

The Hills District Bowling Club



Club Championships

Conditions of Play 2021

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Amendments from the 2018 Conditions of Play

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| Clause 3 | Re-classification Juniors, Rookies, Senior/Junior Pairs |
| Clause 3 | Number of bowls and ends to be played clarified for all events. |
| Clause 3 | Rookies singles eligibility updated. |
| Clause 7 | Allows for pre-arranged matches to extend beyond the scheduled date as long as they complete before the following scheduled date. i.e Pre-arranged matches must not compromise the established competition scheduled match dates. |
| Clause 8 | As per Clause 7 change. |
| Clause 9 | Added – player/team responsibilities for re-scheduled games |
| Clause 13 | Removes the reliance of Championship playing Dates being initially scheduled for Saturday or Sunday mornings or afternoons. |

Amendments from the 2019 Conditions of Play

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| Clause 3a. | Men's changed to "Open" |
| Clause 3a | Balancing of numbers of nominations between Majors and Minors changed to be random draw based on grading and playing position in previous season. |
| Clause 3a | For Ladies playing in Major Minors their grades from the 2019 Women's Bowls will be used |
| Clause 3c | Male or Female removed. |
| Clause 4 | Player has to member of relevant STA at the time of event and cannot have competed in same event in any other STA. |
| Clause 7 | Amended to clarify forfeiting team as the result of requesting event date or time change by agreement |
| Clause 8 | Reference to Clause 9 |
| Clause 9 | Bowls Secretary will be advised of Team initiating rescheduling and the team initiating rescheduling will forfeit if game does not proceed. |

Amendments from the 2020 Conditions of Play

Clause 7 Delete the words “due to extenuating or unforeseen circumstances” to bring in line with Bowls NSW CoP wording.

1. Laws of the Sport of Bowls

Club Championships matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and the NSW Conditions of Play promulgated each year.

2. Bowls Committee

The HDBC Bowls Committee is responsible for the conduct of all Club Championships, Tournaments and Social Bowls.

3. Club Championships

Club Championships will be contested as follows:

3a. Open Events

Major Singles

All members are eligible to play in the Major Singles

Duration of the match will be the first to reach 31 shots.

Minor Singles

If a player has won a Minor Singles in a previous year, or Major Singles Championship in this Club or any other Club or higher, that player is ineligible to play in the Minor Singles Championship.

A player who enters the Minor Singles may also enter the Major Singles.

Duration of the match will be the first to reach 31 shots.

Senior Singles

All members over the age of 60 at the start of the competition are eligible to play in the Senior Singles.

Duration of the match will be the first to reach 31 shots.

Major Pairs

All members are eligible to play in the Major Pairs

This event will be played 4 bowls over 21 ends

Minor Pairs

If a player has won a Minor Pairs in a previous year, Major Pairs, Championship in this Club or any other Club or higher, that player is ineligible to play in the Minor Pairs Championship.

A player who enters the Minor Pairs may also enter the Major Pairs

This event will be played 4 bowls over 21 ends.

Triples

All members are eligible to play in the Club Triples

This event will be played with 2 bowls over 25 ends.

Fours

All members are eligible to play in the Club Fours.

This event will be played with 2 bowls over 21 ends.

Handicap Pairs (Major/Minor Pairs)

This event will be played 4 bowls over 21 ends.

For the purpose of this event a Major Player is a player who has been graded in the highest two (2) pennant grades in the previous completed pennant season. All other players are regarded as Minor Players. For the 2020 season lady bowlers grading from Women's bowls in 2019 will apply.

Where the number of minor and major entries is unbalanced due to more minor players nominating than majors, minor players will be moved to the major entries to even the nominations. Where more than one minor player is eligible to move to a major position players will be moved starting from the highest graded minor players, then by usual playing position starting from skip down to lead. When more than one minor player is the same grade and position is eligible to move, the selection will then be by random draw.

Where there are more majors than minors, the lowest graded major players will be moved to the major column selected by random draw.

Novice Singles

Where a new member is cleared by the Coaching Panel, he is eligible for the next 36 months to compete in the Novice Singles Championship. Entry into this event would be

subject to the member not having won an Association event, Major or Minor club event, Novice Singles event or having accrued more than 36 months bowling experience in their life.

All games will be contested until such time as either player compiles a score of 25 shots, with no limit to number of ends required to reach this total.

3b. Mixed Events

Mixed Pairs

This event will be played 4 bowls over 21 ends.

There must be one male and one female player.

The team may play in any order.

Mixed Triples

This event will be played with 2 bowls over 25 ends.

The composition of a team shall be 2 ladies and 1 man or 1 lady and 2 men.

The team members may play in any order.

Mixed Fours

This event will be played with 2 bowls over 21 ends.

The composition of a team shall be 2 ladies and 2 men who may play in any order.

3c. Other Events

Junior Singles

Open all bowling members who are under the age of 18.

Duration of the match will be the first to reach 25 shots.

Rookies Singles

Open to all bowling with no prior bowling experience for either the year of joining the Club or the subsequent year.

All games will be contested until such time as either player compiles a score of 25 shots

The once only entry into this event would be subject to the member not having won an Association event, Major or Minor club event or Novice Singles event

Senior/Junior Pairs

A junior is a bowling member who is under the age of 18.

A senior is a bowler member who is aged 60 and over.

This event will be played 4 bowls over 21 ends.

The Bowls Committee reserves the right to approve other events as required.

4. Eligibility for entry into Club Championships

To enter a Club Championship the player must be a member of the HDBC and a registered member of the RNSWBA or RNSWWBA as appropriate. The HDBC must be the player's declared Club at the time of the championship. The player must not have played in the same championship event in any other STA.

5. Entry for Club Championships

Entry for Club Championships is to be made on the Championship Entry form which will be posted on the club notice board not less than three weeks prior to the scheduled closing date for entry.

On entry to all Club events the member/s accepts the Conditions of Play as set out in this document.

6. Draws

The Bowls Secretary will be responsible for the draw of Club Championships. All Championship draws are to be undertaken on an open draw basis in the presence of two bowling members. The draw for each event will be posted on the club notice board not less than five days prior to scheduled commencement date.

7. Scheduled Playing Dates

All Championship games are to be played on their scheduled date or time. Should a player or a team be unable to play on the scheduled date or time., subject to the agreement of the opposing team and the Bowls Secretary, the match may be rescheduled and played *PRIOR* to the next scheduled game date. If it is not possible to organise a game prior to the next scheduled game date the unavailable player shall be substituted as per clause 11 or the team requesting the Change shall forfeit the game (with exception of the Final-refer clause 7a).

Start time regulations will apply to all revised date or start times agreed by the bowls secretary.

The Bowls Committee reserves the right to alter or set new dates of play to complete Club Championships and Tournaments.

7a Finals

All Final matches are to be played on the scheduled date. Should circumstance dictate that a player or a team is unable to play on the scheduled date the Bowls Secretary, with agreement of the Team Captains, may make arrangement to reschedule the game in order to avoid the introduction of a substitute or forfeiture. Only one postponement per team will be permitted. Where the game cannot be arranged within a period of four weeks of the original date, it must be referred to the Bowls Committee.

8. Order of Precedence

Club Championships take precedence over external competitions that are not recognised as a Bowls Australia, RNSWBA, Sydney North West Zone 10 event (Refer to State Conditions of Play) or RNSWWBA where appropriate. Where member/s of a team have entered an external event, subject to agreement with the opposing team and the Bowls Secretary, the match may be played PRIOR to the scheduled date. (see Clause 9).

9. Rescheduled Games

A player or team unable to play on the scheduled date takes full responsibility for arranging a game of convenience in accordance with clause 7 and does so on the understanding that

- i) the Bowls Secretary is advised of the team initiating the rescheduling of the game.
- ii) the arrangements make provision for a Marker if required
- iii) the game itself does not justify having an Umpire or Controlling Body.
- iv) should a game arranged after the scheduled date not proceed for any reason or circumstance whatsoever, the game will be forfeited by the team initiating the rescheduling.

10. Substitutes

A substitute will not be permitted where a member is playing in an external competition. In other situations substitutes and /or replacements must comply with Domestic Regulations (DR2) of The Laws of Bowls.

11. Inclement Weather

Where a scheduled event cannot be played due to inclement weather the Bowls Committee will authorise the Bowls Secretary to reschedule round/s to be played on a revised date. To ensure completion of the championship event within the prescribed time frame outlined in the published Bowls Calendar, the game/s may be rescheduled to be played under lights and or during the week. Where a round/s is to be rescheduled, no less than five (5) days notice is to be given.

12. Scheduled Starting Times

All Club Championships must commence on the posted starting time. If after fifteen minutes from the scheduled start time of a game, one or more players are absent from a team, the defaulting team shall nominate an eligible substitute or forfeit the game. The 15 minute delay shall not include the calling of cards and roll ups. Cards shall be called at least 20 minutes before the scheduled starting time

13. Championship Playing Days

Club Championships are to be scheduled by the Bowls Committee. Championships may be played on all greens, including under lights. Club Championship Games will not be scheduled on Public Holiday Weekends or Mother's Day or Father's Day.

14. Same Day Events

Where a player is drawn to play men's and mixed championships on the same date, the Bowls Secretary will schedule one game in the morning, with the second game to be played in the afternoon. Unless otherwise approved by the Bowls Committee, both games are to be played as per draw.

15. Dress Requirements

It is a requirement for all Club Championships and Association events to wear the current approved Club uniform which complies with the respective RNSWBA (or RNSWWBA as appropriate) Attire By-law.

The wearing of old uniforms, or a mixture of old and new, will not be permitted in Championship events with the exception of current or old jacket.

Where members fail to comply with this rule the Bowls Secretary will not allow the player to compete in the competition.

16. Variations to Conditions of Play

The Bowls Committee may, when required, and prior to the day of play of an event, vary the Conditions of Play as deemed necessary to complete an event. This may include, but is not restricted to, changing the number of ends to be played for non-Association events, revise scheduled starting times and/or the date of an event.

The Bowls Secretary, or in his absence, the Controlling Body may, when required, and on the day of an event, vary the Conditions of Play as deemed necessary to complete an event. This may include, but is not restricted to, changing the number of ends to be played for non-Association events, revise scheduled starting times and/or the date of an event.

17. Markers

The Bowls Secretary will be responsible to appoint markers for Single Championship events. Members who have entered a singles competition may be required to mark as many as two singles games during the prescribed event. Players may be required to mark on the next scheduled round of the championship, even if that round falls on the following weekend. Should a player not be available to mark, it is **THEIR** responsibility to find a suitable replacement.

18. Marker's Obligation

Where a member has failed to meet his obligation to mark a game as outlined in clause 17, he will be prohibited from competing in the next eligible Championship he has entered, unless he appeals in writing to the Bowls Committee and is approved by the Bowls Committee.

19. Composition of Teams

In all events each team will comprise of at least one member who is aged 16 years or older at commencement of the championship.

20. No Smoking Policy

It is a condition of any game played at The Hills District Bowling Club that there is to be no smoking within 2 metres of the perimeter of any of the greens and where duly indicated by “No Smoking” signage. Specifically as follows:

Green 1

East Bank – There is to be no smoking between the “No Smoking” signs and the Green.

South Bank - There is to be no smoking between the “No Smoking” signs and the Green.

Green 2

East Bank – There is to be no smoking at all.

North Bank – There is to be no smoking at all.

West Bank - There is to be no smoking between the “No Smoking” signs and the Green.

Green 3

North Bank – There is to be no smoking at all.

West Bank – There is to be no smoking at all.

South Bank - There is to be no smoking at all.

21. Instantaneous Penalties

***Refer to State COP section 2.30 Instantaneous Penalties and BA Penalty
Instantaneous Penalties Policy.***

If the Umpire, on appeal by the Controlling Body, a Side Manager, a Skip or an Opponent, or by observation, in their opinion decides that a breach of any Law or Rule or any action by a player/s, such as:

- a) acting in an abusive, threatening or intimidating manner towards any person,
- b) using obscene, offensive, abusive, threatening or intimidating language towards any person,
- c) threatening any person with physical violence or assault,
- d) assaulting any person,
- e) acting in a manner likely to bring the sport of bowls into disrepute
- f) acting in a manner likely to bring Bowls NSW or any affiliated body into disrepute.

has taken place, then after consultation with the controlling body,(in their absence the team / side managers) the end shall be immediately regarded as completed and then:

- i. The Opponent of the offender shall be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the Opponent in singles or opposing Team in a Team game or team in a side game.
- ii. Upon a second such offence by the same Player in the same game, the Umpire shall award the game to the Opponent/s according to Laws of the Sport (3rd Edition) C2 and C10.
- iii. In a Team game the defaulting Team will forfeit the game to their Opponent.
- iv. The umpire is to forward a written detailed report about any incident involving an instantaneous penalty to the Bowls Committee.

22. Association Events

Refer to State COP section 2 – General Condition Governing All Association Events.

The Club Major Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours are Association events and are as per the State Conditions of Play.
