

2010 Bowls NSW Club Challenge

Conditions of Play



Supported by Greenmaster Bowls

1) Laws of the Sport / Controlling Body

The Competition shall be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

The Controlling Body shall be a Committee comprising the RNSBWA and NSWWBWA State Match Committees.

The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the Conditions of Play and any or all aspects of the competition.

2) Composition of Sides

The composition of the sides at all levels shall be:

One singles player, one pairs team and one fours team.

There will be six divisions

- Men - Gold
- Men - Silver
- Men - Blue
- Women - Gold
- Women Silver
- Mixed (Shall comprise 3 female / 4 male OR 4 female / 3 male players. **Fours shall comprise 2 males and 2 females, pairs 1 male and 1 female (playing in any position) The singles player may be either male or female**)



Note Law 46.2 provides that only the fours team may play one player short.

The Controlling Body reserves the right to withdraw a division should there be insufficient entries.

3) Eligibility

All Sides shall consist of players that are current registered bowlers and members of the club affiliated with the relevant State Association.

Male players shall play with their declared club for the season (SEE COP 2.6)

Female players must be registered as a member of the club with which they play.

Silver Division:

To be eligible to play in Silver Division, a player must be graded in Grade 2 Pennants or below in the current Bowling Season.

Blue Division

To be eligible to play in Blue Division, a player must be graded in Grade 5 Pennants or below in the current Bowling Season

Gold & Mixed Divisions

Open – no restrictions on grading of players who may be selected.

Note:

(1) A player who did not play in the current season shall have their eligibility to participate in silver or blue divisions by their previous Pennant Season's Grading.

(2) To be eligible for post sectional play players must have played a minimum of fifty percent of sectional matches, unless prior written permission is obtained from the Controlling Body

(3) Players who play 2 matches in a division may not play in any other division without prior written permission from the Controlling Body.

Where a club has two sides in a division, players are eligible to play in one only side in that division. (That is players who have played in the Club(2) side are ineligible to play in the Club(1) side)

4) Matches

A match shall consist of the following rinks:

- Singles – 31 shots up (4 bowls per player)
- Pairs – 15 ends (4 bowls per player, 2x2x2x2)
- Fours – 18 ends (2 bowls per player)

5) Format of Play

- (a) The number of sides in each Sections in each division shall be determined by the number of entries received
- (b) Sectional Play shall be “round robin style”
- (c) Sectional play shall be a minimum of 4 games *where practical* (additional games for finals)
- (d) Draws shall be compiled by the Controlling Body. Draws will be published by 8 September 2010.
 - (i.) Matches shall be played on or before the date set for each round. Matches may be played prior to the date and time set, by mutual agreement between the competing clubs. If clubs are unable to agree on an alternate date or time for play matches shall be played at the default play or forfeit.
 - ~~(ii.)~~ Clubs should negotiate all playing dates prior to the commencement of the competition.
 - (iii.) Matches shall be scheduled from “on or before” **25 September to 13 December 2009**
 - (iv.) Morning, afternoon, evening or night games may be played (Artificial light may be used)
 - (v.) Indoor Greens may be used

6) Inclement Weather / Incomplete Game

A Match unable to be completed due to inclement weather shall be declared completed if 2 of three disciplines have reached the following minimum requirements of:

Singles – 21 shots up

Pairs – 12 ends

Fours – 14 ends

If 2 of the disciplines meet the minimum requirements, the third shall also be declared complete and the match declared complete.

If less than two disciplines have reached the minimum requirement, the match shall be continued to completion, if required.

Matches not completed or not commenced shall be played/completed on or before **2PM Sunday 14 November (start time)**.

Each side shall receive three (3) points for a match that is not completed.

7) Determining Results

(a) Match

6 points are available in each match

2 Points shall be allocated to each rink win, 1 point for a drawn rink.

If a knockout match finishes with 1 rink won for each side, with one rink drawn, the drawn rink shall play an extra end to determine the winner of the match.

(b) Determining Section Winner

The Side scoring the highest number of points shall be the section winner.

If Sides are equal on points

- (i.) the side scoring the higher number of rink wins shall be declared the winner.
- (ii.) If still equal the side with highest net shots (difference between total shots for and total shots against) shall be the winner.
- (iii.) If sides are still equal the side with the lowest total shots conceded shall be the winner

8) Notification of Results

The designated home side shall fax the Result form to the RNSWBA immediately after the conclusion of play.

The home side is encouraged to submit results to local media for publication.

9) Prize Money

Prize Money shall commence from State Semi Finals. Prize money will be allocated to State Winners, State Runners Up and State Equal Third placed sides.

A portion of entry fees will be allocated to creating an accommodation assistance grant (amount to be determined) for sides competing in State Finals. Clubs required to travel more than 150km from the State Finals venue shall receive a share of the available pool of funds.

10) Entry Fees

\$77 (including GST) per side.

11) Green Fees

Greens fees maximum of \$5.50 (including GST) per player for all competing sides,

Green fees are to be set and kept by the Host Club

12) Attire

Bowls Australia logo is required on all shirts, jackets and vests worn in this event.

13) Player/Manager

Each Side must have an appointed Manager who may be a player.

14) Practice

Players may practice up to commencement of trial ends. Players should not practice on the rink on which their game is to play.

Two trial ends shall be permitted before the commencement of each game.

15) Umpires and Markers

The host club shall supply all required markers and accredited umpires.

16) Precedence

Sectional Matches of the Bowls NSW Club Challenge shall not have precedence over Association Events at District level and above.

Regional and State Finals shall have precedence.

In order to minimise clashes with Association Events Mid Week games for Men's sides are encouraged, weekend matches for ladies sides encouraged.

Questions on the Bowls NSW Club Challenge may be directed to the Organising Committee appointed by the RNSWBA & NSWBA, telephone RNSWBA Office (02) 9283 4555.

17) Forfeit

A club failing its commitment to play a match and forfeiting shall be subject to a penalty of \$350 for each side for each match forfeited.

18) Playing Dates

Entries Close.....Wednesday 11 August 2010

Draws Published...Wednesday 8 September 2010

Round 1.....Played on or before 2PM Sunday 26 September 2010

No matches.....No play scheduled 2-4 October, Labour Day Long Weekend

Round 2.....Played on or before 2PM Sunday 10 October

Round 3.....Played on or before 2PM Sunday 17 October*

Round 4.....Played on or before 2PM Sunday 24 October

Round 5.....Played on or before 2PM Sunday 11 October

Round 6.....Played on or before 2PM Sunday 7 November

"Spare".....Matches not completed or not commenced to be rescheduled on or before 2PM Sun 14 Nov.

Regional Finals.....Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 November

Regional Finals.....Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 November

"Spare".....Saturday 4 and 5 December (Note Bowls NSW Premier League Finals***)

State Finals.....Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December at Warilla BC

