

Bowls ACT

Conditions of Play & General Guidelines

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SECTION 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Introduction

- (a) All Bowls ACT events are conducted under the World Bowls: Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, Version 3.1 April 2019, **including any subsequent amendments**. These Laws include the Domestic Regulations for Australia and are the primary point of reference for the conditions governing the playing of all Bowls ACT events.
- (b) This document provides additional information relating to the Conditions of Play covering the conduct of Bowls ACT events. It includes information on matters such as player eligibility criteria, format, etc. The document also includes information on any variations to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls that Bowls ACT has introduced for certain events.
- (c) In summary, unless otherwise covered in this document, the Conditions of Play outlined in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls apply to the conduct of Bowls ACT events. This document is divided into four sections:
- Section 1: General Information.
 - Section 2: Conditions of Play applying to all Bowls ACT events.
 - Section 3: Additional Conditions of Play applying to Pennant Competitions.
 - Section 4: Additional Conditions of Play applying to specific Bowls ACT events.
 - Appendices
- (d) **Inevitably situations will arise that are not specifically covered by these Conditions of Play and General Guidelines. It is expected that in such circumstances any decision taken will reflect the spirit of this document and embody the ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship supported by good common sense. Amendments may occur to this document, as and when necessary.**

1.2 Match Committee Role

- (a) Purpose

The purpose of the MC is to:

1. Provide recommendations and advice to the Board, and Executive Officer (EO), on strategic and/or policy matters relating to the conduct of Pennant and Championship events conducted under the auspices of Bowls ACT.
2. Assist the EO in relation to the planning, preparation, conduct and review of Pennant and Championship events.

- (b) Duties

1. Provide recommendations to the Board to assist it in ensuring that Bowls ACT Pennant and Championship events are conducted efficiently, effectively and fairly, in accordance with the needs of the Association and its members.
2. Alert the Board to any matters that may put the Board, its staff, or its members, at risk (legally, financially, or otherwise), in relation to the conduct of on-green events conducted by Bowls ACT.
3. Provide input and/or recommendations on the development of the draft annual Calendar of Events (COE), and review and edit the Conditions of Play (COP) annually, and on an 'as needed' basis.

4. Provide advice on operational matters or rules interpretations that are not covered by the Laws of the Sport, the Domestic Regulations, BA and BACT policies, or the COP (or where they are covered, but the interpretation is not clear).

1.3 Member Conduct

Bowls ACT has developed a Code of Conduct to ensure that the sport of bowls is played in a safe and enjoyable environment for all who participate in it. The Code specifically applies to all Members, as defined in the Bowls ACT Constitution, as well as others present at events where Bowls ACT (or its delegate) is the controlling body, including officials, coaches, volunteers, administrators, parents and spectators. The events to which this Code applies are those covered in section 1.5 (below).

Bowls ACT members and staff are also expected to abide by the Bowls ACT “Use of Social Media” policy, particularly noting that such use must not:

- contain, or link to, libelous, defamatory or harassing content. This also applies to the use of illustrations or nicknames;
- comment on, or publish, information that is confidential or in any way sensitive to, its affiliates, partners or sponsors; and Bowls ACT
- bring the organisation or the sport into disrepute.

Rule 9.2 of the Bowls ACT Constitution provides that disciplinary action may be taken against a Member, if that Member has:

- breached, or failed, refused or neglected to comply with, a provision of the Constitution or a policy made by the Board;
- acted in a manner unbecoming of a Member or prejudicial to the purposes and interests of Bowls ACT, or another Member; or
- brought the reputation of Bowls ACT, Bowls or another Member into disrepute.

If the grounds for disciplinary action against a Member are established, rule 9.7 of the Constitution provide by way of penalty that the Member may be:

- expelled from Bowls ACT;
- suspended from membership of Bowls ACT for a specified time;
- fined;
- given another penalty, for example, a warning or a period of probation; or required to take an action, for example, to make an apology.

1.4 Disciplinary Action by a Club

Clubs are required to notify Bowls ACT when disciplinary action has been taken against a bowling member of a club affiliated with Bowls ACT in accordance with the policy “Disciplinary Action by a Club”. The policy provides for differentiation between a **Bowls Related Incident** and a non- Bowls Related Incident and stipulates the process of notification of the **Bowls Related Incident**. The policy also makes clear the constraints on a player following a disciplinary hearing.

NB: [A **Bowls Related Incident** includes, but is not limited to, an incident that occurs during the course of a game of bowls, and/or that involves behaviour by officials, coaches, volunteers, administrators, parents or spectators that is deemed to be in breach of the Bowls ACT Code of Conduct.] Refer to the “Disciplinary Action by a Club Policy” and the form for reporting such, in Appendix A.

1.5 Bowls ACT Events

(a) The following are defined as Bowls ACT events:

- Bowls ACT Pennant
- Bowls ACT Championships
- Junior ACT Championships
- Men’s and Women’s Champion of Club Champions
- Men’s and Women’s Rookie Singles
- Men’s and Women’s 60 and Over Pairs
- Men’s and Women’s 60 and Over Fours
- Jack Attack Tournament
- Doran Bowl
- Club Major Singles/Pairs/Triples/Fours & Mixed Pairs.
- Open Invitational Singles
- Approved representative fixtures played at Bowls ACT member Clubs.
- Such other events as may be declared by the Board as a Bowls ACT event.

In addition, Bowls ACT conducts the Australian Indoor Singles Championship (ACT Qualifying) on behalf of Bowls Australia and in accordance with Bowls Australia’s Conditions of Play for that event.

BPL Cup qualifying events are NOT considered Bowls ACT events.

- (b) Club Major Championships are considered to be Bowls ACT events because they are feeder competitions for the Bowls ACT Champion of Club Champion events. The Club Major Championships are also considered to be Bowls ACT events for the purposes of determining player eligibility (see also Clause 2.3). In accordance with Law 57.2 of Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, Version 3.1, April 2019, Clubs may amend their event CoP.
- (c) Other Club events such as Club Minor Championships, handicapped events and tournament style events are not defined as Bowls ACT events and are therefore not governed by the Bowls ACT Conditions of Play. Clubs, as the Controlling Bodies for such events, are responsible for determining the Conditions of Play. In all cases, however, participating players must be registered with Bowls ACT or another STA affiliated with Bowls Australia. Players from other countries must be registered with their own national Bowls organisation.

1.6 Bowling Season

The Bowls ACT bowling season, also known as “the bowling year” and “the playing year”, commences 1 January and concludes 31 December. Clubs operating on different bowling years do so at the risk of their players being ineligible for certain Bowls ACT events.

1.7 Transfers

- a) Players transferring into and out of a Bowls ACT member Club and a Club of another State and Territory (STA) body, must complete the BA approved form “Interstate Transfer” and have it approved by both the current and intended STA.
- b) Players transferring between Bowls ACT member Clubs are required to complete a “Club Clearance Application Form” and lodge it to the Bowls ACT Office.
- c) Players who change Clubs are able to play Championship events at their new Club **provided they have not played in the same discipline** at their former Club in the same playing year. For example, if a player has played Singles (only) at his/her original Club, they are not eligible to play in a Singles Championship event at their new Club, but are eligible to play Pairs, Triples and Fours etc.
- d) The forms referred to above are available on the Bowls ACT website and can also be requested by contacting the Bowls ACT office. A transfer IS NOT considered to be approved until the player in question and their new club have been notified by Bowls ACT.

1.8 Attire

- (a) Unless otherwise stated, all players and officials participating in Bowls ACT events are required to wear approved Club attire affixed with the BA logo. Headwear and articles of clothing required for sun protection or adverse weather conditions are excluded from this requirement. Discretion lies with the controlling body to prohibit the wearing of novelty items or such items that feature obscene, or offensive, words or images.
- (b) Further, unless otherwise stated, players participating in those Bowls ACT events identified in Sections 3 & 4 of this document that require players to be from the same Club are to be similarly (but not necessarily identically) attired. This applies to all garments identified in the national dress guidelines as comprising team wear, but is especially relevant to the colour and image of the shirt.
- (c) In accordance with Bowls Australia obligations, Clubs are required to seek prior approval to change the design of their uniforms. Once approved, Clubs have a 2 year transition period to adopt the new uniform fully. During this period, players may wear either the old or the new uniform, notwithstanding the requirement of 1.8 (b) above.
- (d) Players participating in Bowls ACT events are required to wear BA approved footwear.
- (e) The ACT representative team uniform (ie the playing shirt, long pants and shorts) is not to be worn for non-representative events.

1.9 Smoking

Bowls ACT strongly supports anti-smoking measures and encourages all participants to abide by a smoke free environment for the health and safety of their fellow participants and spectators.

ACT Member Clubs are bound by legislation that prohibits smoking at their venues, except in Designated Outdoor Smoking Areas. Bowls ACT recognises that in NSW it remains the absolute discretion of individual clubs to introduce and/or enforce 'smoke free greens' at their own venues. However, Bowls ACT supports the initiative of any club that may introduce a smoke-free environment on their own premises in the best interest of the comfort, health and wellbeing of Bowling Members.

1.10 Personal Electronic/Communication devices

The use of Mobile Phones/MP3 Players/iPods/iPads/Pagers/Communication Devices and/or other similar Sound/Communication Devices on the green by a player is not permitted, except in the instance of using a digital device for the purposes of scoring

Hearing aids and/or similar devices are exempt from the above ruling.

A failure to comply can result in the Umpire applying an Instantaneous Penalty.

1.11 Use of Mobility Devices

If an Umpire by his/her own observation decides a player using a mobility device (eg wheelchair, walking frame, sticks etc) is causing damage to the green, that player must retire from the green when requested to do so by the Umpire. If a player retires from the match a substitute player is permitted. If a player refuses to leave the green, they will be a defaulting player and be removed from the match and no substitute player permitted. (refer BA Policy on Use of Artificial Devices.)

1.12 Use of Bowlers Arms

The BA Policy on the use of Bowlers Arms was changed in 2019 to remove the requirement to have approval from the State body prior to use. It is still a requirement that only approved (unmodified) arms (with a BA logo as part of the National Merchandising Program) can be used in Australia.

The revised BA Policy now stipulates that whenever a player commences using an approved bowlers arm in a game, the player must use it for the remainder of that game. This does not apply to the rolling of the jack, which can be rolled either by hand or by a bowlers arm.

There are other minor amendments to the Policy and Bowls ACT recommends that prior to using a bowlers arm, members familiarise themselves with the Policy. (refer BA Policy on Use of Artificial Devices – version dated 1 May 2019)

1.13 Death of a Player

If a match including a Final has commenced and a participating player passes away all games in progress at the Club will be abandoned.

Matches other than a Final abandoned because of the death of a player will count as a tie unless the scores are such that one Side must win the match if all the remaining ends were played.

In that case, the Side will be awarded the match with the scores as at the abandonment.

Final matches abandoned for this reason will be resumed under such conditions as Bowls ACT decides with the scores carried forward as they were when play was abandoned.

1.14 Movement of Players

Restriction on movement of players during a match is in accordance with Appendix A4 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, Version 3.1, April 2019.

Any variation of these restrictions must be agreed to by the Skips, and the umpire notified of this agreement.

1.15 Use of Photography, Video and Life Streaming

Participants and spectators at Bowls ACT events may be photographed, filmed or be included in livestreaming for purposes including:

- Use on the Bowls ACT Website;
- Use on social media;
- Use in promotional materials; and
- Use in reports and/or other documents whether published or not (Refer to Bowls ACT Videoing and Photography Policy and Use of Social Media Policy).

1.16 Order of Precedence

The following order of precedence applies to all players and officials involved in:

1. Approved Bowls Australia events.
2. Bowls ACT Representative commitments including scheduled practice matches/sessions.
3. Bowls ACT events.
4. Club events.
5. Events conducted by other STAs.

SECTION 2
CONDITIONS OF PLAY
APPLYING TO ALL BOWLS ACT EVENTS

2.1 Introduction

This Section outlines the Conditions of Play applying to all Bowls ACT events. The following Sections outlines the additional Conditions of Play applying to Pennant (Section 3) and other (Section 3) Bowls ACT events.

2.2 Entries

- a) Nominations for entry to all Bowls ACT events **must be made online** either by the relevant Club Secretary or by individuals through the Bowslink Online Entry Form. Entries must be received by Bowls ACT prior to the closing time for entries.
- b) Nominations for entry to a Bowls ACT event must be accompanied by the entry fee and, if stipulated in the notice of the event, the relevant green fees. Payment is to be made through the Bowslink Online Entry Form. In all cases the entry through Bowslink must be showing as paid for the entry to be secured.
- c) Nominations for a Champion of Champions event can only be made by an authorised Club representative, who must vouch for the current Championship status of the team or individual entered (see also Clause 4.4).
- d) No “To Be Advised” entries will be accepted, except for a Champion of Club Champions event where the nominating Club has not yet completed their feeder Club Championship but anticipates it will be completed before the first scheduled day of play of the Champion of Club Champions event. In all other events and circumstances the entered players must be named at the time of entry.
- e) Late entries or late receipt of entry fees will result in the entry being excluded, unless the Bowls ACT determines there are exceptional circumstances.
- f) At its discretion, Bowls ACT may seek additional entries after the closing time of an event in order to avoid unnecessary byes, or introduce a new player or players to fill a vacancy in a team if this is deemed necessary to facilitate the conduct of the competition.

2.3 Player Eligibility

- a) Unless otherwise specified, to enter and play a Bowls ACT event, a player shall be a bowling member of an affiliated club (ie. Registered with Bowls ACT by that Club) and have their details recorded in the Bowls ACT Membership Database.
- b) If a member is a playing member of multiple clubs, they are only eligible to play Championship events at one club. They cannot play in the same discipline at multiple clubs in the same playing year. For example, if a player has played Singles (only) at one club, they are not eligible to play in a Singles Championship event at their other registered club, but are eligible to play Pairs, Triples and Fours etc.
- c) A player may play pennant for a Club other than their home Club. There is no requirement for a player to seek approval to play pennant for a Club other than their home Club, nor do both Clubs need to agree to this happening. However, for administrative purposes, the player is required to notify Bowls ACT using the Bowls ACT Pennant Member Notification Form, prior to that player participating in any games.
- d) A player whose home Club is in another STA (State or Territory Association) is required to complete an “Interstate Pennant Declaration” prior to playing in an ACT Pennant competition. Clubs intending to play an interstate player must notify Bowls ACT in writing of their intention at least three clear days prior to that player first playing in the Pennant competition for that season.

- e) A player can only play Pennant for one Club in any one Pennant season.
- f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Club Champion remains eligible to continue to represent that Club in the relevant Champion of Club Champion event, irrespective of any change of Club membership, provided they are a registered player at a Club affiliated with an appropriate state/territory body.

2.4 Controlling Body

Bowls ACT is the Controlling Body for all Bowls ACT events. Bowls ACT may delegate the functions of Controlling Body to the host club and/or the umpire in charge of the event.

2.5 Format/Draws

- (a) Bowls ACT shall decide the format of each event after taking into account factors such as number of entries received, availability of greens, etc.
- (b) Unless otherwise specified, events will normally be conducted on a straight knockout basis.
- (c) The draw for each event will be conducted as soon as practicable after the closing date for receipt of entries. The draw will be sent to Clubs via circular, posted on the BACT website and made available on BowlsLink.
- (d) A draw for a Bowls ACT event shall not be added to, amended, altered, or in any way interfered with, by any player or Club.
- (e) Bowls ACT reserves the right to limit the number of entries accepted to an event where venue access and/or available playing dates is limited.

2.6 Forfeits or Withdrawals

- (a) A player, team or side forfeiting or withdrawing shall notify Bowls ACT, the opponent and the host Club at least 24 hours prior to the start of the first game. Bowls ACT, at its discretion, may impose penalties (refer Clause 2.17) for failure to advise of forfeits in a timely manner.
- (b) Where player contact details have been provided, Bowls ACT or the host Club will attempt to make timely contact with any players affected by a forfeit or withdrawal.
- (c) Entry fees may be refunded on request where a player, team or side withdraws prior to the draw being completed. Except in exceptional circumstances, no refund of fees paid will be made for withdrawals or forfeits once a draw is completed.

2.7 Venues, Start and Finish Dates and Times

- (a) The venues where determined, and playing dates for Bowls ACT events (other than Pennant competition), will be published with the call for nominations.
- (b) The starting times for Bowls ACT events (other than pennant competition) will be published with the issue of the draw. Bowls ACT reserves the right to alter these times to suit local conditions.
- (c) Refer to Clause 3.9 for starting times of pennant events.

2.8 Number of Bowls Used

- (a) Unless otherwise stated in this document, the number of bowls to be used for Bowls ACT events is as follows:
- Singles Four bowls
 - Pairs Four bowls
 - Triples Two bowls
 - Fours Two bowls
- (b) For Bowls ACT events all bowls must carry a World Bowls stamp. However, except for matches at state/territory or higher level, there is no requirement for the stamp to be current. That is, bowls showing an expired date stamp may be used.

2.9 Bowls Stickers

- (a) Bowls Stickers are not required to be used except where the Controlling Body determines that they are required to distinguish between sets of bowls, or if requested by a player for this purpose.
- (b) Where stickers are being used, all bowls belonging to players within a team or side must have these stickers on them and the stickers must all be the same design and colour. Damaged or faded stickers must be removed or replaced.
- (c) The Controlling Body is to provide stickers on request.

2.10 Duration of Matches

Unless otherwise varied by the Controlling Body, Bowls ACT events will be conducted as follows:

- Fours 21 ends
- Triples 25 ends
- Pairs 21 ends
- Singles 25 shots
- Pennants 21 ends (per team)

Unless otherwise specified, dead ends will be replayed.

At its discretion, Bowls ACT may adjust the length of games, either via the application of time limits to matches or by a reduction in the number of ends played.

2.11 Markers

- (a) A marker shall be appointed for each singles game to perform the duties as stipulated in section 42.2 of the Laws of the Sport.
- (b) Players entering a singles event do so on the understanding that they may be required to mark another match prior to or after their scheduled game. This stipulation applies to matches that may be played on a different day to the player's scheduled game. A player failing to fulfil his/her marking obligations may be subject to penalties (refer Clause 2.17)

2.12 Umpires

Bowls ACT as the Controlling Body for Bowls ACT events is responsible for appointing Umpires to each event. This responsibility has been delegated to the Club on whose green a Bowls ACT event is to be played. In such circumstances, the umpire appointed shall not, unless unavoidable, be a contestant in the said event, and shall, if possible, be accredited as a National Umpire.

The appointed umpire is expected to be suitably attired and to act responsibly in relation to consumption of alcohol.

At all times Bowls ACT reserves the right to rescind the delegation of responsibility for appointing Umpires in respect of any Bowls ACT event, venue, match or series of matches.

2.13 Coach

Where a team or side chooses to appoint a coach:

- (a) The name of the team or side Coach shall be nominated to the Controlling Body before the commencement of play. The Umpires and Opposition shall also be informed of the name of the nominated Coach for the team or side.
- (b) The Coach is considered to be part of the team or side. A Coach must ensure that the player in possession of the rink is not interfered with, annoyed or distracted in any way under penalty as provided for in the Laws.
- (c) The Coach must ensure that, in giving advice, they are not delaying play.

2.14 Greens for Play

- (a) Unless otherwise agreed by Bowls ACT, Clubs are to provide the best available surface for the conduct of Bowls ACT events. Men's and Women's events being played at the same venue must be given equal priority in green/rink allocations.
- (b) The playing surface may be either vegetation or synthetic but in either case must be prepared to the highest standard possible on each day of the day of the event.
- (c) Players and Clubs are required to adhere to the Bowls Australia Greens Protection Policy to help minimise any damage to greens.

2.15 Inclement Weather

- (a) Bowls ACT events are to be conducted in line with the principles of the Bowls Australia Weather and Sun Smart Policies.
- (b) On days of **extreme heat**:
 - (i) Where the ambient temperature at a venue of play reaches 38 degrees Celsius or the apparent temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius players shall complete the end currently being played after which play must be suspended by the Controlling Body until the temperature drops below these levels. If, within 60 minutes of the suspension, the temperature has not dropped below 38 degrees, play may be abandoned for the day at the discretion of the Controlling Body. At all times, players are to be supported to take action that reduces the effects of extreme heat (for example: utilizing regular breaks, maintaining (but not exceeding) adequate hydration, accessing shade, wearing appropriate attire.)
 - (ii) Temperature readings must be taken at the venue no less often than half-hourly on days of extreme heat. Where there are no adequate facilities for gauging ambient and

apparent temperatures at the venue of play the readings used shall be those posted on the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) web site for the relevant weather station as stipulated in Appendix B. This web site must be checked half-hourly on days of extreme heat.

- (iii) If during Pennant competition the Controlling Body is unable to take temperature readings (or check the BoM web site) the readings should be taken (or the web site checked) by the side managers and reported to the Controlling Body half-hourly.
- (c) On days when extreme weather is likely at a Club where a Bowls ACT event is to be played, the host Club/s shall make a decision as to conditions and the fitness of the green for play on that day (by 9:00 a.m. for morning games and 11:00 am for afternoon games). Unless otherwise advised, players should assume play will proceed.
- (d) On days of **extreme cold**, play *may* be suspended when the temperature drops to 8 degrees or below. Controlling Bodies will also take into consideration the following:
 - (i) the condition of the green in relation to traction. If the green is slippery from frost, dew, rain, hail, sleet, ice, snow or mud;
 - (ii) wind chill factor;
 - (iii) availability of shelter or warmth;
 - (iv) lightning;
 - (v) bad light; and
 - (vi) advice from the greenkeeper in relation to possible damage to the green.
- (e) All Clubs should monitor environmental factors such as **lightning** both in matches and at any training session at the Club. The Club should assess the lightning risk by reviewing information provided by the BoM.

The following general guidelines should also be followed:

- (i) If a lightning threat emerges, the Controlling Body should make a decision to delay, suspend or cancel matches (or training) in consultation with the team managers or other relevant personnel.
 - (ii) If players are on the green or surrounds when the lightning threat becomes real then they should leave the area immediately and take shelter inside a building or metal framed car. They should not shelter under or near trees.
 - (iii) Once the storm's path has been reassessed, there must be a minimum of 30 minutes elapsed before returning to the green.
 - (iv) When there is no access to the BOM, the "30/30" rule serves as a guide for the suspension and subsequent resumption of activities.
- (g) Controlling Bodies must abide by the Bowls ACT Policy on **Air Quality**. This policy provides guidance on how to reduce risk and minimise the health impacts on everyone involved within the sport. This includes players, officials, volunteers, staff, and the public.
 - (h) In all cases, the health and safety of players should be the prime consideration in determining whether play should be suspended and/or abandoned.
 - (i) Due to the lack of available dates for rescheduling matches, the mere possibility, or probability, of rain or high winds will not result in matches being called off. Decisions on whether to call off or postpone matches due to rain/wind will be made on the basis of the

health and safety of participants (eg: the presence of lightning, hail, extreme cold/heat), the potential for damage to the green by continuing play, the degree to which play is no longer possible (due to water pooling etc). All decisions regarding cessation of play in those circumstances will be decided by the event's controlling body, in consultation of the Umpire/s of the day, and the host Club's greenkeepers.

2.16 Postponed Events

- (a) An event shall not be postponed except for extreme weather or other justifiable cause. If two events fall on the same date, the one with the higher precedence (see Section 1.16) will be played, including any scheduled practice matches for representative teams.
- (b) Notice of a postponed or cancelled event will be posted as soon as possible on the Bowls ACT web site. Where player email contact details have been provided, Bowls ACT or the host Club will attempt to make timely contact with players affected by a postponement or cancellation of play.
- (c) A postponed game shall be played on the next available playing date as determined by Bowls ACT. This will be either the reserve playing date (if one has been specified in the Bowls ACT calendar or the notice of the event) or a date determined by Bowls ACT. If a player or team drawn to play cannot do so, a forfeit will apply unless:
 - a substitute or replacement player is permitted under Domestic Regulation 2, or
 - the opponents, by mutual arrangement, **obtain the express consent of the Controlling Body and play the game on another day.**

2.17 Penalties

- (a) The Board shall determine the penalty to apply where a Condition of Play is breached. This would normally involve disqualification from the event. In Pennant competition, a breach of eligibility shall result in the forfeit of all match points to the opposing side (if they have not also offended) for a Home and Away match, or loss of the match in the case of a Final. The Board may at its discretion also impose a fine.
- (b) In circumstances where disqualification from the event is not an option, and where a monetary fine is not specifically mentioned in the relevant condition of play, Bowls ACT may impose a monetary fine not exceeding \$200 for any one offence.
- (c) If a player or official does not pay the nominated monetary fine within 30 days of notification, they are liable to have their entry declined for Bowls ACT events for a period of up to 12 months.
- (d) If a Club does not pay the nominated monetary fine within 30 days of notification, the matter will be referred to the Bowls ACT Board for appropriate action.
- (e) For repeated or more serious breaches of a condition of play, Bowls ACT may decline entry to Bowls ACT events for a period of up to 12 months and consider whether disciplinary action should be taken under the Bowls ACT Constitution.
- (f) If a player, team or side is disqualified in a knockout phase of an event for any reason, the player, team or side last defeated by the disqualified player, team or side, shall take their place.

2.18 Appeals

- (a) Appeals arising out of the application of these Conditions of Play should, in the first instance, be resolved by the relevant Controlling Body.
- (b) An appeal against a decision taken by a Club acting as the Controlling Body may be made to the Bowls ACT Board.
- (c) An appeal against a decision made by the Bowls ACT Board will be dealt with in accordance with the Bowls ACT Constitution.

2.19 Determining Winners

Unless otherwise specified, the winner and other finishing positions in a tournament event are determined as follows:

- (a) The number of wins.
- (b) If the number of wins is equal, the number of points (2 per win, 1 per draw, 0 per loss).
- (c) If the number of points is equal, the team with the highest margin (shots for minus shots against in all matches).
- (d) If level on points and margin, then the highest aggregate shots (shots for in all matches).
- (e) If sides are still level after step (d), the positions between the sides that are level shall be decided by the toss of a coin (if there are two sides) or by lot (if more than two sides).
- (f) In Singles format, any shots scored in excess of the shots that constitute a win will not be used when determining the values for Clauses 2.19 points (c) and (d).

2.20 Duties of the Controlling Body When Hosting an Event for Bowls ACT

This section is intended as a guideline for those who perform the duties of the Controlling Body and/or other functions that may be required of the Controlling Body for certain events or under certain circumstances.

This guideline has been divided into four sections; Pre-Match, During Match, After Match and Other.

Pre-Match

Bowls ACT will call for entries (refer to Clause 2.2) and prepare draws, cards and results sheets where required. The host club will allocate rinks and may collect green fees unless paid as part of the entry fee. Bowls ACT will advise the Controlling Body of any non-standard conditions of play applying to the event. Bowls ACT recommends that the host Club appoints an event convener who will be ultimately responsible for ensuring the following are met.

- Prior to commencement of play, the Controlling Body should introduce the Umpire/s to the players, and identify the name(s) of the person(s) representing the Controlling Body if this is someone other than the Umpire.
- An umpire is expected to be present at all times during the match, plus for a reasonable time before the start of play and after play finishes.
- The Controlling Body, with guidance from the Umpire where appropriate, ensures that events are played in accordance with the Bowls ACT Conditions of Play, including any non-standard playing conditions as advised.
- They should ensure that there are markers in attendance for singles matches.
- Advising players of their eligibility for pre-match practice and the availability of rink space for that practice.

- They declare the position of a constituted member in a team to be vacant under conditions listed in DR2, they can then authorise an eligible member to join that team as a replacement player.
- They can authorise one (or more) team (s) in a side to play one player short if there is no eligible player or substitute available (as per DR2).
- They are responsible for ensuring that the player's attire is in accordance with the Conditions of Play
- They decide when to start or halt play in the case of adverse weather.
- They monitor declared start times and award the match to the opponent if a player, team or side fails to show or otherwise forfeits its match within the required time limits.

During Match

The Controlling Body, or Umpire if no Controlling Body present, can:

- Warn a player involved if he is causing damage to the green, then they can ask him to retire from the green and take no further part in the match.
- Replace a marker whose performance or behaviour is less than acceptable standard.
- Take action to have spectators refrain from disturbing, advising or interfering with players, including restricting movement or sitting at the end of the green.
- Allow variations in the position of players at both head and mat ends to facilitate viewing by spectators, or to assist television/live streaming coverage.
- Award the match to the opponent if advised by the umpire that there has been an infringement of a law that requires a penalty.
- Decide when to abandon play for the day because of darkness, the conditions of the weather or any other valid reason.

After Match

The Controlling Body, or Umpire if no Controlling Body present, is:

- The one to whom a set of bowls and the \$150 deposit is handed if there has been a challenge to a set of bowls. They arrange to have the confiscated bowls tested. (see Law 52)
- The official to whom the appellant gives his written appeal if there has been an appeal against the umpire's application of the Laws.
- Responsible for any necessary closing announcements being made.

The Host club is also responsible for ensuring that the **scores are recorded and provided to Bowls ACT immediately after the completion of the last match at the end of each day of competition.** To submit results, the host club will be given instruction on entry into BowlsLink. In the event this is not possible the results sheet must be photographed or scanned and sent to Bowls ACT via either email (exec@bowlsact.org.au) or text message (0472 856 197).

Other requirements for hosting a Bowls ACT event

Green Preparation - Greens are expected to be prepared prior to each day's play.

Green Fees - Clubs are permitted to charge a green fee for each competitor in a manner to be determined by the host club, including finals. The amount of this fee is determined by the Club but is expected to be in line with the Club's usual fees.



Forfeits - As per the COP, players are expected to notify Bowls ACT of forfeits prior to 24 hours from the commencement of play. Bowls ACT will notify the host Club and the opponent (if applicable) as soon as possible upon receipt of this notice.

Scoreboard Attendants - Where the club is hosting a “Sides” event, (such as ACT State team event) the club is asked to provide people to maintain the master scoreboard/s.

Catering - Clubs are asked to provide Bowls ACT with details of in house catering etc two weeks prior to the event so that this information can be included when the draw is distributed.

It is expected that host clubs will ensure that water, shelter, and facilities will be available free of charge for visiting Bowlers.

Photographs - Where no Bowls ACT official is present at the conclusion of the event, the host club is asked to take a photograph of the winning player/team/side for the record and forward this to Bowls ACT.

SECTION 3 ACT PENNANT

3.1 Competitions

Bowls ACT will conduct two Pennant competitions where a suitable number of sides can constitute a competition: one Weekend Pennant competition, one Midweek Pennant competition. Bowls ACT reserves the right to structure these competitions in a manner that best suits the nominations received.

3.2 Number of Grades

- (a) The pennant competitions shall be played in such number of grades as determined by Bowls ACT. Grades shall be titled and numbered to best reflect the competition structure.
- (b) In order to achieve a balanced distribution of sides, the number of grades for a pennant competition may be varied from year to year.

3.3 Grading of Sides

- (a) Each club may nominate one side for the No. 1 Pennant grade, however Bowls ACT will have the discretion to allocate grades based on the clubs results from the previous season to ensure the integrity of the No. 1 Grade.
- (b) A club may nominate any number of sides for any of the remaining pennant grades.
- (c) In assessing the suitability of a side for inclusion in a grade other than the No. 1 grade, factors such as the performance of the side during the previous pennant competition, reasons put forward by the club for the nomination of the relevant grade, and the promotion and encouragement of participation in pennant bowls shall be taken into consideration.
- (d) Where two sides from a club have been included in a particular grade, each side shall be deemed to be a separate side.
- (f) Bowls ACT may establish a grade that is to be divided at a pre-determined point of the season into multiple grades. Where the intention is to establish higher and lower grades (rather than equal grades) the highest grade resulting from the division will retain its name (e.g. Grade 1) and subsequent grades will be numbered from there as required (e.g. Grade 2, Grade 3 and so on). Ranking of sides for the purposes of dividing them into multiple grades shall be done in accordance with the mechanisms described for finishing positions under 3.2.19. Where such a division has taken place and further home and away matches are to be played the grade table will not be reset for each of the new grades. That is, match points and shots for and against (earned prior to the division) are carried forward.

3.4 Number of Sides in a Grade

- (a) There is no upper limit on the number of sides that may contest the No.1 Pennant grade.
- (b) Where practicable, the remaining grades shall have six sides, with a Bye counting as a side.

3.5 Sides in the Same Grade

- (a) If a club has two (or more) sides in the same grade, players may be interchanged between the two teams, however once a player has played four matches in one team, they must not play any further matches in the other team.

3.6 Composite Sides

A club, or multiple clubs, may seek approval from Bowls ACT to partner with another club/s to enter a *composite side* into any grade of a Pennant competition. The application must be made by the club accepting financial responsibility for the side and must be accompanied by written approval of the partnering club/s. The application must stipulate where home games will be played for the season,

clubs may divide the home matches how they wish between the clubs that have formed the composite side. Normal player eligibility rules will apply to the combined team as if the combined team was from any of the clubs included in the application to form a composite side.

Should a club wish to change the clubs associated with the composite side a new application must be made to Bowls ACT more than three days prior to the next match. Bowls ACT, where it deems reasonable, reserves the right to reject any application made to form or alter a composite side. If a composite side is approved the players are permitted to wear their respective club attire.

3.7 Number of Teams in a Side

- (a) For Weekend Pennant, all grades shall consist of sides of three teams of four players.
- (b) For Mid-Week Pennant, all grades shall consist of sides of two teams of four players.

3.8 Number of Ends

- (a) Each match shall be played over 63 ends (Weekend) or 42 ends (Mid-Week), with each team playing against a team from the opposing side over 21 ends.
- (b) If the match ceases due to inclement weather (excessively wet, cold, hot, windy, lightning, etc), bad light or other reasonable cause before 45 ends (Weekend) or 30 ends (Mid-Week) in aggregate have been completed, the match may, at the discretion of Bowls ACT:
 - (i) be continued on an alternate date; or
 - (ii) be declared abandoned.
- (c) In home-and-away matches if in aggregate 45 or more ends (Weekend) or 30 or more ends (Mid-Week) are completed and inclement weather, bad light or other reasonable cause prevents play from continuing on that day, the match shall be treated as completed. The shots scored by the respective sides and teams up to and including the last completed end shall determine the result of the match and the match points to be awarded.
- (d) For all finals matches the full number of ends must be played.
- (e) If a Home and Away match is postponed or could not be completed on the scheduled day, Bowls ACT will attempt to reschedule it for completion on another day. Bowls ACT may, at its discretion, declare the match to be “No Result” (i.e. it does not need to be completed) if it considers the outcome will have no bearing on the top four table placings for that grade after all rounds have been completed. No competition points will be awarded to either side for a “No Result” match.

3.9 Practice

Pennant players may practice on the green on which they are to play, including the rinks set down for that grade. Home clubs are to nominate the rinks for each grade prior to the opening of the green. Clubs are to make every effort to have greens available for practice at least 60 minutes prior to the commencement of trial ends.

3.10 Side Manager's Responsibilities

- (a) Each club shall appoint a Manager for each match played by a pennant side.
- (b) The Manager of a side in a pennant match is the club's representative in all matters relating to the match.
- (c) The home Side Manager shall toss for initial possession of the mat and complete the Pennant Result Form.
- (d) The Side Manager is responsible for ensuring that their final teams are recorded correctly in the online system prior to the commencement of the game as this can identify potential player eligibility breaches and allow for corrective action to be taken.
- (e) The Side Manager is responsible for ensuring that, for every home game, the results are recorded in the online system as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours following each game.. Managers may retain a copy of the results sheet in the event of a dispute.
- (f) The Side Manager of the home side is also required to submit an interim Result Form to Bowls ACT for any incomplete match, i.e. one that has been deferred after the commencement of play. This must be done as soon as practicable after the decision is taken to defer the match.
- (g) Responsibility for the Side Managers duties for points (d) – (f) may be delegated to another club official but Bowls ACT must be advised prior to play of this person's name and contact details.

3.11 Rink & Team Draws

- (a) The Side Managers are requested to be at the host club thirty minutes before the event starting time.
- (b) The draw for **rinks and opposing teams** shall be done at random in the presence of both Side Managers, who shall exchange cards and then shuffle them. The cards of one side shall be placed (separately) name downwards by one manager and the cards of the other side placed one on each. The draw for the rink on which the teams shall play will be made by the Side Managers and placed on the cards as drawn.
- (c) Once the draw for rinks and opponents is made, the teams drawn for a rink must play each other and the players in those teams cannot be altered, although their positions in that team may be altered before the first end is commenced. In effect the teams are considered to be constituted on completion of the draw.
- (d) If a player in a team falls ill or otherwise cannot commence or continue play, then a substitute player is permitted under the provisions of Domestic Regulation 2. If a suitable substitute is not available then the team may play a player short in accordance with the Laws.

3.12 Deferred Matches

Where a home-and-away round is unable to be completed as scheduled because of inclement weather or other reason, Bowls ACT will attempt to re-arrange the fixtures so that the competition can be completed as close as possible to the original schedule and will update the draw on BowlsLink to reflect the changes.

3.13 Change of Venue

If the greens of the Home Club are unplayable the match may be played on the away club's greens, by mutual consent. The Pennant Result Form and the Bowlslink results shall be completed by the Manager of the designated home side.

3.14 Umpires

The Club who is designated as the Home Club should appoint an accredited Umpire to officiate.

If the Home Club does not have an accredited Umpire available then a visiting accredited Umpire may be appointed to officiate. Alternatively, if no accredited Umpire is available then an accredited Measurer may be appointed Umpire.

If no accredited Umpire or Measurer is available then a competent player from the Home Club should be appointed to act as Umpire. The player appointed must be identified in advance, and teams notified.

An Umpires' decision is final and cannot be contested, disregarded or appealed except for matters relating to the meaning and interpretation of a Law.

3.15 Method of Scoring

Sides in a pennant match shall be allotted match points on the following basis:

- Two match points per team to the side scoring the greater number of aggregate shots
- One match point per team to each side when sides are equal in aggregate shots
- Two match points to a side for each rink win
- One match point to each side when a rink is tied

3.16 Forfeits

- (a) In the event of a side receiving a forfeit, it shall be awarded maximum available match points together with the average 'shots for' scored by the winning sides in that round and the average 'shots against' for winning sides in that round (rounded to the nearest integer).
- (b) The side giving the forfeit shall be awarded no match points, and it shall also receive the opposite of the relevant 'shots for' and 'shots against' awarded to the side receiving the forfeit.
- (c) If a side forfeits a match, the penalty shall be a fine not exceeding \$200 and/or refusal of entry in a subsequent competition, at the discretion of Bowls ACT.

3.17 Byes

No points shall be awarded to a side when it receives the Bye.

3.18 Withdrawals

- (a) If a Club decides it must withdraw a side from the competition, it must withdraw the lowest grade side entered by that club.
- (b) Where a side withdraws from the competition after playing at least one match, all matches (played and yet to be played) involving the side shall be treated as byes. Any match points, shots for and shots against recorded for matches played against the withdrawing side shall be cancelled.
- (c) If a side is withdrawn, the penalty shall be a fine not exceeding \$200 and/or refusal of entry in a subsequent competition, at the discretion of the Bowls ACT.

3.19 Home-and-Away Rounds

- (a) Bowls ACT will determine the number of matches to be played in the competition. Such matches are to be scheduled in rounds, specifying venues for each match, with the sides either playing or having a Bye in each round. These rounds are referred to as the home-and-away rounds.

- (b) For Weekend Pennant, the home-and-away rounds shall normally be played on Sundays subject to Clause 3.9 of these Conditions of Play, however Bowls ACT may arrange fixtures on Saturdays in the interest of completing the competition within the allotted season.
- (c) For Midweek Pennant, the home-and-away rounds for ladies shall normally be played on Tuesdays, with men's games played on a Wednesday subject to Clause 3.9 of these Conditions of Play and the discretion of Bowls ACT.
- (d) With the permission of Bowls ACT, and subject to any conditions regarding the movement of players between grades, clubs may arrange to play a match on a day other than the scheduled day. Upon notification Bowls ACT will update the schedule in BowlsLink to reflect these changes.
- (e) The home-and-away rounds shall be scheduled so that all rounds for all grades, and sections within a grade, are normally completed on the same day.

3.20 Starting Times

- (a) The normal starting time for the pennants (home and away rounds, weekend and mid-week) will be 11:00 am.
- (b) Bowls ACT may set different starting times for certain rounds or matches as it sees fit.
- (c) The starting time for Pennant finals will be determined by Bowls ACT and will be published after completion of the home and away rounds.
- (d) Trial ends are expected to commence fifteen minutes before the starting time of the event.
- (e) Upon agreement from both sides, starting times may be varied. However Bowls ACT reserves the right to set limits on varied starting times for any round, match or venue.

3.21 Finishing Positions

- (a) Positions after the completion of the home-and-away rounds, including positions within a section, shall be determined from the highest to lowest as follows:
 - (i) the side having the greatest number of match points
 - (ii) if level on match points, the side with the highest margin (shots for minus shots against)
 - (iii) if level on match points and margin, then the highest aggregate shots (shots for)
 - (iv) if two or more sides are still level, steps (i), (ii), and (iii) shall be recalculated in respect of only the matches between the sides that are level to determine the relative position of those sides. Match points and shots are to be calculated pro rata if the sides in contention have played an unequal number of games under this clause.
 - (v) if sides are still level, the positions between the sides that are level shall be decided by the toss of a coin (if there are two sides) or by lot (if more than two sides).
- (b) Where a side in a grade, or in a section, has received more Byes than another side in the home-and-away rounds, the positions after the completion of the home-and-away rounds shall be determined by first dividing the match points, and the aggregate shots for and against for each club by the number of matches played by the club (i.e. excluding Byes) and then applying Clause 3.21 (a).

3.22 Determining Winners – No Finals

Where finals are not scheduled in a competition

- (a) The winner of a pennant grade shall be the side that finishes in the highest position after the home-and-away rounds. The finishing position will be determined as per Clause 3.21.

3.23 Determining Winners – Finals

- (a) Where finals are scheduled they will normally be conducted as a series of matches. The positions of sides after the completion of the home-and-away rounds shall determine their eligibility for the final series and, where appropriate, the venue for matches.

- (b) Grades that do not have sections will play a final series as set out below:

Major Semi Final	Side finishing first v Side finishing second
Minor Semi Final	Side finishing third v Side finishing fourth
Preliminary Final	Loser Major Semi Final v Winner Minor Semi Final
Grand Final	Winner Major Semi Final v Winner Preliminary Final

Semi and Preliminary Finals will normally be played at the club of the side that finished first after the home-and-away rounds. At Bowls ACT's discretion any of these finals may be allocated to a different venue.

- (c) Grades that have sections will play a final series as set out below:

Major Semi Final	First in Section A	v	First in Section B
Minor Semi Final	Third on Combined	v	Fourth on Combined
Preliminary Final	Loser Major Final	v	Winner Minor Semi Final
Grand Final	Winner Major Semi Final	v	Winner Preliminary Final

Semi and Preliminary Finals will normally be played at the club of the side that finished first on the combined ladder after the home-and-away rounds. At Bowls ACT's discretion any of these finals may be allocated to a different venue.

- (d) Grades that have only four sides will play a final series as set out below:

Preliminary Final	Side finishing second	v	Side finishing third
Grand Final	Side finishing first	v	Winner Preliminary Final

The Preliminary Final will normally be played at the club of the side that finished second after the home and away rounds. If that club cannot host the match then it will be played at the club of the side that finished third after the home and away rounds. At Bowls ACT's discretion this final may be allocated to a different venue.

- (e) Grades that have only three sides competing in the finals (e.g. after a grade has been split at the end of the home and away rounds) will play a finals series as set out below:

Preliminary Final	Side finishing second	v	Side finishing third
Grand Final	Side finishing first	v	Winner Preliminary Final

The Preliminary Final will normally be played at the club of the side that finished second after the home and away rounds. If that club cannot host the match then it will be played at the club of the side that finished third after the home and away rounds. At Bowls ACT's discretion this final may be allocated to a different venue.

- (f) Where a club is entitled to host more finals than it can accommodate on its available green space, some of the finals may be played at the club that finished second after the home-and-away matches. If this club is also unable to accommodate all such finals, some of the finals may be played at the club that finished third, and so on.

- (g) All finals matches, including the Grand Finals, shall be played under the same format as that played in the home-and-away rounds, subject to rule 3.8 (d) of these Conditions of Play. In the event of a tie after completion of all ends, all teams in a side shall play an extra end with the highest aggregate score determining the result. If scores are still tied, all teams continue playing extra ends in this manner until a winner is determined.
- (h) If play is stopped with the consent of the umpire, it shall be completed later that day if the umpire grants permission, or on such other day as determined by Bowls ACT. The match shall be continued with the scores as they were when the match was stopped, and if continued on a subsequent date, or on a different green, a roll-up each way shall be permitted. If an end was not completed when play was stopped and further play is impossible on that day, the incomplete end shall be replayed when the match is resumed.

3.24 Venue for Grand Finals

- (a) All the Pennant Grand Finals in a competition will be played at the same venue. Grand Finals for some grades will be played on a Saturday and some will be played on a Sunday, as determined by Bowls ACT.
- (b) Bowls ACT fully reserves the right to determine the host venue for the Pennant Grand Finals.

3.25 Player Eligibility

All Clubs are expected to act with integrity towards the concepts of the graded competition and eligibility criteria. Bowls ACT has grounds to declare a forfeit against a team of a club that, without satisfactory explanation, is deemed to have played a player or players from a higher ranked team in a lower ranked team in a manner likely to gain unfair advantage or distort the rankings of the lower ranked grade. Any Club that believes a violation of this principle has occurred should put in writing (via their Club Secretary or equivalent) their concerns (with appropriate evidence) to the Bowls ACT Board who will determine what if any action is to be taken.

- (a) A player may be promoted to a higher grade at any time.
- (b) A player may not play in two grades in the one home and away round or the one finals round (ie Semi, Preliminary or Grand Final)
- (c) A player is eligible to play in the finals if they have already played two matches in that grade or below. (subject also to 3.25 (g))
- (d) When a side has a bye in the first round of competition, a player who played in a lower grade in the first round is not eligible to play the following round in the side that had the bye.
- (f) When a side has a bye in a subsequent round of the competition, a player is not eligible to play in a lower grade in that round if they played in the previous round in the side that has the bye.
- (g) A player is not eligible to play in any grade at any stage of a competition, including the finals, once they have played 50% (or greater) of home and away matches in higher grades. See also Clause 3.25 (j).
- (h) For the purposes of determining player eligibility, a bye is not counted as a match.
- (i) On request to Bowls ACT, Clubs having insufficient eligible players for any finals may seek an exemption to Clause 3.25 (g) for their lowest graded side. Such a request, if approved, will be for a maximum of 2 players per side per finals series. If this approval is granted, then such players may play no higher than second in any team.

- (j) On request to Bowls ACT, Clubs may seek an exemption to Clause 3.25 (g) where the player would otherwise be ineligible to play in any other Side for the remainder of the season. For this request to be approved, Clubs would need to demonstrate “exceptional circumstances”.

Penalty for breach of player eligibility clauses under 3.25:

- **A side, or sides, proven to have breached eligibility clauses above shall be deemed to have forfeited the match. The opposition will receive competition points in accord with clause 3.16. If both sides breach eligibility clauses above no points will be awarded for the match.**
- **For breaches of clauses 3.25 (d) the disciplinary action will be applied to the higher graded side.**
- **For breaches of clauses 3.25 (f) the disciplinary action will be applied to the lower graded side.**
- **In finals matches, the side is disqualified and the non-offending side is declared the winner.**
- **A fine not exceeding \$200 may also be imposed for each instance of a breach of eligibility. The application of any fines will be at the discretion of Bowls ACT.**

3.26 Bowls ACT Representatives

- (a) Where a player from a club is selected to represent Bowls ACT and pennant matches are played while the player is representing Bowls ACT as either a player or an official, the player shall be deemed to have played on that day in the grade that they have played the majority of their matches to that date. If they have played an equal number of matches in more than one grade, the player shall be deemed to have played in the lower of these grades.
- (b) Bowls ACT shall advise clubs of players who have been selected as Bowls ACT representatives and the period that their representation covers (such period shall include reasonable travelling time).
- (c) Should a member of Bowls ACT be selected in a national side while Pennant is being played, the aforementioned conditions shall apply as if the player was representing Bowls ACT.

3.27 Pennant Flags and Badges

Winners of Pennant grand finals (or competition where no grand final is played) will be presented with a Pennant Flag and one badge for each player in the side, plus 4 extra badges to be distributed at the discretion of the club following completion of the match.

Teams scoring 8 shots on an end may apply to Bowls ACT to be issued with “8 Pins”.

SECTION 4
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY
APPLYING TO SPECIFIC BOWLS ACT EVENTS

4.1 Introduction

- (a) This Section outlines additional Conditions of Play applying to specific Bowls ACT events. It should be read in conjunction with Sections 1 & 2, which outline the Conditions of Play applying to all Bowls ACT events.
- (b) The specific events covered in this Section (with the relevant subsection shown in brackets) are as follows:
- ACT Championships (4.2)
 - Junior ACT Championships (4.3)
 - Champion of Club Champion Events (4.4)
 - Sixty and Over Events (4.5)
 - Doran Bowl (4.6)
 - Rookie Singles Championships (4.7)
 - ACT Invitational Singles (4.8)
- (c) All participants are reminded of the following “player” definitions which apply to all Bowls ACT events:
- (i) **“Nominated Player”** (DR 2.1.3) covers players from the lodging of entry to the close of entries.
 - (ii) **“Intended Player”** (DR 2.1.4) covers players from the close of entries until player is constituted (ie immediately their first game is commenced)
 - (iii) **“Substitute Player”** (DR 2.1.8) covers a player who is appointed to play in the place of an intended or constituted player.
 - (iv) **“Replacement Player”** (DR 2.1.7) covers a player who is appointed to take the place of a constituted player who cannot play in any round after the first round. (Note: see also DRs 2.2.4 & 2.2.5 regarding teams with byes in the first round).
- (d) Any changes to these Conditions of Play will be advised, via Circular, to all Clubs.

4.2 ACT CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.2.1 Events

Separate ACT Championship events are conducted for male and female players in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours. Mixed Pairs are conducted with teams consisting of one male player and one female player.

Teams consisting of entirely Junior players (Under the age of 18 at the start of the event) will not be required to pay entry fees for the event.

4.2.2 Eligibility

The ACT Championships are open to all registered players whose home Club is a member of Bowls ACT.

4.2.3 Format

The first round of ACT Championship Singles events will normally be played in sections of three, where for each of the three matches in each section the non-playing entrant acts as marker. The winner of each section is determined under tournament rules as described in Clause 2.19. For subsequent rounds the format will revert to knockout format.

Any alterations to the normal conditions of play will be presented by Bowls ACT at the time of release of the draw.

The winner each of the ACT Championships will be entitled to compete as ACT entrants in the National Australian Championships in accordance with the Conditions of Play for that event.

4.2.4 Ranking Points

These events attract Bowls Australia Ranking points.

4.3 JUNIOR ACT CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.3.1 Events

Separate Junior ACT Championship events are conducted for Junior members within Bowls ACT. The Bowls ACT Board will determine the most suitable event formats to be played with consideration given to available members and national representation.

4.3.2 Eligibility

The Junior ACT Championships are open to all registered players whose declared club is a member of Bowls ACT and who are under the age of 18 years as at the date of the first day of the event.

4.3.3 Format

Bowls ACT will determine the appropriate format/s for Junior ACT Championship events and release this information upon opening of entries for the competition/s

4.4 CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPION EVENTS

4.4.1 Events

Separate Champion of Club Champion events are conducted for male and female players in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.

4.4.2 Eligibility

- (a) The Champion of Club Champion events are open to a Club's most recent Club Champions in their respective disciplines. (see also Clause 2.3 (h))
- (b) The winning of a Club Championship entitles the individual or team to compete in one Champion of Club Champion event. The individual or team is not eligible to play in a subsequent Champion of Club Championships event unless they again win their Club Championship.
- (c) If a Club has not completed its Club Championship for the current year prior to the first scheduled day of play of the Champion of Club Champions for that discipline, the Club will not be permitted an entry in that Champion of Club Champions event.
- (d) If the Club called for entries for its Club Championship and received only one entry when entries closed the Championship will be deemed to be complete and the sole entry will be acceptable as the Club's entry into the Champion of Club Champions in that discipline, even though no matches were played.
- (e) A substitute and/or replacement player **will be** allowed for C of CC Pairs, Triples and Fours. For the purposes of determining eligible substitutes, the Champion of Club Champion events are considered to be a 'continuation' of the respective Club Championships. Therefore, a substitute or replacement player cannot be one who participated in the qualifying Club Championships.
- (f) The winners of the ACT Champion of Club Champion Singles (Men's and Women's) is entitled to compete as the ACT entry in the National Champion of Club Championships in accordance with the Conditions of Play for that event.

4.4.3 Ranking Points

These events attract Bowls Australia Ranking points.

4.5 60 AND OVER EVENTS

4.5.1 Events

Events for 60 and over players are conducted in the following disciplines:

- Pairs – separate events for Men and Women.
- Fours – separate events for Men and Women.

4.5.2 Eligibility

These events are open to all players registered with Bowls ACT who are sixty years or over as at the date of the first day of play of the event.

4.5.3 Format

Unless otherwise specified, the format for all events will generally be tournament style on day 1 with the top 8 players or teams progressing to a seeded knockout on day 2. The Number of ends may be limited and time limits enforced to ensure completion of the competition.

4.6 DORAN BOWL

Due to significant interruption to the continuation of the Doran Bowl through 2020 and 2021, Bowls ACT have extended the eligibility by one season, to female players up to their sixth playing season (From Jan 1st 2018)

4.7 ROOKIE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Due to significant interruption to the continuation of the Rookie Singles through 2020 and 2021, The eligibility has been extended to players up to their fifth playing season (From Jan 1st 2019) though no member can play in the event more than twice.

4.8 ACT Invitational Singles

4.8.1 Events

Bowls ACT will hold an Invitational Open Singles Invitational event. Players will be invited based on their performances in Bowls ACT competitions for the previous calendar year with consideration to the Bowls Australia January Rankings.

4.8.2 Eligibility

The ACT Invitational Open Singles will be invitational. Only players invited to participate by Bowls ACT will be eligible to compete in the event.

4.8.3 Format

The Invitational Open Singles will be a knockout tournament with the draw to be randomised prior to the start of the competition.

4.8.4 Venue

Hosting rights for the ACT Open Singles will normally be offered to the club which is deemed to have the highest quality greens available for the competition. Bowls ACT reserves the right to vary the hosting rights and criteria if it considers there are special circumstances or if the proposed host club is unable to satisfy the requirements laid down by Bowls ACT for the host club.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A – Relevant Policies

The following is a list of the more significant relevant policies of Bowls Australia. It is provided to assist players and officials.

The current version of each of these policies should be available from the Bowls Australia website (www.bowls.com).

Any enquiries should be directed in the first instance to Bowls ACT (exec@bowlsact.org.au)

Bowls Australia Policies

Bowls Australia and Member States & Territories, including Bowls ACT, are bound by the National Integrity Framework policies as set out by Sport Integrity Australia. A full list of these policies are available on the Bowls Australia website (<https://www.bowls.com.au/get-involved/sports-integrity/>)

Bowls ACT Documents and Forms

Current versions of the following policies can be found on the Bowls ACT Website – These policies sit below the National Integrity Framework and will be used for local matters:

<http://www.bowlsact.org.au/policies-and-documents/bowls-act-policies/>

- Code of Conduct
- Use of Social Media
- Instantaneous Penalties Policy
- Policy on Disciplinary Action by a Club + Disciplinary Notification Form
- Use of Photographs, Videoing and Live Streaming Policy
- Club Clearance Form
- Pennant Member Nomination Form
- Interstate Pennant Declaration Form
- Pennant Result Form
- Incident Report Form
- Air Quality Policy

APPENDIX B – Bureau of Meteorology Weather Stations

For the purposes of 2.15 (Inclement Weather), where there are no facilities for taking reliable local temperature readings, the following Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) weather station reports are to be used for each Club as shown.

Where there are separate Men’s and Women’s Bowling Clubs at one venue, both Clubs are implied.

This table is based on proximity to weather stations that report readings half-hourly on the Bureau of Meteorology web site.

The relevant readings are shown on the BoM web site under the section “Observations” and then under the headings “Temp (°C)” and “App Temp (°C)”. They correspond to Ambient Temperature and Apparent Temperature respectively.

Bowling Club	BoM Weather Station
Belconnen	Canberra Airport
Bungendore	Canberra Airport
Canberra	Canberra Airport
Canberra North	Canberra Airport
Crookwell	Crookwell
Goulburn	Goulburn Airport
Queanbeyan	Canberra Airport
Queanbeyan RSLM	Canberra Airport
Tuggeranong	Tuggeranong
Weston Creek	Tuggeranong
Yass	Canberra Airport
Yowani	Canberra Airport