



Taren Point Bowls Club

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Part 1

Preliminary

1 Scope and Rationale

These conditions shall apply to all members of Taren Point Bowls Club. These conditions are designed to ensure that all players can expect games and competitions at Taren Point Bowls Club are conducted in a fair and just manner, and that they have access to impartial and effective dispute resolution services. These conditions have also been designed with consideration to the continuity and integrity of competitions at Taren Point Bowls Club.

2 Definitions

In this policy, unless the contrary intention appears:

- In writing** means words in a visual form transmitted physically or via a digital carriage service.
- Match Committee** means suitably qualified members of the relevant Men's or Women's Match Committee (Operational Committee), appointed with the processes as outlined in the Constitution of Taren Point Bowls Club.
- NSW Pennant Grade Points** means a point value assigned to a player, corresponding directly to their NSW Pennant grade for that year. For example, a player who plays in grade 3 in NSW Pennant competition, shall have 3 NSW Pennant Grade Points.

Part 2

General Conditions of Play

3 Terms and Concepts

In the event of any inconsistency between a term or concept in these conditions of play and a term or concept in the Bowls NSW, Bowls Australia or World Bowls, the latter entities and their terms and concepts prevail to the extent of any such inconsistency.

4 General Conditions of Play

- All games will be played under Bowls NSW Conditions of Play.
- Player/teams must request approval from the relevant Match Committee to defer any match, providing this does not adversely impact the next rounds of play.
- Bowlers may be required to play up to two (2) rounds per day, enabling the Championships to be finalised within intended time frame.
- The Bowls Manager or their nominee/s reserves the right to use any appropriate time to ensure the completion of competitions.
- No umpire will be organised for players/teams who arrange their games outside of set playing dates. Umpire can be organised by team/s playing outside of set time – match committee must be notified.
- In the event of inclement weather, the Bowls Manager or their nominee/s reserves the right to use the next available date/s to complete the Championships within a reasonable time.
- Championships matches may be played (day or evening) before the next nominated scheduled match dates by mutual consent, if arranged prior with the relevant Match Committee.
- Any appeals for postponement must be in writing or notified personally to the Bowls Manager or relevant match committee at least four (4) days before the next playing date.
- A substitute may play in a team in any other position than skip at any point in the event.

- The Controlling Body (Bowls Manager or their nominee/s for the day) may alter the Conditions of Play to ensure the successful conclusion of the events.

5 Player Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the player to ensure they only enlist in events that they are available to play, without unforeseen variations to the scheduled match time. The match committee may choose to discipline players consistently enlisting in events they are unable or unwilling to play in.

In the event a player or team is unavailable to play at the scheduled start time, it is their responsibility to contact the opposition skips and the Bowls Manager or relevant match committee. If this adversely affects future rounds of play, the player/team that requires a schedule adjustment shall forfeit the round.

6 Major and Minor Classifications

A player is classified as a major if they have:

- won a major singles and/or pairs championship or its equivalent at any bowling club within any State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia or an any other country,
- won a minor singles championship or its equivalent at any bowling club within any State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia or in any other country, or
- in the opinion of the Match Committee, are eligible to participate in major championships or competitions only

A player is classified as a minor if they have:

- not won a major singles and/or pairs championship or its equivalent at any bowling club within any State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia or an any other country,
- not won a minor singles championship or its equivalent at any bowling club within any State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia or in any other country, or
- in the opinion of the Match Committee, are eligible to participate in minor championships or competitions

7 The Match Committees

- The purpose of the match committees is to sanction events at Taren Point Bowls Club, and to ensure the fair execution of these events and providing impartial and effective dispute resolution, where required. These duties are undertaken at match committee meetings, as required.
- The match committees may be contacted in person, in writing, by telephone or digital carriage service (email or SMS).
- Match committee members are expected to have a thorough knowledge of the laws of bowls and all relevant conditions of play.
- Only one (1) member from the relevant match committee (with approval from the Chair) is required to approve substitutions or changes to match times, provided they are contacted in an appropriate manner. This includes changes less than 24 hours before the scheduled start of game.
- Any player making inappropriate contact with a match committee member, or disputing a match committee decision in a manner that may constitute harassment shall be considered to have breached the Code of Conduct.

Contacting the Match Committee

- If contact with the match committee is required after 7.30pm, players can send an email to the bowls office or leave a message on the bowls office phone to be dealt with the next day.

Part 3

Event Specific Conditions of Play

8 Singles Events

- Volunteers shall be made available to mark first round games for singles events where required.
- Players who have lost their previous rounds must make themselves available to mark in at least one upcoming round of the tournament.
- Any player who does not make themselves available for marking future singles games, according to the previous rule, may not be eligible to enter other events sanctioned by Taren Point Bowls Club in any discipline.

Major Singles (Men and Women – Separate Events)

- 25 shots up each round.

Minor Singles (Men and Women – Separate Events)

- 25 shots up each round.
- Players must meet minor qualification to qualify for entry.

Over 70's Singles (Men and Women – Separate Events)

- 21 shots up each round.
- Players shall qualify if they are over the age of 70 on the scheduled date of the first round.

Consistency Singles (Women ONLY Event)

- 130 shots up each round.

9 Pairs Events

Major Pairs (Men and Women – Separate Events)

- 21 ends each round.

Minor Pairs (OPEN Event)

- 21 ends each round.
- 2x2x2x2 format.

Night Pairs (OPEN Event)

- 21 ends each round.
- 3 bowl pairs format.
- Dead ends re-spot on T.

Major/Minor Pairs (OPEN Event)

- 21 ends each round.
- Major and minor players shall be entered into the competition as single players.
- Substitutes may be made, provided a team still comprises of one major and one minor player, and the substituted player is within plus or minus two NSW Pennant grades in that year.

Senior Pairs (Women ONLY Event)

- 21 ends each round.
- 3 bowl pairs format.
- Players shall qualify if they are over the age of 60 on the scheduled date of the first round.

Mixed Pairs

- 21 ends each round.
- 2x2x2x2 format.
- Each team shall consist of one male and one female player that are both members of Taren Point Bowls Club.

10 Triples Events

Club Triples (Men)

- 25 ends each round.
- 2 bowl triples format.
- Players shall be entered into the competition as single players.
- The match committee and selectors shall determine which players are leads, seconds or skips.
- Substitutes may be made as approved by the Match Committee

Club Triples (Women)

- 25 ends each round.
- 2 bowl triples format.

11 Fours Events

Club Fours (Men and Women – Separate Events)

- 21 ends each round.
- This shall be a graded tournament. For a team to qualify for this event, a team must have a combined total grading of NSW Pennant Grading points determined each year by the Match committee.
- Players with no NSW Pennant grading shall be appointed a grade by the match committee.
- Exemptions to the grading rule, in exceptional circumstances, may be issued by the match committee.

Mixed Fours

- 21 ends each round.
- Each team shall consist of two male and two female players that are both members of Taren Point Bowls Club.

12 Open Draws

Draws for all Taren Point Bowls Club events will be conducted three weeks prior to the event start date.