



State Events - Conditions of Play

2022-23

This document is concerned only with State events for which Bowls Tasmania is the Controlling Body.

Responsibility for regional events remains with the relevant regional authority.

Note: Matters not specifically set out in these Conditions are to be dealt with according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (including domestic regulations for Australia). In the event of any conflict between these Conditions of Play and the WB Laws, the WB Laws prevail.

RELATED POLICIES:

Smoking
Artificial Devices
Electronic Equipment
Extreme Weather
Match Fixing
Disciplinary Policy
NMP Logo Policy

RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:

Bowls Tasmania Joint Conditions of Play Committee

AUTHORITY:

Bowls Tasmania

APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:

State Wide Challenge Conditions of Play

Bowler of the Year Ranking System (Attachment 1)

Host Region Calendar (Attachment 2)
Responsibilities Table: State Championships (Attachment 3)

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1. **GENERAL CONDITIONS – ALL EVENTS**

- Uniforms - all players in all events shall wear only BA approved uniforms and footwear.
- Slow 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 is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl they will precede as follows:
 - (i) On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player.
 - (ii) If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as complete, and the opponents of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent.
 - (iii) If the player offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent.
- One trial end each way, to a bare jack, using the number of bowls which are to be used in the match, shall be permitted before each game but is not mandatory.
- The Event Supervisor reserves the right to alter the format, times of play and greens (including changing surface from grass to synthetic including indoor surfaces) to suit unforeseen circumstances including inclement weather, giving as much notice as practical.
- If the Event Supervisor, officials or greens superintendent (or representative) closes a green during championship games due to weather or other reasons the Event Supervisor may transfer all games to an indoor surface (if available). All such games transferred will recommence from the last completed end prior to the transfer, and the progressive score for each player/team shall be as at the completion of the last end played on the original surface. Law 29.3.1 will apply and players must continue play with their original set of bowls.
- Where an event is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Event Supervisor may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result or abandon the event where an outcome cannot be achieved, and points will be shared.
- Players . teams that have a bye in sectional play may practice if a rink is available. BA approved uniforms and footwear must be worn whilst practicing.

2. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

2.1 **General Conditions**

- a) All Championships will be Gender Specific (unless otherwise specified) and include Junior, over 60, Bowlers with a Disability, Bowlers with Bowling Arms etc.
- b) The Controlling Body for State Championships shall be Bowls Tasmania.
- c) Bowls Tasmania is responsible for the draw.
- d) Byes shall be filled after the closing date but before the draw is released.
- e) In the event of there being a bye in a section, the winner of that section will not be given a bye in post sectional play.

- f) All players wishing to enter championships at any level shall be registered as full playing members with Bowls Tasmania.
- g) All bowls used in the event shall meet such eligibility criteria as required in current Laws of the Sport of Bowls. However, for events described in this document, bowls DO NOT REQUIRE an up-to-date World Bowls stamp.
- h) Competitions will be Open or B Grade. Players will be deemed to be eligible for B Grade if they have played the majority of their games in the current season in Division 2 or below for Saturday Pennant and Division 3 and below for Thursday Pennant as at close of entries for an event.
- i) The number of ends/bowls shall be as determined by the Controlling Body.
- j) All Games shall be played without a break
- k) Defeated players in Singles **must** be available as markers for the next round in knock-out competition.
- l) Should a player/team/marker not appear at the scheduled time for play, without reason acceptable to the Regional Match Committee, each such player shall be subject to a fine of up to \$50 and/or be ineligible to play in the same event in the following season.
- m) An intended player may withdraw by notifying the Secretary of the Controlling Authority not less than 48 hours before the scheduled commencement of play. Withdrawal after the draw has been done will result in the forfeit of entry fees paid.
- n) Withdrawal after this time shall be treated as follows:
 - (i) In the case of a Singles player, the game will be awarded to the opponent as a forfeit if the qualified intended player withdraws after the draw has been finalised by the region holding the event and returned to Bowls Tasmania
 - (ii) In the case of a Team event, a replacement may be allowed in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
 - (iii) In the case of a Team event, a replacement team may be allocated at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- o) Sectional play may be used for initial rounds if desired by Controlling Body.
- p) The bowls being used by players who are members of composite teams (from more than one Club) shall either all carry identical stickers, or none shall carry any stickers at all.
- q) Where two teams from the same club are playing each other, they may retain their discs if the skips, or opponents in singles agree, or they will draw for the right to retain discs. In the event of any conflict, the Umpire's decision shall be final.
- r) The draw for sectional and knockout play shall be in the form of an open draw. i.e. no account shall be taken of the Regions from which entries come.
- s) The Controlling Body shall have responsibility for the entire management of the event, with power to alter conditions if deemed necessary.

- t) Restricting the Movement of players during the course of play will be enforced as per Appendix A4 in the Law Book.

2.2 **Format**

- a) For both Men's and Women's events, where the format requires Sectional play, the organisers are to schedule three (3) rounds of Sectional play on the one (1) day.
- b) Sectional play shall be drawn as four (4) teams/individuals in each section, excepting junior championships which will be at the discretion of the controlling body.
- c) There shall be three (3) rounds of sectional play in each section. Sections having only 3 entries will see the loser of game 1 play in game 2.
- d) Post sectional play and all Finals to be played in the form of a knockout competition.
- e) Bowls Tasmania will determine each season as to what format the games will take:

STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

Singles: To be knockout play, 25 shots up each game.

Pairs: Four (4) bowl crossover (2 x 2 x 2 x 2) MEN & WOMEN

Sectional Play, Post Sectional, Quarter Final & Semi Final – 15 ends

Grand Finals – 18 ends

Mixed Pairs: Four (4) bowl crossover (2 x 2 x 2 x 2)

Sectional Play, Post Sectional, Quarter Final & Semi Final – 12 ends

Grand Finals – 15 ends

Triples: Two (2) bowl.

Sectional Play, Post Sectional, Quarter Final & Semi Final – 18 ends

Grand Finals – 21 ends

Fours: Two (2) bowl

Sectional, Post Sectional, Quarter & Semi Finals – 15 ends

Grand Final – 18 ends

STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

Singles: 4 Bowls

Sectional games will be 21 Shots up.

All Singles may be sections of 3 players.

It is a condition of entry of these Championships that players with the bye must act as markers if required for the next round of competition on that day. Failure to mark will incur a fine as per section 1.1 (n)

Pairs: 3 bowls straight per player

Three (3) rounds of Sectional Play. All games are 18 ends.

STATE BOWLERS WITH A DISABILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

This event will be held as a single gender competition and will be held in the four categories of Physically Impaired, Visually Impaired, Intellectually Impaired and Hearing Impaired. All events must receive a minimum of 4 entries to proceed. Events receiving less than four entries will be combined with another event. Intellectually Impaired shall play together, and the Physically Impaired, Vision Impaired and Hearing Impaired shall be grouped together.

The Pairs event will be an Open Disability event. Anyone can play with anyone.

Singles: 4 Bowls

Sectional games will be 21 Shots up with a two hour fifteen-minute time limit.

The final will be 21shots up with no time limit.

Pairs: 3 bowls straight per player

Three (3) rounds of Sectional Play 15 ends and a two hour fifteen-minute time limit.

The final will be 18 ends with no time limit.

Note: If vision impaired bowlers are playing, the centre line must be marked all the way up the green.

STATE BOWLERS WITH BOWLING ARMS CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

These will be Open Gender events.

Singles: 4 Bowls

All games will be 21 Shots up.

All Singles may be sections of 3 players.

It is a condition of entry of these Championships that players with the bye must act as markers if required for the next round of competition on that day. Failure to mark will incur a fine as per section 1.1 (n)

Pairs: Four (4) bowl crossover (2 x 2 x 2 x 2)

Sectional Play, Post Sectional, Quarter & Semi Finals– 12 ends

Grand Final – 15 ends

Triples: Two (2) bowl.

Sectional Play, Post Sectional, Quarter & Semi Finals – 15 ends

Grand Finals – 18 ends

Fours: Two (2) bowl

Sectional, Post Sectional, Quarter & Semi Finals – 15 ends

Grand Final – 18 ends

STATE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

Pairs: Men's: Four (4) bowl crossover (2 x 2 x 2 x 2)

Women's and Bowling Arm: Three (3) bowl pairs

	Men's	Women's and Bowling Arm
Sectional Play	12 ends	15 ends
Post Sectional	12	18
Quarter Finals	15	18
Semi-Finals	15	18
Grand Final	15	18

Fours: Two (2) bowl

Sectional, Post Sectional, Quarter & Semi Finals – 15 ends

Grand Final – 15 ends

- f) Men's and Women's State Singles, Pairs and Fours Championships will be held in the same region in March each year, with the events alternating between regions.

The Men's and Women's State Triples and Mixed Pairs will be held in the same region in January each year, with rotation between regions subject to BT sponsorship arrangements.

The Men's and Women's State Senior Pairs and Fours Championships will be held in the same region in the 2nd week of February, with the events alternating between regions.

Refer Attachment 3 for Host Regions Calendar for the next 3 years.

g) Scoring:

- (i) In Sectional Play, teams will receive three (3) points for a win, and one (1) point for a tie. Any team receiving a forfeit will be credited with three (1) points for the win and a shots margin of plus 8 shots.
- (ii) Section winners shall be decided on game points, but if 2 or more teams share top position with equal points, the team with the largest difference between total shots for and total shots against shall be the winner. If the margin is still equal, the Controlling Body will divide the total of shots scored against each player, team or side into the total of shots it has scored. The player, team or side with the highest result will be declared the winner. If the percentage is equal then the player, team or side with the highest number of ends won will be declared the winner. If the player or team are still tied, the player or team that won the match between those 2, will be declared the winner. If that game was a tie, the winner will be decided by the team or side with the highest number of ends won in that match. If the ends won was equal, the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin.

3. D. L. REID:

The Event shall continue as a regional event for women. The winners in each Region shall gain eligibility to Master status.

4. TASMANIAN BOWLER OF THE YEAR

Bowls Tasmania shall make an award each year for the Men's and Women's Bowler of the Year. For conditions and rules of this award, please refer to [Attachment 2](#).

5. STATE PENNANT FINALS

- a) Bowls Tasmania is the Controlling Body for State Pennant Finals.
- b) The Bowls Tasmania State Pennant Finals will be an invitational event. With Bowls Tasmania extending an invite to each regional winner to compete in their respective State Pennant Finals.

Saturday Pennant Finals are to be held at 2 venues with 2 greens with acceptable standard greens each.

Bowls Tasmania in conjunction with the host Regional Authority will determine which divisions are held at which venues.

- c) Regional Authorities have the responsibility of determining the rules for regional pennant competition and will ensure all roster games and regional finals are completed prior to the date set down for State finals, however, the standard rules and player status and eligibility clauses shall be adopted to ensure the logical progression from pennant regional finals to the state finals.
- d) Regional Authorities must supply Bowls Tasmania with a list of all players participating in the State Finals which shall include their eligibility.

5.1 **Standard Rules**

- a) All players shall be registered members of Bowls Tasmania.
- b) Sides shall consist of 3 rinks of 4 players in the State Finals
- c) Teams and sides shall be composed according to the Laws of the Game.

5.2 **Player status and eligibility:**

- a) Players shall not be permitted to play in any of the last three pennant games, or in regional or state finals in any lower division once they have played a total of three games in the last six rounds of the roster series in higher divisions.
- b) Each game for which points are shared is counted as a game played when counting player eligibility.
- c) A player eligible to participate in a side in a regional final shall be eligible to participate in the State final.

5.3 **State Finals**

- a) State Finals to be played in each Region in rotation with the host Regional Authority conducting the games on behalf of Bowls Tasmania.
- b) To be played as a Round Robin with each side playing all others in that division.
- c) To avoid the third game being a dead rubber, the draw for the Finals shall be:

Hosted North

Day 1: 9am North vs North West
 1pm South vs Loser Games 1
 Day 2: 9am South vs Winner Game 1

Hosted South

Day 1: 9am South vs North
 1pm North West vs Loser Games 1
 Day 2: 9am North West vs Winner Game 1

Hosted North West

Day 1: 9am North West vs North
 1pm South vs Loser Games 1
 Day 2: 9am South vs Winner Game 1

If Game 1 is a draw, the side going through to Game 3 will be the side that won the most rinks in Game 1. If that is equal, then it will be the side with the highest number of ends won. If the ends won was equal, the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin.

- d) Where there are four teams in a division, each team will play each other once with all teams playing all three games.
- e) All games to be 21 ends with no break scheduled.
- f) Scoring
 - (i) 2 points to be awarded for each side win and 1 point to be awarded for a side draw.
 - (ii) If points are equal, then the highest net total shots (total shots for minus the total shots against) will be determined the winner.
 - (iii) If final points are equal, the Controlling Body will divide the total of shots scored against each side into the total of shots it has scored. The side with the highest result will be declared the winner.
 - (iv) If there is still a draw the team with the highest number of ends won will be declared the winner.
 - (v) If ends are also equal, the winner of the game between the two teams will be declared the winner.
- g) The winning side in each division to be awarded a Plaque, and hold the perpetual trophy, if any, until the next finals.
- h) Wet weather: In the event of inclement weather affecting this event , the following conditions of play shall be used:

Games 1 and 2 (Day 1)

- 21 ends constitute a full game (63 ends) with 45 ends total constituting a result if inclement weather intervenes
- If a minimum of 45 ends in Game 2 cannot be completed on Day 1, play resumes on Day 2 until 45 ends total have been completed, and Game3 will be reduced to 45 ends (3 x 15)
- If there is no play on Day 1, all 3 games on Day 2 shall be 45 ends (3 x 15)

Game 3 (Day 2)

- 21 ends constitute a full game (63 ends) unless changed due to Games 1 and 2 scenarios as above
- 45 ends shall constitute a result if inclement weather intervenes.
- If all 3 games are reduced to 45 ends (3 x 15) for Day 2, then 36 ends total shall constitute a result in each game if further inclement weather intervenes.

If any of the 3 games cannot be completed under any scenario, then the series shall be declared incomplete, and no winner announced

Shots up after each game will be adjusted if only 45 (or 36) ends are completed in any game (multiply by 63/45 or 63/36).

6. CHAMPION OF CHAMPION SINGLES

- a) The Men's and Women's State Final of the Open Singles Champion of Champions shall be played in the same region as the State Championships, with the host Regional Authority conducting the games on behalf of Bowls Tasmania.
- b) To be played as a Round Robin with each player playing all others.
- c) To avoid the third game being a dead rubber, the draw for the State Finals shall be:
A v B
The Loser of A v B to Play C
The Winner of A v B to Play C
The designation of regions as A B C shall be as most convenient for travel.
- d) All game formats to be as designated by BA for that year.
- e) Scoring
 1. Winners of each individual game will receive two points, losers' nil.
 2. The player with the highest number of points at the completion of the event shall be declared the winner.
 3. If points are equal, then the player with the highest net total shots (total shots for minus the total shots against) will be declared the winner
 4. If points and the highest net total shots are equal, then the total shots for will be divided by the total shots against to calculate the percentage. The player with the highest percentage will be ranked higher (Law 44.4)
 5. If percentages are also equal, the winner of the game between the two players will be declared the winner.

7. STATEWIDE CHALLENGE

Please refer to the separate Bowls Tasmania State-wide Challenge Conditions of Play Document.

8. JURY OF APPEAL

A jury of appeal shall be appointed for the purpose of deciding upon any points not provided in the Conditions of Play, for dealing with any appeals from decisions made by umpires and/or the Event Supervisor, and generally for the purpose of exercising overall authority on behalf of Bowls Tasmania.

In the event of an appeal during the playing of the event, such appeals shall be made in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, and shall be directed to a Jury of Appeal which shall consist of:

- Bowls Tasmania President or nominee.
- Bowls Tasmania Director or nominee.

Attachment 1

Scoring System for Bowls Tasmania and Regional Bowler of the Year Awards. (Men and Women)

Each player shall be awarded points as follows for reaching the Quarter Finals and beyond in Open Championships (BT, BN and BTS), or in Champion of Champions (BNW)

Part A: for Bowls Tasmania and Regions

Event	Winner(s)	Runners Up	Losing Semi-finalists	Losing Quarter Finalists
Singles	37	23	12	9
Pairs	31	20	10	7
Mixed Pairs	31	20	10	7
Triples	25	17	8	5
Fours	19	14	6	3

Part B: Players who participate in all 4 Bowls Tasmania events (excluding Mixed Pairs) shall receive a bonus 10 points for Bowls Tasmania Bowler of the Year.

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Part C: for Bowls Tasmania to include regional winners, and Regions to include Club winners if they desire

Event	Winner(s)	Runners up	Losing semi finalists	Losing quarter finalists
Singles	19	12	6	4
Pairs	15	10	5	3
Mixed Pairs				
Triples	12	8	4	2
Fours	9	6	3	1

Total: points total is Part A + Part B + Part C

REGIONS ONLY

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BN and BTS ONLY

Champion of Champion Singles	19	14	6	3
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Attachment 2: Host Regions Calendar

Event	Date	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Open 3's, Mixed Pairs, Bowling Arm, Juniors	7 - 11 January 2023	North	South	NW
Open & B Grade 1's, 2's 4's, Bowling Arm & Disability	March Long Weekend 11 – 17 March 2023	NW	North	South
Senior 2's 4's incl. Bowling Arm	12 – 15 February 2023	South	NW	North
Sat State Pennant Finals	22 – 23 April 2023	NW	North	South
Champion of Champions	7 May 2023	NW	North	South
Open SWC Rd 1	December	South	North	NW
Open SWC Rd 2	January	North	NW	South
Open SWC Rd 3	March	NW	South	North
Seniors SWC Rd 1	December	South	North	NW
Seniors SWC Rd 2	January	North	NW	South
Seniors SWC Rd 3	February	NW	South	North
Juniors SWC Rd 1	November	Longford	Longford	Longford
Juniors SWC Rd 2	January	North	South	NW
Juniors SWC Rd 3	February	Longford	Longford	Longford

Attachment 3: Roles & Responsibilities Table

<h3>Bowls Tasmania</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite host region to host the next year's event. • Provide roles & responsibility statement to host region. • Provide projected data on entries. • Gain sponsorship for the event. (Merchandising) • Promote the event, flyers at previous year's event outlining date and venue. • Create and manage the entry process; open and close entries, collate entries, process enquiries. • Publicise current entries 1 week prior to close to minimise entries missing out. • Collate entries and publicise vacancies to enable an even number prior to conducting the draw. • Collate final entry list and conduct in conjunction with host region. • Publish the draw on website, social media and email participants. • Bowls Tasmania will control the draw and withdrawals until one week prior to the start date when draws and responsibilities will be handed over to the host region. • Bowls Tasmania to award prize money to successful participants. Participants will be awarded an envelope with information on how to receive their prize money via EFT. • Organise and be responsible for media throughout the event. • Provide prize money for satellite challenges (if held) to host clubs prior to the event. • Create flyer for Satellite Series (if held) detailing entry process for each venue. (Open event only). • Presentation of medallions and trophies (if applicable) in the Host Club clubrooms at the conclusion of the event.
<h3>Host Region</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next year's regional hosts consider sending a representative to the current year's event to investigate the running of it. (Refer COP Attachment 2 Host Region calendar) • Form subcommittee of clubs/volunteers to assist with planning of the event. (Allocation of clubs, nominate of tournament director, nomination of tournament match committee). • In conjunction with Bowls Tasmania appoint host and support venues. (Host club will be responsible for master scoresheets/draws and all finals. Support Clubs will be responsible for sectional play of championships and satellite challenge events(if held)) Notify Bowls Tasmania of Satellite contact person. • Appointment of Club Match Managers (optional if they are members of the host or support venue). They are responsible for scorecards and allocating rinks for each game. • Appoint a relevant number of Umpires/measurers for each venue. • Arrange accredited markers for round 16 onwards for singles. (16 maximum). (Open event only) <p>Tournament Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with match committee and Bowls Tasmania in undertaking the draw. • Commencing 1 week prior to start date, will be the contact for the draw and withdrawals. • Escalation point for managing COP issues. • Update of master results sheets. • Insert all results into Bowls Link in conjunction with Host Clubs. • Liaise with Bowls Tasmania CEO after each day to provide information for daily media releases. • Ensure Club Match Managers are aware monitored for their responsibility.

Host Clubs

- Allocate rinks as per agreement with region. Please note special rink markings required for Disability Championships as outlined in Section 2.2.
- Provide mats, jacks and scoreboards for each rink.
- Provide workspace and display area for the match manager to allocate cards and update results sheets.
- Provide markers for round 1 and possible round 2 of singles. (Open event only)
- Provide tuckshop style meals for players and spectators. Example: Meat/salad rolls, hot dogs, toasted sandwiches, hot chips, dim sims, pies and pasties, soft drinks and sports drinks. (Breakfast egg and bacon rolls), Tea and Coffee. Prices are to be determined by Host Club.
- Insert results into Bowls Link in conjunction with Tournament Director.
- Ensure Tournament Director is kept informed on current results, including final results at the end of each day.
- Manage satellite series entries, promotion and running of tournament (if held). (Ensure results are forwarded to Bowls Tasmania). (Open event only)
- Present prize money for satellite challenges at the conclusion (if held). (Open event only)
- Optional: run individual fundraising activities, i.e., Raffles etc.