

BOWLS WA GENERAL CONDITIONS

22. 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 Australia Greens Protection Policy.

22.1 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 of Bowls.

23. 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.

23.1 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.

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

23.3 Within 72 hours of receipt of the complaint the Bowls WA Game Development 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.

23.4 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;
- If either party wishes to appeal the Bowls WA Game Development Committee decision, they must do so following the procedures outlined in Bowls WA General Conditions 19. Appealing a Bowls WA Game Development 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 Game Development Committee reserves the right to change the Conditions of Play at any time.

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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 links in electronic (email) 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.

CANCELLATIONS may be made via phone to Bowls WA however they must also be received via email 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.

AWARDS

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

EVENT GENERAL CONDITIONS

THE BOWLS WA Game Development Committee RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER THE CONDITIONS OF PLAY AT ANY TIME

The Bowls WA Game Development 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. Bowls WA 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 Game Development Committee competing in a tournament, may assist the committee on the day, but is not permitted to represent the Game Development 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 and be shown to have Playing Rights on the club's Bowls Link Database.
- Entries must be received by Bowls WA Game Development Committee, no later than 11:59pm on the closing date shown on the official Entry Form.
- All entries shall be subject to the approval of Bowls WA Game Development 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 Game Development Committee that shall approve/decline the request.

DRUGS IN SPORT

Bowls Australia's Anti Doping Policy shall apply. See www.bowlswa.com.au for details on the NIF.

LIABILITY

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

SUSPENDED PLAYERS

An Affiliated Club member suspended by Bowls WA shall be ineligible to enjoy any privileges of the Association. A suspended member is not eligible to play or watch bowls from any area under the control of a club.