



NSW WOMENS BOWLING Association Inc.

These Conditions of Play are for 2010 Season only and will be reviewed.

STATE PENNANTS

Pennants are conducted by District Match Committees for and on behalf of the N.S.W.W.B.A. Match Committee.

There are four grades of Pennants, namely, numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4. Any further grades will be at District level only, that is, numbers 5, 6 or 7. The District Match Committee **must conduct an OPEN draw.**

Special Conditions

The District Match Committee has control of all matches within the District. All Clubs must conform to the following conditions to be eligible to compete in the State Finals.

1. Entry fee for all Pennants to be paid to the District.
2. (a) Pennant side which **must be Club selected** shall comprise of **two teams** of four players.

(b) Two clubs within the same **District** may join to form a pennant side provided that they mutually agree on the home ground. Combined clubs to have both club names in title. Each club must have 25 members or less.
3. These players may be changed each match except for State Finals. Their positions in a side or **new** eligible players may be selected **provided that:**
 - (a) If any Club has two or more sides in any grade of Pennant, these players may be interchanged up to the completion of the first half of the competition. Each side will then become a separate entity. Failure to observe this condition will disqualify the side for that round. (See "Playing Conditions" para. 3)
 - (b) A player may be elevated to a higher grade at any time. She may play **twice** only in any higher grade and be regressed to a lower grade without penalty.
 - (c) A player may play once only in any grade of Pennant in any one round.
 - (d) In a side if the required eight members of a club are not present at the scheduled starting time, a replacement member of that club may be used. If the side is playing away the match may be played with an affiliated player as a substitute Law DR 4.1 8.

- (e) If during the course of a side game a player is unable to continue owing to illness or other reasonable cause, the player may leave the green and the Controlling Body/Umpire may permit the side to continue to play with one team playing one player short subject to law 46.2 dot points 1 and 2 or the player's place may be filled by a substitute.
 - (f) The Controlling Body shall be the sole judge of "reasonable cause". In the absence of reasonable cause the opposing team shall be entitled to claim the game.
 - (g) If a player leaves the green in accordance with any part of item 3(f) and is physically able and still eligible to rejoin the game before the beginning of the last end, then the player shall rejoin the game and the provisions of DR 4.1.19 shall apply whether or not a substitute has filled that player's position during the period of the player's absence from the green.
4. No member of an affiliated club shall play in any Pennant Match during the season for more than one club.
 5. A copy of the draw for each Pennant Grade must be forwarded by the District to the State Match Committee **at least two months** prior to the commencement of the first match.
 6. **All deferred matches may be played after the last scheduled round or earlier by mutual agreement, to determine winners and to allow regression of the clubs. Where there are three or more sections in a District, winners will play off in a Round Robin open draw to determine District winners.**
 7. (a) All affiliated Clubs of District Associations are eligible to enter on forms supplied by the District Associations.
 - (b)(i) Clubs must enter one (1) side in the same grade as the previous year **unless regressed**. Clubs wishing to withdraw a side are permitted to withdraw the lowest grade. This does not restrict the number of sides entered in any grade.
 - (ii) A club having won a State Pennant or at Group Playoff must field a side in the next highest grade.
 - (c)(i) Only the clubs with **less** than 25% (twenty-five percent) of the total number of points available or comes last, may be regressed to the immediate lower grade. If such club with District approval wishes, it may remain in the same grade.
 - (ii) A club with **more** than 25% (twenty-five percent) of the total points available and comes last may be regressed to the immediate lower grade.

- (d) There must be no less than two (2) sides in a District Pennant competition. Where two clubs are able to play they shall play one home and one away to determine a winner to progress to Group Playoff. If there is not a result, one match shall be played on a neutral green. Any club not playing according to NSWBA Conditions will not be eligible to play in the State finals.
8. (a)(i) A club having competed at Group playoff in two (2) consecutive years, must be elevated to the next highest grade.
- (ii) In the event of there being no opponent in the higher grade, that side shall play in the Group Playoffs in the higher grade for the coming season **provided** at the start of the pennant season the club must nominate eight players who will be members of the side to compete at Group level. These nominated players are ineligible to play in a pennant round in a lower grade during that season.
 - (iii) In the event of a club winning a State Pennant and there is no group level of that grade, they must play in the next highest grade at District level. If there is no opponent in the higher grade, they must stand alone and nominate eight players who will be members of the side to compete at State level. These nominated players are ineligible to play in a pennant round in a lower grade during that season.
- (b) Permission must be obtained from the State Match Committee if replacement players are required. A player is ineligible to be a replacement player if she has played three pennant games in a higher grade. The importation of Interstate/Overseas players specifically to be used as substitutes or replacement players for Group/State Playoffs is not permitted.

Combining Districts

For Pennants only two Districts within the same Group may combine all their grade together provided they comply with the following conditions:

- (a) In each District a majority of clubs must agree.
- (b) The Club winning the combined grade would receive the award from its own District.

Playing Conditions - In extenuating circumstances, the decision of the State Match Committee will be final.

1. All Pennants to be played within the **current** year, that is, 1st January to 31st December on the **home and away** principle.
2. All matches will be played on the green of the first named club in the draw but if not available, and with the consent of the Match Committee, will be played on the **opponent's** or a **neutral** green.

3. Forfeits are credited as a match side win, byes – no score, disqualification – there can be no overall win – points earned by side disqualified are forfeited to the opposition.
4. Games are to consist of 21 ends per team. NO extra ends to be played. If necessary two matches per day may be played.
5. One score card only to be kept by each second in a Pennant Team during a match.

Conceding in Pennants

If a team is in a position where it cannot possibly win, it may concede the match without playing the required number of ends. In pennants, the team concedes to the opposing team the number of remaining available shots to be added to the aggregate total. The permission of the umpire is not required.

Duties of all Pennant Captains

Captains draw for rinks and opposing teams prior to commencement of every match.

Captains ensure that **teams as drawn must play each other.**

Captains toss a coin on behalf of the side. Law 18.2.

When a match is completed, captains see that the cards are correctly and completely filled in with printed names, total scores and time recorded when game finished on the front of the cards and signed by each skip; transfer the correct result from each card to the Pennant Form in the **correct place**, naming the club and each side number (side 1 or 2 as the case may be) with the total aggregate score clearly marked and the form signed by **both captains**. The Home Side is to supply the Pennant form.

The home side is the side on whose green a match is being played, and all four cards, scoreboard and pennant form should show the **home side on the left side** and the visiting side on the right. The winning side is to keep two cards at the Club; two cards are to be attached to the Pennant Return sheet and returned to the District Chairman of Match. If a match is drawn, the two cards are kept at the home club. If there is a mistake on the Pennant Return sheet, it shall not be altered by the Chairman of District Match as Captains of both Pennant side have signed the Return sheet as a true record. If there is a discrepancy between the Return Sheet and Cards, the cards duly signed are taken as the true score.

Should there be inclement weather, the captain must contact the club concerned not later than one hour before the game is due to commence and make arrangements for the players to contact her for information. Play to commence not later than 90 minutes after normal starting time.

Incomplete match – if a match is abandoned for the day, the cards are to be left at the home club and **duplicate cards** sent to the Chairman of District Match by the **home club** stating the number of ends completed and the score. At the end of the pennant season the clubs concerned will be notified by the District Match Committee when the match has to be completed. The same personnel must finalise the match and only one substitute may be included in each team. IF an appeal to the umpire is made on inclement weather during the progress of a match, it must be **made by the captain on behalf of both teams**.

On completion of the match, the **captain of the home side** must immediately post the completed form to the District Manager.

The **captain of the winning side** must telephone results to the District Manager not later than 7 pm on the day of play. If a match is drawn, the captain of the home side telephones the District Manager.

Only the **captain** of a side may telephone the District Manager if it is necessary.

Method of Scoring for Sectional Play

When sectional play is completed, the club with the most points will be the winner.

State or Group Pennant Play-offs.

All District winners will play off at Group level on a Round Robin basis on neutral greens or greens declared neutral by the State Match Committee. If in any grade only two Districts are competing, they shall play one match on a neutral green. If drawn – an extra end/s shall be played until a winner is found. **The host District Match Committee is the Controlling Body and is responsible for entries into State Finals.** On completion, full names of winners in each Grade with registration numbers must be forwarded to the Executive Officer of the NSWBA on the correct forms by District Secretaries together with entry fees.

The State Finals will be conducted on a Round Robin principle over three days, two matches per day, 21 ends. State Final, 21 ends. The State Match committee shall be in control of all State Pennant Finals.

Grade 1 only to play over 4 days commencing Sunday.

Pennant Scoring for District Sectional, Post Sectional, Group Playoffs and State Finals is as follows:

- (i) Each winning side shall be awarded 3 points.
- (ii) In the event of a drawn match each side shall be awarded 1 ½ points.
- (iii) Team wins shall be awarded 1 point
- (iv) Team draws shall be awarded ½ point.
- (v) Maximum points awarded shall be 5.

Determination of a winner

- (i) The side scoring the highest number of points shall be the winner.
- (ii) If points are equal, the side with the greatest margin of net shots shall be the winner. (Total shots for, minus total shots against, equals net shots).
- (iii) If the winning shots margins are also equal, the side with the lowest total of shots against will be the winner.

State Final Play-off

- (i) An open draw of Group Winners on Round Robin principle.
- (ii) Replacement player/s for first round shall be allowed.
- (iii) In the first round each team becomes constituted immediately the player delivers her first bowl.
- (iv) In a team only one substitute may be allowed. A player may only be substituted **once**, after which the substitute becomes the replacement player. A substitute may play in any position except that of skip and the other players may arrange their positions as desired.
- (v) All players or substitutes may not have played more than twice in a higher grade. The importation of Interstate/Overseas players specifically to be used as substitutes or replacement players for Group/State Playoffs is not permitted.
- (vi) Two matches a day shall be played where necessary.

Trophies – State Pennants Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Winners: Club will receive a Certificate and State Pennant.
Eight players will each receive a State Pennant Badge.

Runners Up: Club will receive a Certificate and a Runners Up Pennant
Eight players will each receive a Certificate.

State Pennant Flag Colours

- No. 1 Royal blue with gold lettering
- No. 2 Gold with royal blue lettering
- No. 3 Green with gold lettering
- No. 4 Pale blue with crimson lettering.

District Association Pennant Flags **must** differ in colour from those of the State.