

# **BOWLS WA EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS - FIELD OF PLAY RULES**

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 BowlsWA Constitution and Bowls WA By Laws.

## **AFFILIATED MEMBER**

A player who is registered with a state or territory association of an affiliated club.

## **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, Australian 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 committees 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.

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## **COMPOSITE SIDE OR TEAM**

A side or team formed from any number of players who are members of different 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 the 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 or 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.

## **ELIGIBLE MEMEBR**

A Player who satisfies the eligibility criteria, as stated in the Conditions of Play set down by the Controlling .

## **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 or 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 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

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## **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 relegations and or vacancies within the competition as advised annually by the appropriate Fixtures and Events Committee.

## **NOVICE**

A player who has been an active member of an affiliated club in the Bowls WA 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 player who is appointed to take the place of a constituted player who is physically incapable or otherwise prevented from taking further part in any end (after the first round), for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body.

## **SUBSTITUTE PLAYER**

A player who is appointed to take the place of a team member who is unavailable to play at any time (including the first end of the game), for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body.

## **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.

## **VETERAN'S 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.