

FIELD OF PLAY RULES

BOWLS WA EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS

All players and/or clubs entering Bowls WA Events and Competitions acknowledge and agree to abide by the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and the Bowls WA Field of Play Rules and to respect the integrity of gender, cross gender and grading regulations as specified in the Conditions of Play for each event or competition

A player is only eligible to play their Club Championships at the club which is the player's "Home Club". In the case of a player transferring home clubs during the season, they may not compete in any Championship at their new home club in which they competed at their old home club. E.g. Club championship singles. Players may only in one season be the champion of any one club.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITIES

The Bowls Management Committee is responsible to review, add to, delete or alter these Rules and their associated Conditions of Play. Recommendations for changes to these Rules or their associated Conditions of Play are to be submitted in writing through the appropriate Operational Committee for consideration by the Bowls Management Committee. The Bowls Management Committee reserves the right to accept, decline or make alterations as appropriate to these recommendations.

The Fixtures and Events Committee reserve the right to refuse nominations and to delay, postpone, reschedule, abandon or alter the advertised Specific Competitions Conditions of Play for any Bowls WA event or competition

DEFINITIONS

To provide clarity in these Field of Play Rules, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates the meaning of such words or letters shall be as described in these definitions.

AGGREGATE

The combined number of shots scored by each team in a side during a side's game.

AFFILIATED CLUB

A Club affiliated with Bowls WA as described in the Bowls WA Constitution and Bowls WA By Laws

ATTIRE

The appropriate clothing to be worn for Bowls Australia or Bowls WA events; as described in the Bowls Australia NMP Policy.

BOWLS AUSTRALIA EVENT

National and International events under the control of Bowls Australia or any other event under the control of or conducted on behalf of Bowls Australia or World Bowls; which may include, but is not limited to, the Australian Sides Championships, Australian Open, Australian Indoor Singles, Australian Champion of Champions, Australian Senior Sides Championships and Australian Under 18 Championships.

BOWLS WA EVENT

Includes, but is not limited to, State Events, Metropolitan Pennant Competition, Country Week, Country League and Country Zone events, or events under the control of, or conducted on behalf of World Bowls or Bowls Australia by the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee or events conducted by Club Match Committees on behalf of Bowls WA.

BOWLS WA OPEN EVENT

An event which with the exception of gender and or affiliation specifications; has no other specified eligibility requirements.

BWA OFFICIAL

A member of the Bowls WA Board or Bowls WA Committees

BYE

A side, team or players who do not have opponents to play in a scheduled fixture or a round in an event are awarded a BYE. In the case of a round in an event, player(s) will proceed to the following round, with no loss of entitlements.

CLEARANCE

As referred to in Bowls WA Field of Play Rules; Bowls WA Events and Competitions

COMPOSITE SIDE OR TEAM

A side or team formed from any number of players who are members of clubs affiliated with Bowls WA

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Refer to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Specific Event Conditions of Play

CONSTITUTED PLAYER

A singles player or member of a team who has commenced their first game in a competition (when the jack is delivered in the first end as per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls) or has become constituted as per provisions in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as per Domestic Regulations

CONTROLLING BODY

The body having immediate control over the Conditions of Play under which a game is played according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls

DEFAULTING PLAYER, TEAM OR SIDE

A side, team or player that does not meet the requirements of any specific law or laws contained in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Bowls WA Field of Play Rules or Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play

DOMESTIC REGULATION

For domestic play, member National Authorities can make domestic regulations to cover some aspects of the sport according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls

EXTREME WEATHER

Weather (Heat, rain, electrical disturbance or any other inclement weather phenomenon) that forces a game to be delayed or abandoned.

FINALS

Finals may include Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals, Grand Finals and Metropolitan Pennant Finals.

FORFEIT

A game that is awarded to an opponent when a side, team or player is unable to play or withdraws from a competition after the draw has been completed. A player from a forfeiting team may not act as a replacement player or substitute in that competition meeting the requirements of one or more Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Bowls WA Field of Play Rules or Specific Event Conditions of Play

HOME CLUB

The Primary Club to which a player is affiliated.

INSTANTANEOUS PENALTIES POLICY

As per Laws of The Sport, Domestic Regulations, Umpires may use this policy in situations where players do not conduct themselves in a polite and sporting like manner and where there is no penalty specified for the players actions.

INTEGRITY RULE

Every club, side, team or player entering in Bowls WA Events or Competitions shall respect and act with honesty and truthfulness to uphold the intent and spirit of the competition, refer to the Integrity of Graded Pennants Policy.

LAW

The Laws which control the sport of bowls as described in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

MASTERS QUALIFICATION

Masters Singles Tournament – Singles Champion of a Controlling Body;
Masters Pairs Tournament – Singles or Pairs Champion of a Controlling Body;
Masters Triples Tournament – Singles, Pairs or Triples Champion of a Controlling Body;
Masters Fours Tournament – Singles, Pairs, Triples or Fours Champion of a Controlling Body;
Masters Mixed Pairs Tournament – Singles, Pairs or Mixed Pairs Champion of a Controlling Body.
Masters Mixed Fours Tournament – Singles, Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Triples, Mixed Triples, Fours or Mixed Fours Champion of a Controlling Body;

MASTERS EVENT

An event, competition or tournament reserved for player(s), who have a Masters Qualification.

MATCH OFFICIAL

A person appointed by the Controlling Body to conduct an event for or on behalf of the Controlling Body.

METROPOLITAN PENNANT ENTITLEMENTS

The Pennant Divisions for which a club is eligible to apply based on the previous season's promotions or demotions and or vacancies within the competition as advised annually by the Fixtures and Events Committee.

NOVICE

A player who has been an active member of an affiliated club in the Bowls Connect Database for no more than two (2) years.

NOVICE EVENT

An event, competition or tournament reserved for Novice players.

OVER 60'S

A player aged 60 years or over.

OVER 60's EVENT

An event, competition or tournament reserved for over 60's players.

PENNANT SEASON COMMENCEMENT

The first pennant game is deemed to be the first game played by any gender in the current pennant season.

PLAYER PROTECTION

The protection afforded to a player for concurrent events. Refer to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Bowls WA Field of Play Rules.

REPLACEMENT PLAYER

A replacement player is one who is appointed to take the place of an intended member prior to the start of the competition. The appointment of a replacement player will be subject to the approval of the controlling body as per provisions in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations.

SUBSTITUTE PLAYER

A Substitute is a player who acts as a proxy for an intended player or a constituted player in a team who is unavailable or physically incapable and therefore prevented from attending or continuing in a game as per provisions in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations.

UMPIRE

A person who has received accreditation through a National Officiating course

UMPIRE OF THE DAY

The umpire appointed by, or on behalf of, the Controlling Body to officiate at an event. Refer to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Bowls WA Field of Play Rules and Metropolitan Pennant Competition – General Conditions.

UNDER 18'S

A player aged less than eighteen (18) years.

UNDER 18'S EVENT

An event, competition or tournament reserved for Under 18's players.

VETERAN

A player aged 70 years or more.

VETERANS EVENT

An event, competition or tournament reserved for veteran players.

WALKOVER

A general term used to describe the advancement of a side, team or player, to the next round of a competition without playing a game in the current round of the competition.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

All members of affiliated Western Australian Clubs subject to playing restrictions applied by home clubs are eligible to take part in Bowls WA Competitions and Events

Nominations for Bowls WA events will not be accepted unless the nomination fee is received by the due date.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 Male players are not eligible to play in Bowls WA Events, when these events are designated as "Women's" events.
- 1.2 Female players are not eligible to play in Bowls WA Events, when these events are designated as "Men's" events.
- 1.3 Cross gender substitution is only permitted in the Pennant Competition as described in Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play and Country League Pennant Conditions of Play.

1.4 Multiple club membership

A Player who is a member of more than one club;

- (i) Will be affiliated at only one club which shall be regarded as the player's Home Club.
- (ii) Will play Pennant for their Home Club.
- (iii) If a player's Home Club does not enter a side into a Defined Pennant Competition a player may apply to play in that Pennant Competition for another club of which they are a member.
- (iv) If a Country Club plays Men's Midweek Pennant within their league on a day other than the Metropolitan Midweek Pennant day, a member of that club may apply on the appropriate Multiple Club Pennant Application form to also play in the Metropolitan Midweek Pennant Competition.
- (v) Will play Club Championships at their Home Club
- (vi) If a country player is eligible and is granted permission via the Multiple Club Pennant Application Form to play Men's Saturday or Women's Tuesday Metropolitan Pennant, they become ineligible to play Men's or Women's Countryweek.
- (vii) If a player transfers Home Club's after the commencement of the season a player shall not be eligible to compete in any Club Championship at their new Home Club that they contested in the current season at their previous Home Club.
- (viii) Where a player is the current season's Club Champion of their previous Home Club they shall be entitled to enter that seasons Champion of Club Champion Event(s) as the Club Champion of their previous Home Club.

2. Late Entries

- (i) Late entries for a Bowls WA Event will be accepted onto a waiting list up until the Specific Event Draw has been published. Should withdrawals from the original draw occur, teams on the waiting list will be added to the draw in the order they were received.
- (ii) Late entries accepted will be used to fill any byes in the original draw before the specific event draw has been published
- (iii) Once the draw has been published, NO late entries will be accepted.

3. Replacement Players and Substitutes

Replacement players and Substitutes may be used in Bowls WA events and competitions, under the following conditions:

- (i) Nominated and intended players can be replaced up until the constitution of players, if approved by the Controlling Body as per Law of the Sport of Bowls Domestic Regulation Constitution of Players
- (ii) Bowls WA must be immediately notified when a team requires the use of a Replacement player or substitute required on the day of or prior to the commencement of, or during the event, these must be approved by the officiating Controlling Body and the Umpire of the Day at the relevant venue.

- (iii) Replacement players and substitutes may only be used in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls; Domestic Regulations.
- (iv) A defeated player in any Bowls WA event may not act as a replacement player or substitute in the same event.

4. Forfeits

- 4.1 A team representative or a singles player must notify the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee (not the hosting venue) as soon as possible prior to the day of an event if they are unable to participate and intend to forfeit.
- 4.2 If on the day of play a team representative or a singles player intends to forfeit they must notify the hosting venue.
- 4.3 A team or singles player that forfeits during any Bowls WA event (Sectional or Knockout) shall be liable for a fine (per player), except that if in the final game of any sectional play the result of the singles players or teams drawn to play against each other will have no effect upon the final sectional winner they may, with the consent of the Controlling Body, elect not to play. If one team wishes to play the final game, then the game must be played.
- 4.4 The recipient of a forfeit shall be awarded a win *except where* a team or singles player that forfeits two or more games in sectional play will be considered as never entering the event and all previous scores shall be deleted. Except where 4.3 applies

Penalty:

- Failure to notify Bowls WA prior to the start of an event of an intended forfeit may result in a fine.
- A forfeit on any day of the competition except as described in Bowls WA Field of Play Rules shall result in a fine.

5. Bye

A team or singles player receiving a Bye shall progress to the next round of the event with no loss or gain of entitlements.

6. Late Appearance

- 6.1 In all Bowls WA events 30 minutes is allowed beyond the scheduled starting time for players to arrive.
- 6.2 If at the end of 30 minutes a member of a team is not present and no replacement player or substitute is approved by the Controlling Body, the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponents.
- 6.3 A substitute or replacement player will not be allowed for a singles player
- 6.4 In the case of extenuating circumstances (eg. Major freeway hold-up), the game can at the determination of the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee be re-scheduled.
- 6.5 It is the responsibility of the Manager of a side or team or a singles player to make every effort to immediately notify the host club and the Controlling Body of the extenuating circumstances which will delay their arrival at the venue and to apply for consideration for the game to be re-scheduled.

7. Player Protection

- 7.1 Zones, Leagues, Regions and Clubs are requested **not** to schedule Championships that conflict with Bowls WA Open events or Bowls Australia National events; so as to encourage their members to compete or officiate at State and above level.
- 7.2 If Zones, Leagues, Regions or Clubs are unable to avoid concurrent scheduling, the Zone, League, Region or Club **must** provide player protection for their players and or officials for the period the player or official is actively engaged in; plus reasonable travelling time for International Events under the control of Bowls Australia or World Bowls, Bowls WA Open Events; and selection trials for the Australian Sides Championship.
- 7.3 For all other events if a Zone, League, Region or Club Championship can not be re-scheduled or it is impractical to offer player protection the player(s) involved should decide which event to contest.

8. Trial Ends

- 8.1** Before start of play in any game, or before continuing an unfinished game on another day, one trial end must be played in each direction. The Controlling Body may however limit the number of trial ends to be played to no trial ends or one trial end in one direction - using as many bowls as will be used in the game according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
- 8.2** Trial ends are not part of the game. The start of play is the rolling of the jack in the first end. All trial ends shall be completed by the scheduled starting time of the game and if still in progress at the scheduled starting time shall cease immediately.
- 8.3** In Bowls WA State Events, trial ends shall be restricted to the first game to be played on any one day on any one green by a side, team or player; except that if the direction of play on a green in any one day is changed or if a team or player is required to change greens additional trial ends will be permitted.

9. Attire

The appropriate clothing is to be worn for Bowls Australia or Bowls WA events; as described in the Bowls Australia NMP Policy.

Penalty:

The penalty for non-compliance, as reported by any Umpire or Bowls WA official (including Zone/League/Region officials), the player/s may receive a fine.

10. Smoking and the Consumption of Alcohol

Any lit or unlit smoking implement, electronic cigarettes and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the greens during any Bowls WA Competition or Event.

Bowls WA strongly encourages clubs to define a smoking area well away from the playing surfaces.

Penalty:

- For the first offence on that day, the player shall be warned by the Umpire of the Day.
- If the player commits the same offence for the second time on the same day, the player shall be disqualified from the game and no substitute or replacement player be permitted to take his/her place in the team, and the game will be forfeited to the opponent.

11. Use of Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

All mobile phones must be turned to silent (or vibrate) whilst play is in progress.

- 11.1** In the case of a pending emergency situation, permission to set a mobile phone to an audible tone must be given by the Umpire of the Day.
- 11.2** Mobile phones may NOT be used on the greens at any time whilst play is in progress on any rink
- 11.3** Mobile phones may be used away from the greens as long as play is not disrupted or held up.
- 11.4** Electronic Devices are not permitted e.g. iPods or Radios
- 11.5** Players who require the use of any Electronic Device for medical reasons should notify the Umpire of the Day before the start of play

Any Player that is seen by the Umpire of the Day or is reported to the Umpire of the Day to be disrupting or holding up play by using a mobile phone

- For the first offence on that day, the player shall be warned by the Umpire of the Day.
- For the second offence a fine will be applied and thereafter a fine for each and every continuing offence.

12. Greens Safety

Bowls WA, in identifying risks associated with bowls, has implemented the following rules in the best interests of risk management and Sports safety.

12.1 Players

Players directly participating in a game are not permitted to sit on the banks with any portion of their body in the ditch or on the green whilst play is in progress.

- For the first offence on that day, the player shall be warned by the Umpire of the Day.
- A fine will be applied for each and every continuing offence.

12.2 Spectators and Players

Spectators or players not directly participating in the game must abide by the Laws of The Sport

13. Photographs and Video

All photographs or video footage that are taken at Bowls WA Association Events by the Official Bowls WA Photographer or official remain the property of Bowls WA.

14. Players Transferring Clubs

14.1 Pennant Season Transfer

There are specific conditions that apply to a player wishing to transfer their entitlement to play for; and/or transfer Home Club status to another club once the annual Metropolitan Pennant Competition has commenced.

- (i) After the first Pennant game of each season and up to and including the 31st December of that year, permission will be granted to compete in the Metropolitan Pennant Competition and change Home Club status to another club subject to the Bowls WA Clearance By Law, provided that:
 - a) The player applies in writing to the Bowls WA CEO or his/her nominee.
 - b) The player upon approval of the application and prior to competing in the first Pennant game for their new Home Club pays the applicable administration fee to Bowls WA.
- (ii) After the 31st December of each season permission may be granted in **extreme circumstances** to compete in the Pennant Competition and change Home Club status to another club during the current season, provided that:
 - a) The player applies in writing to the Bowls CEO (or his/her nominee) who will consider the application
 - b) The application is in accordance with the Bowls WA Clearance By Law.
 - c) The player upon approval of the application and prior to competing in the first Pennant game for their new Home Club pays the applicable administration fee to Bowls WA.

Penalty: A club will be forfeited and may incur a fine for playing a player who has not been transferred correctly during the Pennant Season.

14.2 Player Transfer Disputes

Should any club claim that an outgoing player is in financial dispute with their club then they must contact Bowls WA in writing, setting out their dispute with the player. The President and/or the CEO of Bowls WA shall appoint a mediator to resolve the dispute and the player may not play for any other club until the dispute is resolved.

14.3 Interstate Clearance

- 14.3.1 Any member of an affiliated bowling club in another Australian State or Territory seeking membership of a Club in this State shall lodge an Interstate Clearance Form, found on the Bowls Australia website, to their original State Association for processing.
- 14.3.2 Any player of an affiliated bowling club in Western Australia seeking membership of a club in another State or Territory shall lodge an Interstate Clearance Form, found on the Bowls Australia website, to Bowls WA for processing.

15. Umpire of the Day

15.1 While several umpires may officiate on any one day, only one (1) Umpire shall be designated as the Umpire of the Day.

15.2 The Umpire of the day may delegate a representative to monitor the temperature

- 15.3** The Umpire of the Day shall be solely responsible to make the final decision in regard to the interpretation of Laws or Rules and continuation, deferment or abandonment of play.

16. Fines and Administration Fees

Any fine or administration fee shall be paid to Bowls WA in accordance with the invoice issued to:

- The Secretary of the Club where; the Club is liable for an administration fee or is being fined.
- The player concerned where; any individual player is liable for an administration fee or is being fined.

Should the fine, or administration fee not be paid by the prescribed date, the following restrictions may apply until the fine, or administration fee is paid:

- a) Where the Club is liable, the Club or any of its members may not be permitted to take part in any game or fixture conducted by Bowls WA or under patronage of Bowls WA, nor shall the representative of the club concerned be permitted to attend or take part in any meeting of Bowls WA.
- b) Where an individual player or players is liable any such player or players may not be permitted to take part in any bowls game or fixture conducted by Bowls WA or under the patronage of Bowls WA.

The amount of each and every fine and administration fee shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Bowls Management Committee.

17. Protest Procedure for Bowls WA State Events

In the event that a player in singles or a team wishes to dispute the result of the game due to an Umpires Decision made during the course of the game and the game card has been signed by both players in singles or team representatives in a team game, the following procedures are required to be followed:

- 17.1** Once both cards are signed by both competing players in singles or both team representatives in team play and handed into the Controlling Body or their representative no Protest will be permitted
- 17.2** In the event that a player in singles or a team wishes to dispute the result of the game due to an Umpires decision made during the course of the game and the game card has not been signed by one or both singles players or a representative of both teams in team play, the following procedures are required to be followed:
- (i) If it is required that the result of the game or competition be decided forthwith or at the end of play on the day on which the incident occurred, then, whether or not the umpire's decision is later found by the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee or Bowls WA Management Committee to be incorrect, it shall be final and binding in respect of all circumstances adjudicated upon and no further action will be taken by the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee or Bowls WA Management Committee.
 - (ii) If an immediate result of the game or competition is not considered necessary, or if the game or competition involves play at a later date of a further round, and before such later date the decision made by the umpire is held to be incorrect either by the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee or Bowls WA Management Committee on appeal, then the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee will forthwith make any consequential adjustment to the score and/or take any further action that may become necessary to rectify the result of the original decision of the umpire.
 - (iii) In the event of the umpire's decision being ultimately held to be incorrect, or varied in any way, Bowls WA should take steps to disseminate the correct decision in the given circumstances.

18. Appealing a Bowls WA Operational Committee Decision or fine or administration fee.

Any administration decision by a Bowls WA Operational Committee, fine or administration fee imposed, may be appealed through the following process:

- (i) A written appeal with an explanation and listing all mitigating circumstances is to be lodged with the Bowls WA Management Committee within 48 hours of the written notification of the decision.
- (ii) The Bowls WA Management Committee will consider the appeal, and provide the lodger with a written copy of their findings.
- (iii) A Sub Committee of seven (7) members of the Bowls WA Management Committee, one being the Chairman, will hear appeals on operational committee decisions made, if, the full Bowls Management Committee was not due to convene a normal meeting within (10) working days of receipt of the appeal. The committee would comprise three male and three female members and be selected on a rotational basis as required
- (iv) The decision of the Bowls WA Management Committee is final.

19. Delaying Play

If the Umpire or the Controlling Body, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips or an opponent in singles decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of a player's bowl:

- On the first occasion the Umpire shall warn the player;
- For the second and subsequent offence the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent.

20. Death at the venue or in transit

20.1 Death in transit

Should a Player's Death occur in transit, the match in question will be immediately abandoned.

20.2 Death at the venue

20.2.1 Should there be a death of a player immediately prior to or during the match, that match will be abandoned.

20.2.2 Should there be a death of a player, official, spectator; employee or any other person not directly involved in an individual match, the commencement or continuation of that match will require the joint agreement of the respective team managers. Should agreement not be reached, the match will be abandoned.

20.3 Pennant Fixtures

Should this occur during any pennant fixture and the required number of ends to constitute a game has been completed, then a winner shall be determined at the time play ceased. Should agreement not be reached the match will be abandoned.

20.4 Other Bowls events

The controlling body shall determine when and if the event shall be replayed/rescheduled.

21. Player damaging the Green

The Umpire of the day shall be at liberty to warn a player if in their opinion he is causing damage to the green. Following the warning, if the player continues to cause damage to the green, the Umpire of the Day may request the player to retire from the green and take no further part in the match. For further information refer to Bowls WA Player Damaging the Green Policy

21.1 Refusing to leave the green

If the player refuses to leave the green, the player will be considered to become a defaulting player as per the Laws of the Sport .

22. Disciplinary Procedures for Players

Participants in the sport are expected to show appropriate respect to fellow players, officials and spectators; upholding the Laws of the Sport and to act in a manner that does not bring the game into disrepute. These procedures will apply to any players

participating in events, teams or squads which are subject to the authority of Bowls WA.

Complaints may be lodged by the Umpire of the Day, officials from competing clubs, the authorized team manager or a participating player.

22.1 Complaints referred to Bowls WA may include:

- Violation of or non-compliance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Bowls WA General Conditions of Play, General or Individual Pennant Conditions of Play and/or Individual Event Conditions of Play,
- Acting in a manner unbecoming a Member or prejudicial to the objects and interests of Bowls WA, a Controlling Body and/or the sport of bowls, bringing themselves, another member, Bowls WA, a Controlling Body or the sport of bowls into disrepute.

22.2 Complaints must be made in writing within 72 hours of the alleged incident and addressed to the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee Chairperson. The complaint shall be clear and unambiguous, stating precisely the matter to be determined,

22.3 Within 72 hours of receipt of the complaint the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee will consider the matter and make a determination. All parties involved will be informed of the decision in writing, within 48 hours thereafter. The committee has the power to call individuals before it, but is not required to do so.

22.4 Penalties which may be determined, subject always to any limitations in the relevant legislation or the Laws of the Sport include:

- A reprimand(s);
- A fine(s);
- Suspension(s), from all bowls activities, on such terms and for such period as is considered fit;
- Exclusion(s) from a particular activity, event or events;
- Disqualification(s), for such period as is considered fit, including life bans;

22.5 If either party wishes to appeal the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events decision they must do so following the procedures outlined in Bowls WA General Conditions;
19. Appealing a Bowls WA Operational Committee Decision or fine or administration fee.

BOWLS WA EVENT INFORMATION

Refer to Field of Play Rules and relevant Conditions of Play for full details.

GENERAL MATCH INFORMATION

Bowls WA: 9340 0800

Pieter Harris (Competitions and Events): 0427 709 933

FIELD OF PLAY RULES and CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The Field of Play Rules refer to all Bowls WA events, unless otherwise specified. The Field of Play Rules are available on the website www.bowlswa.com.au.

All Events, including Pennants, State Championships, Country Week etc, will have Event Specific Conditions of Play. The Conditions of Play are available on our website www.bowlswa.com.au and are listed as "Men's State Pairs Conditions of Play" etc.

Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee reserves the right to change the Conditions of Play at any time.

RESPONSIBILITY

It is the club and the player's responsibility to ensure they are familiar with the Field of Play Rules and the Conditions of Play for each event.

ENTRY FORMS

The entry forms for the season will be distributed throughout the year via club mail outs and will be available on the Bowls WA website under Events.

PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY and ensure that entry forms are **FULLY COMPLETED**.

CLOSING DATE on entry forms for all events is the closing date at the Bowls WA Office.

DRAWS will be posted on the Bowls WA Website.

CANCELLATIONS may be made via phone to Bowls WA however they must also be received in writing (letter, email or fax) before the draw has been completed to be eligible for a refund. Refunds will be payable to the club or player after the event.

CANCELLATIONS with less than 24 hours notice prior to the event may incur a fine.

NO SHOWS players who do not show up to compete in events may incur a fine.

CLUB EVENTS (INCLUDING MASTERS)

Bowls WA does not run club events (including Masters) and questions pertaining to these should be directed to the host club. The format for Club Championships and the Conditions of Play are determined by the Club.

TROPHIES

Perpetual Trophies will be allowed to be taken by the winning team/player but must be returned to Bowls WA at least one month before the next season's event. Winners trophies only will be provided by Bowls WA.

Brooches/Medals/Badges

Brooches/Medals/Badges will be presented to winners of relevant events and are provided by Bowls WA.

BOWLS WA GENERAL CONDITIONS

THE FIXTURES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER THE CONDITIONS OF PLAY AT ANY TIME

The Fixtures and Events Committee reserves the right to make all arrangements, to fix and/or alter starting times, to alter or make any variations to the conditions of any event or to the programme. The Committee reserves the right to change or cancel any event.

- All disputes shall be settled by the appropriate Bowls WA Committee. Any member of the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee competing in a tournament, may assist the committee on the day, but is not permitted to represent the Fixtures and Events Committee or participate in the discussion or resolution of any claim, dispute or decision on the Rules of Bowls within the competition he/she is a competitor.
- To be eligible to enter any Bowls WA event, players must be affiliated with a Western Australian Club.
- Entries must be received by the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee, by the closing date shown on the official Entry Form.
- All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee, which reserves the right to refuse entry.
- Once entries have closed, no refund will be available except upon production of a medical certificate or upon a written request to the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee that shall approve/decline the request.

DRUGS IN SPORT

Bowls Australia's Anti Doping Policy shall apply. See www.bowlsaustralia.com.au for details

LIABILITY

Bowls WA accepts no liability or responsibility for loss, theft or damage to a participant's equipment.

SUSPENDEND PLAYERS

In the event of a player being suspended by Bowls WA, the player shall not be eligible to enter or play in any Bowls WA event during the period of suspension.