

Women's Bowls NSW

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**Women's Bowls
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Conditions of Play

For

Association Events

and all

State Championships

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Association Events & State Championships 2021 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. General

- a. These Conditions of Play and all Bowls Australia Policies apply to the following **Association** events:
- Championships**
- Club – Singles & Pairs.
Club – Triples & Fours can have their own conditions of play set by individual clubs
- District/Regional/State - Singles, Open & Senior Pairs, Triples, Open & Senior Fours, Mixed Pairs
- State - Champion of Club Championship Singles. **Champion of Club Champion Pairs**
- Other Events**
- These have their own Conditions of Play which are not included in these COPs but include: Pennants, State Carnival, Summer League, NSW Indoor Singles & Weekend Pennant. Please see the specific Conditions of Play for these events.
- b. Association Events, listed above, take precedence over all other events subject to Item 13. An open draw of self-selected teams is to be conducted for all Championship events at Club, District and State level.
- Two (2) rounds a day are to be played on consecutive days, weather permitting, until the event is finalised, **excluding Club Championships**. This format is played at State level.
- c. If necessary and there is a majority voted agreement of Clubs in a District – District Championships (not Club Championships) may be commenced in the latter part of the previous year, provided all State Playoffs have concluded, with approval from the State Match Committee.
- d. A player may be a member of more than one club but shall nominate only one club for which they will be affiliated with WBNSW and play all Association events for the current bowling season i.e. Jan – Dec.
- e. A player who is a playing member of only one club plays their Association events for that club for the current bowling season (Jan –Dec). If during the bowling season they join another club as a playing member without a Certificate of Clearance from the club with which they are affiliated, they may not nominate their new Club as their affiliated Club until the start of the next bowling season. A player may play, **with a Certificate of Clearance in any championship or round of pennants that** they have not already played, in the current bowling season.
- f. In any Association event, any player, until eliminated, shall not be set down to contest any other Championship in their own club or District. Eliminated players are to be allowed a reasonable time before and after the event for safe travel, before being carded for Club Championships.
- g. Club Stickers may be attached to bowls for all Association events. If used, all bowls in play of that team or side must use the stickers or they are not used at all. In all Association events players are representing their Clubs, not the District. District stickers should only be used for Inter-district or Inter-regional games.
- h. All players in a team/side must be dressed in the same State registered and approved Club uniform as outlined in the current State **Uniform/Dress Policy**.
- i. Electronic or communication devices shall not be taken onto the green or surrounds in an active mode during the playing of an Association event, except with the approval of the Controlling Body. Refer BA Policy. This includes, but not limited to Vaping Pipes, used as a cigarette substitute.
- j. State Championships are made up of several stages in each event and may include Club, District, Regional and State, with some events also progressing to the Australian Championships conducted by Bowls Australia. If a Club team/player does not wish to proceed to the end of the State event, as it is presently conducted, then they should consider not entering. Penalties for withdrawal may be applied **by WBNSW Board of Directors**

	<p>k. Club Competitions, such as minor singles, pairs etc., major/minor events, Consistency, Queen or Princess of the Green, Carnivals, Tournaments, Gala or Charity Days, are not governed by these Conditions of Play. The format and the eligibility criteria or rules covering these games are unique to each Club and should be outlined in the Club's Domestic Rules or entry forms.</p> <p>l. All competitive games, including those covered by these conditions of play, played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 3rd Edition Version 3.1 are only to be contested by fully affiliated bowlers.</p> <p>m. Players and Their Duties: Players' duties are outlined in the Laws of the Sport – Crystal Mark 3rd Edition Version 3.1 and some specific items in the Bowls Australia DR's. Skips MUST update the scorecard in all pairs and triples team games (Law 40.1.7.1 and DR 3.2) and it is their responsibility to ensure the scorecard agrees with the opposing Skip every end (Law 40.1.7.4). The scoreboard may be updated at any time by any person but must be updated at least every second end. (D.R. 3.1.1). Seconds shall update the card in Fours. Thirds would normally do all measuring to determine the result of an end, unless this duty is delegated by the Skip to another member of the team prior to the commencement of the game and advised to the opposition. The Skip cannot be delegated to measure.</p> <p>n. In all Association Events, no break during the match for luncheon or afternoon tea is allowed, unless inclement weather intervenes.</p>
<p>2. Authority of State Match Committee</p>	<p>a. For all Association Events the State Match Committee and/or their designated delegate is the overriding Controlling Body.</p> <p>b. Matches will be played under the control of the Match Committee of WBNSW who shall have the power to enquire into all disputes. In the event of any member of the Match Committee being a member of a disputant club, they shall withdraw from the Committee for the time being.</p> <p>c. The State Match Committee reserves the right to alter venue, program, playing schedule, length of games or any other Conditions to bring a State run or playoff event, including pennants, to a satisfactory conclusion.</p> <p>d. Should a State Playoff event be cancelled due to inclement weather, a decision by the greenkeeper or other unforeseen circumstances, and no play has been possible, the Association will refund the entry fee but bear no responsibility for any expenses incurred by entrants resulting from the cancellation.</p>
<p>3. Controlling Body</p>	<p>a. In all Association events conducted by a Club or District, the State Match Committee is the overriding Controlling Body and Clubs, and District Match Committees must conduct events in accordance with the conditions set down by WBNSW. The Controlling Body of the day, Marker(s) and Umpire(s) are to be appointed/organised by the Match Committee (Club/District/State). All Association events must have a Controlling Body and Umpire(s) in attendance.</p> <p>b. The Controlling Body may be a player or marker in the event on the day.</p> <p>c. At District and Regional level, the Controlling Body in attendance should be a member of the host District Committee</p> <p>d. Before the commencement of play on any day, the name of the Controlling Body and the Umpire(s) of the day are to be announced. The Controlling Body is the Match Committee of the Club/District or State, running the event. The Controlling Body must be present always during the match before the start of play and after play finishes (for a reasonable time).</p> <p>e. The Controlling Body must be aware of the current guidelines for Controlling Bodies, provided by WBNSW and available on our website.</p>
<p>4. Umpires and Markers</p>	<p>An accredited Umpire and Markers, as required, must be appointed by the Controlling Body for Association, Club, District and Regional events. An affiliated member of Bowls NSW may be used as an Umpire or Marker if WBNSW affiliated members are unavailable. The appointed Umpire must not be a player or marker in the said Association Event on that day.</p>

<p>5. Greens for Play</p>	<p>a. The greens of all affiliated clubs are to be made available to the Association for playing of any fixture or match arranged by and under the control of the Association. Greens may be either vegetation or synthetic surface as approved by a member national authority. Law 46.4. Ideally events should be shared amongst clubs within the District and Region. All clubs should be afforded the opportunity to host these events providing the greens are fit for play.</p> <p>b. All greens are declared neutral for All Association Events at District, Regional and State levels.</p> <p>c. All greens made available for play may be inspected by the State Match Committee before the event.</p> <p>d. Clubs hosting District/Regional/State events must be prepared to provide the best available green(s) each day.</p>
<p>6. Forfeits and Withdrawals</p>	<p>a. In all Events the match must be awarded to the opponent(s) if the singles player/team has failed to appear 30 minutes after the set time or agreed time of starting, subject to Law 39.1.2</p> <p>b. State, District or Club Match Committee (whichever is applicable) must be notified of all forfeits or withdrawals. A forfeit, once notified, cannot be rescinded.</p> <p>c. Clubs will give at least 7 days' notice of all matches. Play must be completed by the carded date, weather permitting. A singles player or team who cannot mutually agree to play on or before the carded date, is required to forfeit the match to the player or team who is available to play on the carded date. Play may commence at an earlier or later time than stated on the scheduled date if mutually agreed.</p> <p>d. If any singles player/team fails to fulfill an engagement without justifiable cause (in the opinion of the WBNSW Match Committee) they shall at the discretion of the State Match Committee be liable to have their entry/entries declined the following season and may also be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100.00 per player for any one offence. The liability of the payment of the fine shall rest with the club concerned.</p>
<p>7. Knock-Out Breaches</p>	<p>a. Should a breach occur in a "knock-out" game rendering the offending player/team liable to disqualification, and the Match Committee be unaware of the irregularity at the time of its happening, the Match Committee will, when so notified, substitute in the next succeeding round the player/team last defeated by the defaulting player/team.</p> <p>b. Should the Match Committee inadvertently make an error in giving a decision as to a winner and becomes aware of the irregularity, the fixture shall revert to that stage where the mistake occurred, and play shall recommence at that point irrespective of whether further games have been played.</p>
<p>8. Practice</p>	<p>A nominated player or team playing in a competition and due to meet a player or team who, on that day has previously played, may practise provided there is enough time available without delaying the competition and a rink is available other than the one upon which they have been drawn to play in a subsequent round. (Law 4.1, DR 1.1). If two such players or teams are thus entitled to practise, they may practice together. Players who are practising during the running of a State Championship must wear State approved uniform if practicing on a green where Championship play is in progress. Permission needs to be obtained from the Controlling Body of Match Committee before any practice is undertaken.</p>
<p>9. Trial Ends</p>	<p>Before the start of play in any game, or on the resumption of an unfinished competition or game on another day, the Controlling Body shall permit one trial end each way using as many bowls as will be used in the game (Law 5.1.4).</p> <p>Trial ends shall commence at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. All trial ends shall be completed by the scheduled starting time and if still in progress, at the scheduled starting time, shall cease immediately.</p> <p>Any player(s) arriving on or after the specified time of commencement of the match shall forfeit the right to trial ends. No trial ends on resumption of play are permitted after a delay on the same day, unless the players are required to change greens.</p>

10. Conceded Match	In all knockout games if a player/team is in a position where they cannot possibly win, with the number of ends remaining and shots available, play is to cease immediately. Permission of the Umpire or Controlling Body is not required.
11. Bowls Requirements	<p>Bowls (4) must be a matched set: the same make, model, size, weight, colour, bias, serial number and engravings. Distinguishing marks on bowls must be clearly visible and if grooved rings or dimples are coloured, each bowl in the set shall be coloured the same.</p> <p>If a player/team elects to use stickers, all bowls belonging to the player/team must have these adhesive stickers and they should be the same on both sides of the bowl. The large ring and the dot of the adhesive stickers are used on bowls to allow the WB stamp to remain visible. Law 52.1.8.3 DR 4.7.4 allows for the adhesive markings (dot) to cover the distinguishing mark (logo) on the bias side of the bowl.</p> <p>WBNSW has no requirements for bowls to be re-tested and re-stamped every ten (10) years for Association Events. However, players qualifying for, or entering an event controlled by Bowls Australia, must comply with DR 4.8 and all bowls must carry the stamp of the current year or greater.</p>
12. Instantaneous Penalties	If the Umpire, on appeal by the Controlling Body, a skip or an opponent, or by observation, in their opinion decides that there has been a breach of any Law or Rule or any action by a player has been unsportsmanlike, then, in consultation with the WBNSW Match Committee they, WBNSW, may apply the BA Instantaneous Penalties Policy.
13. Order of Precedence	<p>a. All District/Club Match Committees are to adjust their programs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For any players who are selected to represent NSW and/or Australia, or who are taking part in a trial for selection or official practice for NSW and/or Australian representation. This includes U18, U25 and Over 60, Open and City V Country scheduled events and the Australian Open. Players/teams cannot be set down to play Club/District/Regional Championships until their player/team is eliminated or the event concludes, allowing adequate and a safe, reasonable time for travel. 2. For any players qualifying to enter State Singles, Open and Senior Pairs, Triples and Open & Senior Fours, State Mixed Pairs; all played at District, Regional and State level. WBNSW State Carnival, NSW Indoor Singles, State Champion of Club Champions Singles, Champion of Club Champion Pairs, Club Major Singles and Pairs, events listed in each heading are of equal "standing". 3. Entry into Police Championships, Bowlers Arm, Education Championships, Combined High Schools, Bowlers with Disabilities, Vision Impaired, and similar events do not get dispensation. <p>b. Dispensation does not apply for official duties for Club/District/State Committees if carded for a Club or District Championship.</p>
14. Score Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. State Championship Play Offs, Champion of Club Champion Singles, Champion of Club Champion Pairs, Indoor Singles and State Carnival - Score cards are prepared by the State Match Committee. b. A record of all scores for and against on each end must be shown on both scorecards (no blanks) and must be recorded in ink. Every score is to be brought forward on each end. c. The front, back and total are to be completed and after checking, the card <u>must be</u> signed, and time recorded immediately the match is completed by the opponents or the marker in singles. This signifies agreement of score and completion of match. Once the card is signed the scores shall not be altered. Cards are to be handed to the relevant Controlling Body. <p>Singles: In a singles match, there is only one official score card and that is the one kept by the Marker. Pairs, Triples, Fours: Clubs are to provide their own players cards at District level. The keeping of the card in pairs and triples is not a duty that the skip can delegate.</p> d. To be consistent, the owner of the card should have their names written first on their own scorecard and either the home player/ team or the player/team listed first in the draw is the first on the scoreboard (not the winner of the toss). In all State events the home side is the first listed in the Draw. e. Incomplete Match: If a match is abandoned for the day because of inclement weather, bad light or any other justifiable cause, the score cards showing full particulars must immediately be handed to the Club/District or State Controlling Body, who will notify players when and where the match is to be

	<p>completed. The same personnel must finish the match and only one substitute may be included in each team of Pairs, Triples and Fours.</p> <p>f. Substitute Law 33.2: If a player must leave the green during a team or side game due to illness or some other reasonable cause and they cannot return within ten (10) minutes, the Umpire or the Controlling Body can approve the introduction of a substitute. The word “SUB” must be clearly printed on the card beside the name of the constituted player. The name of the substitute must be printed in the margin and signed by the Controlling Body or Umpire before the substitute player joins the game. If two matches are played in a day, it is the responsibility of the skip to have the substitute signed in before each match.</p> <p>g. Mistake in Scoring: If during the game, or at the conclusion before the cards are signed, a mistake is discovered, and the opponents cannot agree, then the Umpire shall be called and if no resolution is found, the end where the mistake occurred shall be declared a nil score end (tied end) and the cards adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of opponents to check completed cards for accuracy. The signing of cards by skips in Pairs and Triples and second in Fours signifies agreement as to the result of the match.</p>
<p>15. Player Definitions DR 2.1</p>	<p>a. A nominated Team: a team whose entry has been accepted for a particular competition. DR 2.2. A Nominated team CAN be changed once entries close and before play commences. DR .2.2.1</p> <p>If approved by the controlling body the players nominated to form a team entered into a competition/championship may be changed before their first round in that competition/championship as long as 1 original nominated team member remains.</p> <p>b. A Constituted Team/Player DR 2.3 A singles player or a member of a team who has commenced their first game in a competition (when the jack is delivered in the first end as per law 5.3) DR 2.3.1</p> <p>c. A Replacement Player: A player who is appointed to take the place of a constituted player who is physically incapable or otherwise prevented from taking further part in any end (after the first round), for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body, The replacement player becomes a constituted member of the team. DR 2.1.4</p> <p>d. A Substitute (see definition DR 2.1.3) A substitute is appointed to take the place of a team member who is unavailable to play at any time including the first end of any game for a reason accepted by the controlling body.</p> <p>A substitute must play in the position of the player being substituted except if it is the skip. If the skip is being substituted the players must rearrange their positions, as necessary. DR 2.4.5.</p>
<p>16. Substitutes and Replacements</p>	<p>a. There is no dispensation allowed for jury duty. In a team match, a substitute may be used but, in a singles match, the player must forfeit.</p> <p>b. There can be no domestic rule which allows extra time if for any reason a player is unavailable when a game is set down. Mutual agreement between all players and notification to the Controlling Body allows play before the carded date or at a later time on the carded date.</p> <p>c. A player is not permitted to use a substitute in one match if the player has entered another bowls match scheduled to be played at the same time. The Controlling Body must satisfy themselves regarding the eligibility of any proposed substitute/replacement and the circumstance governing the request.</p> <p>d. If a constituted player is physically incapable or otherwise prevented from taking further part in any end (after the first round) in that competition, for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body, a replacement player can be permitted to take the place of that player in accordance with DR 2.1.4</p> <p>e. No member may act as a substitute and no change of substitute may be made unless the Controlling Body on request, grants permission after having satisfied themselves regarding the eligibility of the proposed substitute and the circumstance governing the request. A substitute will be chosen from available eligible members whose playing ability will not be considered.</p> <p>f. If there is no eligible member available, an affiliated member may play provided the Controlling Body on request, grants permission after having satisfied themselves as to the comparative playing ability in relation to that of the absent player in the team.</p>

	<p>g. A member who has acted as a substitute, if they remain eligible, may continue to act as a substitute in that or any other team, in the same competition or may be changed at the completion of any end during the match or between succeeding matches in the same competition.</p> <p>h. A constituted player in a team, whether defeated or not shall be ineligible to act as a substitute in any other team in the same competition.</p> <p>i. The substitute MUST play in the position of the player being substituted except that of skip. In the case of a skip, the other players may arrange their positions as desired (DR 2.4.5)</p> <p>j. A player who requires the use of a substitute for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body cannot be denied entry to the venue during the playing of the event. DR 2.3.3 may apply.</p> <p>k. A nominated team member who withdraws before the first round can act as a substitute or a replacement player.</p>														
<p>17. Game Stoppages Law 32</p>	<p>If after an appeal to the umpire, a match is stopped due to inclement weather or bad light, and then if the match be resumed, it will be continued with the scores as they were when the match stopped. If play is resumed on the same day an end not completed should be declared dead Law 32.2. A match must be resumed with the same personnel except for the inclusion of a substitute in a team, if necessary. Should two players be absent from a team, the match will be forfeited.</p> <p>The Controlling Body will decide when and where the match will be resumed.</p>														
<p>18. Delaying Play</p>	<p>Delaying Play - If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips or the opponent in singles, decides that a player/team is deliberately delaying play:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player/team. • If the player/team commits the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed and the opponent(s) of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent(s). • If the player/team offends a third time, the game will be forfeited to the opponent(s). 														
<p>19. Abandon Play</p>	<p>Only the Controlling Body may abandon play for the day. When this occurs, all players must leave the green immediately. Once play has been abandoned for the day it cannot be resumed on the same day.</p>														
<p>20. District/Regional/State Championships</p>	<p>The District Match Committee shall personally conduct State Association Events within its District in accordance with these Conditions of Play and conduct these events on behalf of WBNSW.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">State Singles</td> <td>25 up (Shots scored over 25 will not be counted)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State Pairs Open</td> <td>18 ends, 4 bowls each player</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State Pairs Senior</td> <td>21 ends, 3 bowls each player</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State Triples</td> <td>21 ends, 2 bowls each player</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State Fours Open</td> <td>21 ends, 2 bowls each player</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State Fours Senior</td> <td>18 ends, 2 bowls each player</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State Mixed Pairs</td> <td>15 ends, 4 bowls each player(2x2x2x2)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Open and Senior Fours are to be conducted at the same time, as are the Open and Senior Pairs, at District, Regional and State level. This means that a player can only enter the Open or the Senior event in each discipline. A player cannot become a substitute or replacement player having already been defeated in one discipline.</p> <p>District Secretaries call for all entries for State Singles, Open and Senior Pairs, Triples, Open & Senior Fours Championships, Mixed Pairs and play these events with an open draw made of individual entries received from clubs in the District and run by the District Match Committee until a District winner is found. All District and Regional events are open draw matches and are to be played on a neutral green. All greens are declared neutral for ALL Association Events at District, Regional and State level.</p> <p>The draw for the District Section of these competitions is conducted by the District Match Committee and the winners are required to enter for the Regional Playoff and for the State Title. A copy of the completed District and Region's play-off draw for each event, together with the entries on the current entry form and</p>	State Singles	25 up (Shots scored over 25 will not be counted)	State Pairs Open	18 ends, 4 bowls each player	State Pairs Senior	21 ends, 3 bowls each player	State Triples	21 ends, 2 bowls each player	State Fours Open	21 ends, 2 bowls each player	State Fours Senior	18 ends, 2 bowls each player	State Mixed Pairs	15 ends, 4 bowls each player(2x2x2x2)
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	the fees, where applicable, for State play-offs must be forwarded to the State Office by the delegated District Official.
21. Club Championships	<p>All WBNSW Listed Club Championships are Association Events and teams must be self-selected with an open draw conducted, including all names of entered players, and played as follows:</p> <p>Singles 25 up (shots scored over 25 will not be counted) Pairs 18 ends, 4 bowls each player</p> <p>Triples & fours can have their own conditions of play set by individual clubs which must be stated on the entry form</p> <p>Club Championships must not commence before 1st January of the current year unless approved by the State Match Committee. There is no minimum number of entries required for a Club Championship. If only one team/player enters the event, then they are declared the winner for that year. The awarding of any trophy, certificate, badge, or prize would be at the discretion of the Club.</p> <p>The Club Major Singles winner is eligible to enter Champion of Club Champion Singles which progresses to State, National and World level if successful.</p> <p>The Club Pairs Champions are eligible to enter the WBNSW Champion of Club Champion Pairs in the current year.</p>
22. State Entries and Fees	<p>a. Each entry, together with a completed copy of the draw, accompanied by fees for all Association Events must be made on the current official entry form by the delegated District Official, or Club Secretary in Isolated Clubs and returned to the State Office before the closing date. Entries received after the close of business on the closing date will not be accepted.</p> <p>b. All Club or District draws that are forwarded to the State Match Office must be correctly completed to include full names (not initials), National Identification Numbers, Club (for District Events), winners and runners-up for all players entered. If space on the draw is limited, a separate sheet may be attached to the draw listing the details as requested.</p> <p>c. Only a fully affiliated Club member at the time of close of entry is eligible to play in any Association or Club fixture during a season (see point 24 of these Conditions of Play for exceptions to this under State Carnival).</p> <p>d. National ID is checked when entries are received by WBNSW, but proof of identity may be required prior to the commencement of the event or at any time during the event.</p> <p>e. The Match Committee/Controlling Body must be notified of any change in team personnel before the commencement of play.</p> <p>f. Players must notify WBNSW immediately of any alteration of player/team contact details. A mobile telephone number of a player in the team must appear on the entry form, to allow contact immediately prior or during a State playoff event, if required.</p>
23. Playing Fees at State Finals	<p>There is a levy payable directly to host Clubs of \$20 per player in a team, at all State Playoff events which covers morning tea, lunch, and green fees. WBNSW pays for the lunches of players on the last day of play only but green fees must be paid directly to the host club on finals days. Lunch provided by the venue is to be paid for whether the lunch is eaten or not. This is a mandatory condition accepted by the player/team upon entry into the event.</p> <p>Any <u>special dietary</u> request should be made to the venue Club before the event commences to allow reasonable time for a change to organised catering. Any requirement not so advised may not be possible.</p> <p>Any player/team scheduled to play a morning game will be required to pay the FULL levy as prescribed on the Entry Form and the Conditions of Play document distributed with the Draw for each event. Any player/team-scheduled to play in the afternoon only, will be charged a green fee as prescribed on the Entry Form and the Conditions of Play document distributed with the Draw for each event.</p>

24. State Events

The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the conditions of its program (e.g. greens, schedule, shots up, number of ends etc.,) if it decides that this is essential to bring an event to a successful conclusion. Any change will be advised as soon as practicable at the event. Open draws of Regional winners will be conducted by the WBNSW State Match Committee.

All players are required to be present at the calling of the cards and should check into the State Match office/desk, upon arrival at the host club for National ID checks. Player/team **coaches** must be registered at the Match office/desk upon arrival and notified to the designated Umpire(s), each day of play.

For all State Play-offs, players/teams are asked to bring a magnetic strip with their Club name for scoreboards.

State Carnival

Format	Fours, sectional play, followed by knock-out finals of sectional winners. No dead ends, jack re-spotted on the T. Self-selected, 18 ends and two bowls per player, alternately . Two matches will be played each day, weather permitting. Programs including conditions of play are supplied to entrants and all venue clubs before play commences by WBNSW Match Committee. Losing semi-finalists play off for third and fourth positions.
Eligibility	Composite teams are permitted. Players in a team do not need to be dressed the same. Any apparel with BA logo is allowed and the BA logo is compulsory. Players must be affiliated with WBNSW or similar interstate or international body.
Entries	Must be on the official entry form and will not be accepted without payment. Entrants must notify WBNSW immediately of any alteration to mobile telephone prior to the commencement of the Carnival. A mobile telephone number must appear on the entry form for contact during the event. Prior to the start of the first match, teams may be changed provided at least one member of the original nominated team remains.
Withdrawals	The State Match Committee reserves the right to replace a team if required. If a team withdraws after the closing date, there will be NO REFUND of the entry fee.
State Finals	Will be knock-out rounds until a winner is determined.
Prizes	Prizes will be awarded

State Singles Championship

Format	Knock-out Principle - 25 shots up (shots above 25 should not be counted) Four bowls per player. Two matches will be played each day, weather permitting until a winner is determined.
Eligibility	Open to affiliated Female members of WBNSW. Players must remain a member of the club from which the entry was received. Please refer to Clubs Closing Policy for an exemption to this requirement.
Markers	A defeated player must be available to act as a marker in the next or a subsequent round if required.
Player Movement Restrictions	Players will not be permitted to visit the head until after their third bowl.
Prizes	Prizes will be awarded

State Open Pairs

Format	Knock-out Principle – self-selected, 18 ends and four bowls per player (2x2x2x2). Two matches will be played each day, weather permitting until a winner is
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	determined. Each player shall play 4 bowls, alternately and in the following order - Lead 2 bowls, Skip 2 bowls, then repeat this order of play.
Eligibility	Open to affiliated Female members of WBNSW. Players must remain a member of the club from which the entry was received. Please refer to Clubs Closing Policy for an exemption to this requirement.
Prizes	Prizes will be awarded

State Senior Pairs

Format	Knock-out Principle – self-selected, 21 ends and three bowls per player, played alternately . Two matches will be played each day, weather permitting until a winner is determined. No dead ends with the jack to be re-spotted on the T.
Eligibility	Open to affiliated Female members of WBNSW. Players must remain a member of the club from which the entry was received. Please refer to Clubs Closing Policy for an exemption to this requirement. Date of birth must be entered on the District & Regional entry form and players must be 60 years of age on the Sunday prior to commencement of the event at District level.
Player Movement Restrictions	Leads are not permitted to visit the head until after their third bowl and skips not until after their second bowl.
Prizes	Prizes will be awarded

State Triples

Format	Knock-out Principle – self-selected, 21 ends and two bowls per player, alternately . Two matches will be played each day, weather permitting until a winner is determined.
Eligibility	Open to affiliated Female members of WBNSW. Players must remain a member of the club from which the entry was received. Please refer to Clubs Closing Policy for an exemption to this requirement.
Player Movement Restrictions	Leads and Seconds will not be permitted to visit the head until after their second bowl. The Skip will be permitted to return to the head after their first bowl.
Prizes	Prizes will be awarded

State Open Fours

Format	Knock-out Principle – self-selected, 21 ends and two bowls per player, alternately . Two matches will be played each day, weather permitting until a winner is determined.
Eligibility	Open to affiliated Female members of WBNSW. Players must remain a member of the club from which the entry was received. Please refer to Clubs Closing Policy for an exemption to this requirement.
Player Movement Restrictions	As per Law A4 Leads and Seconds may walk to the head after the second has delivered their second bowl, the Thirds after delivery of their second bowl, the Skip after the delivery of each of their bowls. In exceptional circumstances the skip can ask that a player walk to the head earlier than is described above.
Prizes	Prizes will be awarded

State Senior Fours

Format	Knock-out Principle – self-selected, 18 ends and two bowls per player, alternately . Two matches will be played each day, weather permitting until a winner is determined.
Eligibility	Open to affiliated Female members of WBNSW. Players must remain a member of the club from which the entry was received. Please refer to Clubs Closing Policy for an exemption to this requirement. To be eligible teams must provide date of birth on District and Regional Entry forms and players must be 60 years of age on the Sunday prior to the commencement of the event at District level.
Player Movement Restrictions	As per Law A4 Leads and Seconds may walk to the head after the second has delivered their second bowl, the Thirds after delivery of their second bowl, the Skip after the delivery of each of their bowls. In exceptional circumstances the skip can ask that a player walk to the head earlier than is described above
Prizes	Prizes will be awarded

State Mixed Pairs

Format at all levels	<p>Sectional play of 15 ends, 4 bowls each player (2x2x2x2)</p> <p>2½ hours' time limited, (trial ends not included),</p> <p>No dead ends, jack to be re-spotted on "T"</p> <p>3 points awarded for a match win; 1 point awarded for a match draw.</p> <p>Section winners will then play in a knockout or round robin to achieve a District winner. (Dependant on entries)</p> <p>A female (WBNSW) and a male (BNSW) player will play in each team and either player can play skip. Players do not need to belong to the same Club, but entry is from the Club/District of the female player.</p> <p>Regional playoffs - a round robin or knock-out of all district winners with the team with best overall result proceeding to State Playoffs.</p> <p>Play should be either twilight/evening or weekends to allow flexibility and entry by players who are in the workforce or students.</p>
Eligibility	Open to One affiliated Female member of WBNSW and one Affiliated male member of Bowls NSW. Players must remain a member of the club from which the entry was received. Please refer to Clubs Closing Policy for an exemption to this requirement.
Prizes	Prizes will be awarded

Champion of Club Champion Pairs

Format	Sectional play, Round Robin Principle- 18 ends and four bowls each player, 2x2x2x2 three rounds may be played each day (dependant on entries) and in the evening. Section winners will then playoff in an open draw knockout.
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	<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>Open to affiliated female members of WBNSW. Players must remain a member of the Club from which the entry was received. Refer to clubs closing policy for any exemptions of this rule. Entries are restricted to one team from any affiliated club, such members, at the time of entry to be the Club Pairs Champions for the current bowling season (January-December). The club Pairs Championship event must be completed by the date specified each year. This event is to be played at Club level on an OPEN DRAW principle with no seeding of players. Players must wear their registered club uniform.</p>
	<p>Prizes</p>	<p>Prizes will be awarded</p>
<p>Champion of Club Champion Singles</p>		
	<p>Format</p>	<p>Sectional play, Round Robin Principle – 25 shots up and four bowls per player, alternately. Three rounds may be played each day, weather permitting until a section winner is determined. Section winners will then playoff in an open draw knockout.</p>
	<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>Open to affiliated Female members of WBNSW. Players must remain a member of the club from which the entry was received. Please refer to Clubs Closing Policy for an exemption to this requirement. Entries are restricted to one member from any affiliated club, such member, at the time of entry to be the Club Singles Champion for the current bowling season (January-December). The club Singles Championship event must be completed by the date specified each year. This event is to be played on an OPEN DRAW principle with no seeding of players. Players must wear their registered club uniform.</p>
	<p>Player Movement Restrictions</p>	<p>Players will not be permitted to visit the head until after their third bowl.</p>
	<p>State Finals</p>	<p>A defeated player must be available to act as a marker in the next round or a fine determined by the WBNSW will be imposed. The winner of State Champion of Club Champions Singles event is eligible to enter the National Champion of Club Champions Singles event conducted by Bowls Australia and BA Conditions of Play will apply.</p>
	<p>Prizes</p>	<p>Prizes will be awarded</p>
<p>For the Australian Indoor Qualifying, Summer League, Weekend Pennant, and other Association events, see their separate entry forms and Conditions of Play.</p>		
<p>25. Presentations</p>	<p>Presentation of prizes will be conducted immediately after the final of each event is completed. All finalists and semi-finalists are required to remain at the club for the presentation of prizes and must be wearing registered club uniform for the presentation to represent their club.</p>	
<p>26. Live-Streaming</p>	<p>Some state finals and presentations may be live-streamed, and players may be required to participate in an interview prior to and/or after the completion of play.</p>	
<p>27. Australian Championships</p>	<p>Winners of the State Singles, Open Pairs, Triples, Open Fours and Mixed Pairs are eligible to play in the Australian Championships which are conducted by Bowls Australia, annually. WBNSW will forward winners names to Bowls Australia who will contact the qualifying players.</p>	