



CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR MEN'S & OPEN GENDER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP'S AT NBC SPORTS CLUB

As at 7th July 2023

General

1. The Club Major Singles & Major Pairs Championship matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of The Sport of Bowls Australia (BA) and the General Conditions of Play governing all Championships as Determined and issued from time to time by the Royal NSW Bowling Association. However, these conditions may be amended by the Board as specified in the Constitution Section 56, Part B (IV) and (VI).

2. The Match Committee shall have complete control of the conditions under which Club Championships are played and reserves the right to vary these rules.

3. Club Championships to be played are

- Major Singles – Played under BNSW COP as goes to State Finals
- Minor Singles – Open Gender, first to 25 – Open to any NBC Sports full bowling members that has not won a Minor Singles, Major Pairs or Singles at any Club
- Novice Singles – Open Gender, first to 25 – Open to any full bowling members that has been registered less that 24th months from the start of the competition
- Senior Singles – Open Gender, first to 21 – Open to any NBC Sports full bowling members over the age of 60 at the start of the competition
- Gold Cup Singles – Open Gender, first to 15 – Open to any NBC Sports full bowling members grade 5-7 in the current open gender pennant season
- Major Pairs - Played under BNSW COP as goes to State Finals
- Senior Pairs – Open Gender, three bowl pairs, 21 ends - Open to any NBC Sports full bowling members over the age of 60 at the start of the competition
- Reserve Pairs – Open Gender, three bowl pairs, 21 ends - Open to any NBC Sports full bowling members grade 5-7 in the previous open gender pennant season
- Major Minor Pairs – Open Gender - Open to any NBC Sports full bowling members. Major is considered any bowler that played grade (1-5) in the current or most recent Open Gender Pennant season, (any ladies that played Single Gender Pennant and not Open Gender Pennant will be graded by the NBC Sports Club Match Committee). A Minor is considered any bowler that played grade (6 -7) in the current or most recent open gender pennant season. Format is two sets of 5 ends, one end tie breaker if one set all. Whoever wins the first set takes the matt for the second set. Toss a coin if one set all
- Mixed Pairs – 3 Bowl Pairs to align with NSW State Mixed Pairs, 21 ends - Open to any NBC Sports full bowling members. Teams must consist of one male & one female
- Major Triples – Open Gender, two bowl triples, 25 ends - Open to any NBC Sports full bowling members

- Mixed Triples – two bowl triples, 25 ends - Open to any NBC Sports full bowling members. Teams must consist of two male and one female or two female and one male
- Major Fours – Open Gender, 21 ends - Open to any NBC Sports full bowling members. Top grade players are encouraged to play with lower grade bowlers
- David Swindail Fours - Open to any NBC Sports full bowling members & is single entry. Selectors will put players into positions and teams will be picked out of a hat. Format is two sets of 5 ends, one end tie breaker if one set all. Whoever wins the first set takes the matt for the second set. Toss a coin if one set all

4. Entry into Club Championships will be made on the list for the event posted on the Bowls Notice Board. In Pairs, Triples and Major Fours, including mixed events, complete teams must be nominated. A single-entry column will be added for the Mixed Events. It is the responsibility of the players to put their names on the board, not the Bowls Coordinator

5. Club Championship matches will be scheduled to be played on Saturday and on Sundays with the exception of holiday weekends, Mother's Day and Father's Day. (Some minor events maybe scheduled at other times including under lights when needed)

6. Eligibility to Compete – (Only full bowling members are entitled to enter club championships)

7. Championship Draw – The draw for each event will be made by the Match Committee. All Championship draws are to be done on an open draw basis and a copy of the draw for each event will be posted on the Bowls Notice Board. Please note a minimum number of (8) entries is required to run each event. If we do not receive (8) or more teams the event will be cancelled (Does not apply for Novice Singles)

8. Notification of matches – Dates for championship matches will be posted on the entry form. Entry forms will be posted on the board (4) weeks before the closing date and the draw published (6) days prior to the first round.

9. Postponement of Matches – Matches should not be postponed except for inclement weather or other exceptional circumstances. If a player or team drawn to play cannot do so, then a

forfeit will apply unless:

- a. A substitute is available or
- b. The opponents by mutual agreement and with the consent of the Match Committee play the game prior to the scheduled date or prior to the commencement of the next scheduled round or
- c. Exemption is granted under Rule twelve (12)

10. Inclement Weather – Should a round not be played because of inclement weather or other circumstances then that round will be played on the date set down by the Match Committee. In these circumstances, there is no requirement to give two (2) weeks' notice of their scheduled playing date.

11. Consecutive Matches on the Same Day – When players are drawn in both Men's and Mixed Championships games on the same day both matches have to be played. Deferment will not be allowed however, a half hour break will be allowed between each game. Every care will be taken by the Match Committee to ensure there is no clash of Championship.

matches but inclement weather could result in such a clash.

12. Exemptions – Exemption will be granted to players engaged in Australian, State or Zone matches and others who have reached a semi-final where such matches clash with scheduled Club Championship matches providing such players give notice to the Match Committee. The Match Committee reserves the right to grant or refuse exemption from playing in Club Championships in all circumstances. If an exemption is granted, there is no requirement to give two (2) weeks' notice of the rescheduled playing date.

13. Substitutes - In regard to substitutes, the "LAWS OF THE GAME OF BOWLS" as promulgated by Bowls Australia shall apply except as provided in Rule six (6) of these Conditions.

14. Club stickers – Bowls stickers will be supplied for pennants & Zone 10 Championships

15. Singles Championships

a. The Match Committee shall appoint all markers for Singles Events. Persons finding themselves unavailable to mark must find a substitute and notify the Match Committee of such change.

b. Markers not fulfilling their marking obligations shall not be allowed to compete in that Championship in the following year unless approved otherwise by the Match Committee.

c. No player is to be expected to mark more than one game in any Singles competition.

d. Players may enter both Major and Minor Singles Championships providing that a player who has won a Major or Minor Singles Championship at any Club shall be eligible for the Major Singles only. If an eligible players' entry is accepted in a given year then they are entitled to complete the year in those events for which the entry has been accepted. To be considered a Minor, a player cannot have won a Minor, Major Singles/Pairs at NBC Sports Club or any other club.

NBC Sports Club Match Committee

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