

****Bowls NSW Open State Pennants 2023-24: Season Overview****

****Introduction and Scope:****

The Bowls NSW Open State Pennants for the 2023-24 season adhere to the Laws of Sport of Bowls and Bowls NSW General Conditions. This competition introduces specific conditions tailored for the Open State Pennant, ensuring a fair and competitive environment.

****Administration:****

The tournament is overseen by the Bowls NSW Limited State Match Committee, with delegated authority to Zone Match Committees for Grades 2-7.

****Player Participation Rules:****

Player eligibility is determined by grading from both the previous and current seasons. Regulations are in place for clubs with multiple sides in a grade.

****Competition Format:****

Matches consist of 63 ends in a fours format, with specified playing dates and State Finals scheduled for June 2024.

****Scoring:****

Points are awarded for a side win, draw, and team win. Criteria for determining section rankings are clearly outlined.

****Participation Records:****

Mandatory use of Bowlslink for setup and results is required. Penalties are imposed for infringing player eligibility rules. That means it's the clubs responsibility. Teams must be set in Bowlslink 24 hours before the start of play, with results submitted by 6.00 pm on the day of play.

****Instantaneous Penalties:****

Umpires have the authority to enforce penalties for breaches of laws or rules, including actions likely to bring the sport or affiliated bodies into disrepute.

Breaching the Bowls NSW Smoke Free Greens Policy. includes Vaping

This will be enforced

Then after consultation with the controlling body (in their absence the team/side managers), the end shall be immediately regarded as completed and the following shall occur: i. The opponent of the offender shall be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the Opponent in singles or opposing Team in a team game or team in a side game. ii. Upon a second such offence by the same player in the same game, the Umpire shall award the game to the Opponent/s according to Laws C2 and C10. iii. Should this penalty be applied, no Replacement or Substitute player will be allowed for their Team. iv. In a Team game the defaulting Team will forfeit the game to their Opponent. v. In a Side game BA Domestic Regulations 2.6 (Absentee Players in a Side Game) will apply. vi. A Replacement player is not permitted for a singles player. The umpire must forward a written detailed report about any incident involving an instantaneous penalty to the respective Controlling Body within seven (7) days of the incident.

Absentee players in a side game. (Law 39.2.3 and Bowls Australia Domestic Regulation 2.6) i. If, 15 minutes after the scheduled start time for a game one player is absent from one or more teams in a side and no eligible substitute is available or allowed, the game must

continue, however: ii. A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player. iii. Each player must use the number of bowls specified in the Conditions of Play for that event. iv. The order of play shall be maintained by the second of the complete team playing consecutive bowls. v. If a player is unable to continue the game and no eligible substitute or replacement player is available or allowed, play will continue as if one player is absent as per 37.7 (i). vi. If an absent player arrives late, they must take their original place in the team when they arrive and enter the game at the completion of the end in progress. vii. If an eligible substitute or replacement player becomes available and is permitted by the Controlling Body, they may be introduced to the game at the completion of the end in progress.

****Match & Season Records:****

Rules for matches not commenced or completed are outlined for clarity.

****Side Officials:****

Roles and responsibilities for Side Managers and Coaches are defined, including the requirement for Club Uniforms. Side Managers conduct a toss for mat and rinks.

****State Finals:****

Sectional play is followed by knockout finals, with details about awards and flags provided.

****Wash Outs:****

In the event of a washout, the game will be rescheduled to the following day, which is Sunday.

<https://bowlsnsw.com.au/member-resources/match-competition-documents/>

Cheers

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