



CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP'S AT NORTHMEAD BOWLING CLUB

As at 3rd November 2016

General

1. The Club 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, Minor, Novice & Senior Singles, Major, Senior Reserve Pairs, Triples, Fours, Mixed Pairs and Mixed Fours and such other events as determined from time to time by the Match Committee.
4. Entry into Club Championships will be made on the list for the event posted on the Bowls Notice Board. In Pairs, Triples and Fours, including mixed events, complete teams only must be nominated. A single entry column will be added for the Mixed Events
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 events maybe scheduled at other times including under lights when needed)
6. Eligibility to Compete – Any member who plays Club Championships and or State Pennants at another affiliated Club in the year is not eligible to play or act as a substitute in Club Championships at Northmead in the same year. (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.
8. Notification of matches – Not less than two (2) weeks' notice will be given of the dates on which the first round matches will be played by posting such notice on the Bowls Notice

Board and the dates of subsequent matches to be played according to the program

9. Postponement of Matches – Matches should not be postponed except for inclement weather or other justifiable cause. 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 the rescheduled playing date, except for Finals.

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 thereof 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. Bowls Stickers – The Club may provide bowls stickers for use in particular events. On completion of the Club/Player commitment to the event for which the stickers were provided,

the stickers are to be removed. Players using stickers provided by District, Zone or State Association or other bodies may leave those stickers on their bowls when competing in Club

Championship Singles only provided that their commitment to the event for which they were provided has not been completed.

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 player's 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 or better at NBC Sports Club or any other club.
- e. The Bowls Organiser is to place on the Notice Board a list of players eligible to compete in the Novice Singles before nominations are called.
- f. Should there be a conflict in the schedules dates of play for any Championship Singles match/matches then Major Singles Championship match/matches will take precedence.

16. Reserve Pairs Championship - Reserve Pairs Championship matches are restricted to players graded five (5) to seven (7) in Pennants. Players will only be eligible to enter one event, Major or Reserve Pairs as these events are conducted at the same time. Players who have not been selected to play pennants or have not played pennants will be graded by their

last known pennant grade or at the discretion of the Match Committee.

17. Senior Singles & Pairs – Players must be over the age of 60 at the time of the event.

18. Mixed Championships

- a. The composition of teams for Mixed Championships will be:
 - i. PAIRS – One man, one woman
 - ii. Fours – Two Men, Two Women

b. Each member of a team may play in any position. The introduction of a substitute player shall not alter the composition of the team ie the substitute player must be the same sex as the player being replaced.

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