/or refusal of entry in a subsequent competition, at the discretion of the CMC.

3.2.16 Byes

In the event of an odd number of sides in a pennant grade or section, no points shall be awarded to a side when it receives the Bye.

3.2.17 Withdrawals

- (a) If a Club decides it must withdraw a side from the competition, it must withdraw the lowest grade side entered by that club.
- (b) Where a side withdraws from the competition after playing at least one match, all matches (played and yet to be played) involving the side shall be treated as byes. Any match points, shots for and shots against recorded for matches played against the withdrawing side shall be cancelled.
- (c) If a side is withdrawn, the penalty shall be a fine not exceeding \$200 and/or refusal of entry in a subsequent competition, at the discretion of the CMC.

3.2.18 Home-and-Away Rounds

- (a) The CMC will determine the number of matches to be played in the competition. Such matches are to be scheduled in rounds, specifying venues for each match, with the sides either playing or having a Bye in each round. These rounds are referred to as the home-and-away rounds.
- (b) If two sections are adopted in any particular pennant grade, or if a grade has been divided into multiple grades in mid-season, the sides in each section (or grade) shall play a home-and-away round as if each section (or grade) were a separate grade.
- (c) For Men's Pennant, the home-and-away rounds shall normally be played on Sunday afternoons subject to rule 3.2.8 of these Conditions of Play.
- (d) For Women's Pennant, the home-and-away rounds shall normally be played as follows, subject to rule 3.2.8 of these Conditions of Play:
 - Tuesday mornings for the mid-week competition
 - Saturday mornings for the weekend competition
- (e) With the permission of the CMC, and subject to any conditions regarding the movement of players between grades imposed by the CMC, clubs may arrange to play a match on a day other than the scheduled day.
- (f) The home-and-away rounds shall be scheduled so that all rounds for all grades, and sections within a grade, are normally completed on the same day.
- (g) In scheduling the home-and-away rounds, the CMC shall seek to avoid conflicts with major events that are likely to cause difficulties for players in making themselves available for pennant.

3.2.19 Finishing Positions

- (a) Positions after the completion of the home-and-away rounds, including positions within a section, shall be determined from the highest to lowest as follows:
 - (i) the side having the greatest number of match points
 - (ii) if level on match points, the side with the highest margin (shots for minus shots against)
 - (iii) if level on match points and margin, then the highest aggregate shots (shots for)
 - (iv) if two sides are still level, the winner of the match between the two sides shall finish higher or, if more than two sides are still level, steps (i), (ii), and (iii) shall be recalculated in respect of only the matches between the sides that are level
 - (v) if sides are still level, the positions between the sides that are level shall be decided by the toss of a coin (if there are two sides) or by lot (if more than two sides).
- (b) Where a side in a grade, or in a section, has received more Byes than another side in the home-and-away rounds, the positions after the completion of the home-and-away rounds shall be determined by first dividing the match points, and the aggregate shots for and against for each club by the number of matches played by the club (i.e. excluding Byes) and then applying 3.2.19 (a).

3.2.20 Determining Winners – No Finals

- (a) Where finals are not scheduled in a competition, the winner of a pennant grade shall be the side that finishes in the highest position after the home-and-away rounds.
- (b) If a pennant grade is divided into sections, the winner of that grade shall be determined by a play-off match between the two sides that finished at the top of each section after the home-and-away rounds. This match shall be played on a neutral green.
- (c) A play-off match shall be played under the same format as that played in the home-and-away rounds. In the event of a tie after completion of all ends, all teams in a side shall play an extra end with the highest aggregate score determining the result. If scores are still tied, all teams continue playing extra ends until a winner is determined.

3.2.21 Determining Winners – Finals

- (a) Where the finals only involve one match it is to be referred to as the Grand Final but treated the same as Final 1 in 3.2.21 (c) below, with the match played on a neutral green or a green determined by CMC.
- (b) Where finals are scheduled they will normally be conducted as a series of matches. The positions of sides after the completion of the home-and-away rounds shall determine their eligibility for the final series and, where appropriate, the venue for matches.
- (c) Grades that do not have sections will play a final series as set out below:

Final 1	Side finishing first	v	Side finishing second
Final 2	Side finishing third	v	Side finishing fourth
Final 3	Loser Final 1	v	Winner Final 2
Grand Final	Winner Final 1	v	Winner Final 3

Finals 1, 2 and 3 will normally be played at the club of the side that finished first after the home-and-away rounds. At CMC's discretion any of these finals may be allocated to a different venue.

- (d) Grades that have sections will play a final series as set out below:

Final 1	First in Section A	v	First in Section B
Final 2	Second in Section A	v	Second in Section B
Final 3	Loser Final 1	v	Winner Final 2
Grand Final	Winner Final 1	v	Winner Final 3

Finals 1, 2 and 3 will be played on a neutral green or a green determined by CMC.

- (e) Grades that have only four sides will play a final series as set out below:

Final 1	Side finishing second	v	Side finishing third
Grand Final	Side finishing first	v	Winner Final 1

Final 1 will normally be played at the club of the side that finished second after the home and away rounds. If that club cannot host Final 1 the match will be played at the club of the side that finished third after the home and away rounds. At CMC's discretion this final may be allocated to a different venue.

- (f) Where a club is entitled to host more finals than it can accommodate on its available green space, some of the finals may be played at the club that finished second after the home-and-away matches. If this club is also unable to accommodate all such finals, some of the finals may be played at the club that finished third, and so on.
- (g) All finals matches, including the Grand Finals, shall be played under the same format as that played in the home-and-away rounds, subject to rule 3.2.7 (d) of these Conditions of Play. In the event of a tie after completion of all ends, all teams in a side shall play an extra end with the highest aggregate score determining the result. If scores are still tied, all teams continue playing extra ends until a winner is determined.

- (h) If play is stopped with the consent of the umpire, it shall be completed later that day if the umpire grants permission, or on such other day as determined by the CMC. The match shall be continued with the scores as they were when the match was stopped, and if continued on a subsequent date, or on a different green, a roll-up each way shall be permitted. If an end was not completed when play was stopped and further play is impossible on that day, the incomplete end shall be replayed when the match is resumed.

3.2.22 Venue for Grand Finals

- (a) All the Pennant Grand Finals in a competition will be played at the same venue. Grand Finals for some grades will be played in the morning and the remainder will be played in the afternoon, as determined by the CMC.
- (b) The CMC shall call for nominations from clubs to host the Grand Finals, passing its recommendations for Grand Final host to the Bowls ACT Board for decision.

3.2.23 Player Eligibility

- (a) A player may be promoted to a higher grade at any time.
- (b) A player may not play in two grades in the one home and away round or the one finals round (ie semifinal, preliminary final or grand final)
- (c) A player is eligible to play in the last round of the home-and-away matches if they have already played two matches in that grade or below.
- (d) A player is eligible to play in a sectional playoff match or the finals if they have already played two matches in that grade or below.
- (e) When a side has a bye in the first round of competition, a player who played in a lower grade in the first round is not eligible to play the following round in the side that had the bye.
- (f) When a side has a bye in a subsequent round of the competition, a player is not eligible to play in a lower grade in that round if they played in the previous round in the side that has the bye.
- (g) A player is not eligible to play in a lower grade at any stage of a competition, including the finals, once they have played five matches (men, and women's weekend pennant) or three matches in the case of women's mid-week pennant, in higher grades.
- (h) For the purposes of determining player eligibility, a bye is not counted as a match.
- (i) For the purposes of determining player eligibility where a grade is to be divided into two separate grades after a certain number of home and away rounds, any games played for a side prior to the side being downgraded (e.g. from Grade 1 to Grade 2) will be treated as if they were played at the side's lower grade level after the division (Grade 2 in this example) and not as having been at the higher grade.

Penalty for breach of player eligibility clauses under 3.2.23:

- **In home-and-away matches, loss of points, with any lost points transferred to the non-offending side. Should both sides offend, no points are awarded.**
- **In sectional playoff matches or finals matches, the side is disqualified and the non-offending side is declared the winner.**
- **A fine not exceeding \$200 may also be imposed for each instance of a breach of eligibility.**

3.2.24 Bowls ACT Representatives

- (a) Where a player from a club is selected to represent Bowls ACT and pennant matches are played while the player is representing Bowls ACT as either a player or an official, the player shall be deemed to have played on that day in the grade that they have played the majority of their matches to that date. If they have played an equal number of matches in more than one grade, the player shall be deemed to have played in the lower of these grades.
- (b) Bowls ACT shall advise clubs of players who have been selected as Bowls ACT representatives and the period that their representation covers (such period shall include reasonable travelling time).
- (c) Should a member of Bowls ACT be selected in a national side while Pennant is being played, the aforementioned conditions shall apply as if the player was representing Bowls ACT.

SECTION 3.3 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.3.1 Events

Separate State Championship events are conducted for male and female players in singles, pairs, triples and fours.

3.3.2 Eligibility

The State Championships are open to all players registered with Bowls ACT.

SECTION 3.4 JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.4.1 Events

Separate Junior State Championship events are conducted for male and female players in singles, pairs and fours.

3.4.2 Eligibility

- (a) The Junior State Championships are open to all players registered with Bowls ACT who are under the age of 18 years as at the date of the first day of the event.
- (b) Players in a team need not be from the same club.

SECTION 3.5 CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPION EVENTS

3.5.1 Events

Separate Champion of Club Champion events are conducted for male and female players in singles, pairs, triples and fours.

3.5.2 Eligibility

- (a) The Champion of Club Champion events are open to the current club champions in the respective disciplines.
- (b) The winning of a club championship entitles the individual or team to compete in one Champion of Club Champion event. The individual or team is not eligible to play in a subsequent Champion of Club Championship event unless they again win their club

championship.

- (c) For the purposes of determining eligible substitutes, the Champion of Club Champion events are considered to be a 'continuation' of the respective club championships.

SECTION 3.6 60 AND OVER EVENTS

3.6.1 Events

Events for 60 and over players are conducted in the following disciplines:

- Pairs – separate events for men and women.
- Fours – only for men.

3.6.2 Eligibility

These events are open to all players registered with Bowls ACT who are sixty years or over as at the date of the first day of play of the event.

3.6.3 Conduct

The format for the pairs and fours events will be determined by the CMC following consideration of factors such as the number of entries and the time available to conduct the event.

SECTION 3.7 DORAN BOWL

3.7.1 Event

- (a) The Doran Bowl is a competition between Club-nominated sides of teams of four. Clubs may enter any number of sides in the event.
- (b) The winner of the event in any given year will host the event the following year.

3.7.2 Eligibility

- (a) The Doran Bowl is open to women bowlers whose initial date of registration was less than 5 years prior to 1 January in the year the event is being held.
- (b) Registration is defined as having paid membership fees to any bowling club affiliated with World Bowls. The date of registration is the date the player was first accepted as a full playing member of a bowling club.

SECTION 3.8 ROOKIE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.8.1 Events

Separate events are conducted for male and female players.

3.8.2 Eligibility

- (a) The Rookie Singles events are open to all players who were registered bowlers for less than three years as at start of the bowling season in which the event is conducted.
- (b) Registration is defined broadly as having paid membership fees to any bowling club affiliated with World Bowls. The date of registration is deemed to be the date that the player was

initially accepted as a full playing member of a bowling club.

3.8.3 Conduct

- (a) The event will involve sectional play (normally three players in each section), with the winner of each section proceeding to a knockout stage. All matches will involve two nine-end sets, with a three-end tiebreaker played if required.
- (b) There are no dead ends. If the jack leaves the rink, it will be re-spotted on the centre line at the 'T' spot two metres from the ditch. If this space is occupied, it will be placed on the centre line as near as possible to the mark.

SECTION 3.9 MIXED WINTER TOURNAMENT

3.9.1 Eligibility

- (a) Entry is open to all registered members of Bowls ACT.
- (b) A side shall consist of two teams of three players. A club may enter more than one side.
- (c) Each team shall consist of at least one female and one male player. Male and female players may play in any position.
- (d) Players in a team shall be from the same club. However, if a club wishes to enter a side but has insufficient players or mix of players, they may invite players from other clubs to participate.

3.9.2 Conduct

- (a) Mixed Triples: Two bowls, 21 ends per match.
- (b) In the event of a team being one player short, that team may play with two players using only two bowls per player. The first bowl played by the team with a player short shall be played in turn as if both leads had played.
- (c) If a side is more than two players short they must forfeit and maximum points shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- (d) One trial end shall be permitted at the commencement of each match.
- (e) There are no dead ends. If the jack leaves the rink, it will be re-spotted on the centre line at the 'T' spot two metres from the ditch. If this space is occupied, it will be placed on the centre line as near as possible to the mark.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A – Summary of Changes to the Conditions of Play

The following is a summary of all substantial changes to the Conditions of Play 2016. Minor changes have been made to some other clauses for clarity without changing the intent of the clause.

SECTION 2

2.3 Is a new clause. It has been added to show that players are required to adhere to the Bowls ACT Code of Conduct. All subsequent clauses in Section 2 have been renumbered.

2.7 (c) Has been changed to show that any variation to scheduled times is to be done in consultation with CMC.

2.17 (a) Clarifies that eligibility breaches in Pennant competition shall result in forfeit of match points (or forfeit of finals as the case may be) while the imposition of fines is at the discretion of CMC.

2.17 (b) The maximum fine that can be imposed has been increased from \$50 to \$200 for any instance of a breach.

2.17 (d) Has been inserted to address non-payment of fines by a club.

SECTION 3

3.2.3 (f) Has been added to make provision for the division of a grade into multiple grades during the season.

3.2.18 (b) Has been amended to allow for the division of a grade into multiple grades during the season.

3.2.21 (c) Has been amended to give CMC the power to allocate a final to a different venue if required.

3.2.21 (e) Has been amended to give CMC the power to allocate a final to a different venue if required.

3.2.23 (i) Has been added to cater for the possibility of a grade being divided into multiple grades during the season.

3.2.23 Penalties - Has been amended to reflect 2.17 (b) where CMC may impose a maximum penalty of \$200 for any instance of a breach of eligibility.

APPENDICES

Appendix B (Relevant Policies)

Now lists relevant Bowls ACT documents.

APPENDIX B – Relevant Policies

The following is a list of the more significant relevant policies of Bowls Australia. It is provided to assist players and officials.

The current version of each of these policies should be available from the Bowls Australia website (<http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au/>).

Any enquiries should be directed in the first instance to Bowls ACT (admin@bowlsact.org.au).

Bowls Australia Policies

Note that this is only a selection of the policies applicable to Bowls in Australia. A full list of Bowls Australia policies is available on the Bowls Australia website and in the Domestic Regulations.

- Affiliation, eligibility to play and player clearance policy

- Appeals policy

- Bowls Australia Logo Policy (Dress regulations)

- Weather policy

- Player and club clearance policy

- Smoke free policy

Bowls ACT Documents

- Code of Conduct ¹

- Weather Policy

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