



Conditions of Play – Statewide Challenge

Approved Bowls Tasmania Board November 2024

Controlling body:	Bowls Tasmania Inc.
Event:	2024-25 Statewide Challenge
Dates and Venues:	Refer to Bowls Tasmania annual calendar and attachments below.

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1. OBJECTIVES

Regional authorities are reminded of the clear objectives of the Statewide Challenge (SWC), and these should be read in conjunction with the following conditions of play:

- Create a real regional challenge event that creates interest across the state for all age groups Juniors (U/18), Open and Seniors (Over 60).
- Provide an overall region champion across all disciplines.
- Enable Bowls Tasmania State teams to play against the regional teams in a four-team competition to enable State teams to play together in a highly competitive environment.
- Provide a pathway for junior players from U/18s through to open grades.
- Use SWC as a key state representative selection tool.
- Use SWC to be driver for regions to develop and enhance current player development and involvement.

2. ENTRY CONDITIONS

Bowls Tasmania and Regional Authorities will select competitors to participate in the Statewide Challenge from their affiliated members. All competitors must:

- be affiliated with the respective regions and registered with Bowls Tasmania
- not be currently under disqualification or suspension by their regional authority or their state authority.

3 SELECTION GUIDELINES

a AGE ELIGIBILITY

As the Statewide Challenge is a true region versus region competition it is also a major tool used for selecting our state representative sides. As a condition of entry, to compete in the respective divisions of the Statewide Challenge, competitors must qualify under the following age guidelines and selectors should acknowledge state squad members:

SENIORS

- All players must be eligible for Bowls Australia Over 60's Senior Sides National Championship the following October (in 2025 it is November). Therefore, players need to be over 60 as of the 1st day of competition of the BA national carnival (bowlers may be 59 years old throughout the SWC, if they turn 60 before 1st day of competition of the BA national carnival).

JUNIORS

- All competitors must be U/18 on the day of competition.

b ADDITIONAL SELECTION GUIDELINES

- **The Juniors competition** will be open gender and will be played as a 10 player per side with a minimum of 2 players from either gender. *Note this is **minimum 2 females/males and regions are encouraged to pick additional players based on performance regardless of gender.*** Regions unable to meet this guideline must seek dispensation from the Bowls Tasmania CEO before each SWC round.
- State Open and Senior Selectors will select State teams from State squads chosen in November each year. Selectors may add or remove players from the squad from any registered Bowls Tasmania member.
- State Open and Senior teams must be selected, and names advised to Regional Authorities at least two weeks before each round of SWC.
- State squad members not selected to play in State teams are eligible to be selected in Regional Authority teams. As it is the respective regions state selectors who choose state squad members, it is an expectation that these members are selected in regional sides. Just cause must be shown and sent to the Bowls Tasmania CEO prior to the day of competition if any state squad member is omitted from regional representation.

4 STRUCTURE

OPEN

- Format will be 3 rinks of 4 players.
- Each region and the State will provide a side of twelve based on the guidelines in Section 3.
- Each region and the State can swap players across rinks for the second game of each round of Statewide Challenge.
- Each region and the State will play 2 x matches per day. Refer Attachment 1.
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The Junior event is being conducted to align to the conditions of play and structure of the national U/18 competition conducted by Bowls Australia each year.

- Each region will select ten (10) players who meet selection criteria in Section 3.
- Each combination of 10 will be played as 2 separate 5-a-side combinations (see Attachment 3, page 10 for roster). No player can move between sides from the morning to the afternoon games. A breach of this policy will result in forfeit of the afternoon game.
- Should a region be unable to field a full team, they can borrow a player from another region.
- Each player can compete in a maximum of two disciplines per day. The Singles and Fours events will be conducted concurrently, as will the Pairs and Triples.
- All matches will be played in traditional format as follows:
 - a. Singles: Four bowls, 21 shots up. More than 21 shots shall not count. (*Note no individual can play more than one singles game throughout the three rounds.*)
 - b. Pairs: Three bowls per competitor, 18 ends.
 - c. Triples: Two bowls per competitor, 18 ends.
 - d. Fours: Two bowls per competitor, 15 ends.
- All matches will be played under the “re-spot on the T” conditions if an end is declared dead.
- All matches will have a two hour fifteen-minute time limit.

5 TIMES

The following time schedule is developed to allow enough time for play and travel for competing regions:

Morning matches

- 9:30am** Welcome address and calling of cards by host club.
9:45am Trial ends to commence.
10:00am First game to commence.

Afternoon matches

- 1:00pm** Trial ends to commence.
1:15pm Second game to commence.

The games will be run under the control of the Event Supervisor (Refer Attachment 4) who can modify the times if required.

6 TROPHIES

A trophy will be allocated to the overall winners on accumulated points across all disciplines of the SWC. State teams will be ineligible to be the overall Statewide Challenge winner.

7 COSTS

Each Regional Authority will be responsible for costs of:

- Travel.
- Accommodation.
- Uniforms.
- Meals.

Bowls Tasmania will be responsible for costs of the State teams.

8 SCORING AND DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

OPEN

Points will be allocated as follows for all Open events:

- 6 Points for winner of overall shots up over the 3 rinks played.
- 2 points for each rink won (1 point for a drawn rink).

The Bowls Tasmania Open State side will compete for the same points as above but will be ineligible to be the winning Open region.

SENIORS

Points will be allocated as follows for all Senior events:

- 6 Points for winner of overall shots up over the 3 rinks played.
- 2 points for each rink won (1 point for a drawn rink).

The Bowls Tasmania Senior State Side will compete for the same points as above but will be ineligible to be the winning Senior region.

JUNIORS

As the Juniors will not play a completed match each round, total points will be awarded for rink wins:

- Winners of each individual game will receive three points. In the event of a tie each receives 1 point.
- The region with the highest number of points at the conclusion of the three rounds will be declared the winner.
- If points are equal, then the highest net total shots (total shots for minus the total shots against) will be ranked higher.
- If points and the highest net total shots are equal, then the total shots for will be divided by the total shots against. The side with the highest percentage will be ranked higher.

OVERALL

The ladder that will determine the overall Statewide Challenge winner, will be on an accumulation of points from all five events being played. State teams will be ineligible to

be the overall Statewide Challenge winner.

9 INCLEMENT WEATHER

- The Event Supervisor reserves the right to alter the format, times of play and greens (including changing surface from grass to synthetic including indoor surfaces) to suit unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical.
- Any such games transferred will recommence from the last completed end prior to the transfer, and the progressive score for each team shall be as at the completion of the last end played on the original surface. Law 29.3.1 will apply to any change in vegetation surfaces and players must continue play with their original set of bowls. Law 29.3.1.2 will apply to any change from vegetation surfaces to synthetic or indoor surfaces and players may change their set of bowls.
- Where a program is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Event Supervisor may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result (minimum 10 ends must be played for a rink to be declared a match) or abandon the event where an outcome cannot be achieved, and points will be shared.
- Refer also to the BTAS Weather Policy – August 2023.

10 RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY

Prior to the start of each end, the following players will take their position at the mat end of the green:

- Pairs game: the leads
- Triples game: the leads and seconds
- Fours game: the leads and seconds (the third may elect to stand with the skip at the head).

Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

- Singles (each player playing four bowls):
 - the opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
- Pairs (each player playing three bowls):
 - the leads: after delivery of their third bowl.
 - the skips: after delivery of their second and third bowls.
- Triples (each player playing two bowls):
 - the leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl.
 - the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.
 - the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
- Fours (each player playing two bowls):
 - the leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl.
 - the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.
 - the thirds: after delivery of their second bowl.
 - the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head, or a player to the marker in singles, earlier than described above. If a player does not meet these terms, Law 36 will apply.

11 DELAYING PLAY

If the umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips or the opponent in singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl they will precede as follows:

- a. On the first occasion the umpire will warn the player.
- b. If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as complete, and the opponents of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent.
- c. If the player offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent.

12 ATTIRE

- a. The attire of all players and team managers shall be in line with each Regional Authority's and the State team uniform.
- b. As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, including Domestic Regulation 5 - Footwear must adhere to Appendix A.2 and Attire must adhere to Appendix A.3 and the Bowls Australia National Merchandise Program Policy. This policy is available on the Bowls Australia web site www.bowlsaustralia.com.au.
- c. Players who do not adhere to the requirements of Clauses 12a and 12b will be given an official warning in writing from Bowls Tasmania. Bowls Tasmania will only act upon receipt of a complaint in writing (complainants may use the Bowls Tasmania Infringement Uniform Report – refer Attachment 5 or similar) and the player or players have been found to be in breach of Clauses 12a and 12b.
- d. Players who infringe on the requirements of Clauses 12a and 12b for a second and further occasions after having already been given an official warning will be required to forfeit the game being played to their opponents. Bowls Tasmania will only act upon receipt of a complaint in writing (complainants may use the Bowls Tasmania Infringement Uniform Report – refer Attachment 5 or similar) and the player or players have been found to be in breach of Clause 2a on a second or further occasion.

13 TRIAL ENDS

One trial end in each direction will be allowed for all games in accordance with Law 5.1. In trial ends players can use any combination of bowls taken from different sets so long as all bowls carry a registered World Bowls stamp.

14 SUBSTITUTES

A substitute shall be utilised in the following manner:

- The coach shall call upon an eligible, affiliated player from her/his Regional Authority to substitute.
- The substitute player shall not be permitted to play in the position of skip.
- If a competitor/team is unable to complete any game already commenced, their opponent shall be awarded maximum match points for that game. As at the time that the game was stopped, each team will be allocated the shots scored as of the last end completed.
- Singles player may be replaced by eligible reserves or other team members.
- Teams may change formations prior to the start of the subsequent game.
- The Tournament Director must be notified of all changes. Players will be required to complete the relevant paperwork regarding the adjustments made.

15 BOWLS DISCS

Regional Authorities and State bowls discs must be used and comply with the following:

- All discs used by a side shall be the official Regional Authorities or State disc and must be on all bowls used for play.
- Discoloured or damaged discs will not be permitted and must be replaced by the team manager.

16 ALLOCATION OF GREENS

There shall be no discrimination in favour of either grass or synthetic greens in the allocation of greens for Bowls Tasmania Statewide Challenge events provided that whatever surfaces are used are up to the required standard on which to play the events.

17 JURY OF APPEAL

A jury of appeal shall be appointed for the purpose of deciding upon any points not provided in the Conditions of Play, for dealing with any appeals from decisions made by umpires and/or the Event Supervisor, addressing issues, hearing complaints and appeals at State Wide Challenge events and generally for the purpose of exercising overall authority on behalf of Bowls Tasmania.

In the event of an appeal during the playing of the event, such appeals shall be made in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, and shall be directed to a Jury of Appeal which shall consist of:

- Bowls Tasmania President or nominee.

- Bowls Tasmania Director or nominee.

18 OTHER LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

- Bowls Tasmania reserves the right to alter the program as deemed necessary to complete the event satisfactorily.
- Bowls Tasmania reserves the right to use any photographs taken during this event for further promotional requirements.
- All other Laws, Regulations & Policies other than stated above shall conform to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations for Australia Crystal Mark 4th Edition, as published in April 2023 including amendments (located at www.bowlsaustralia.com.au).
- All Bowls Australia policies will be enforced during this event. To assess these, visit the Bowls Australia website.

Attachment 1 Open Roster for Season 2024-25

NORTH WEST	<i>Sunday 1- Dec-24</i>	Game 1 10:00am	NW	v	N
			BTAS	v	S
		Game 2 1:15pm	NW	v	BTAS
North	v		S		

SOUTH	<i>Sunday 2-Feb-25</i>	Game 1 10:00am	South	v	NW
			BTAS	v	N
		Game 2 1:15pm	South	v	N
BTAS	v		NW		

NORTH	<i>Sunday 2-Mar-25</i>	Game 1 10:00am	North	v	NW
			BTAS	v	S
		Game 2 1:15pm	North	v	BTAS
South	v		NW		

Attachment 2 Senior Roster for Season 2024-25

NORTH	<i>Tuesday 10-Dec-24</i>	Game 1 10:00am	NW	v	N
			BTAS	v	S
		Game 2 1:15pm	NW	v	BTAS
North	v		S		

NORTH	<i>Tuesday 14-Jan-25</i>	Game 1 10:00am	South	v	NW
			BTAS	v	N
		Game 2 1:15pm	South	v	N
BTAS	v		NW		

NORTH	<i>Tuesday 25-Feb-25</i>	Game 1 10:00am	North	v	NW
			BTAS	v	S
		Game 2 1:15pm	North	v	BTAS
South	v		NW		

Attachment 3 Junior Roster for Season 2024-25

NORTH (Longford)	<i>Sunday 24-Nov-24</i>	Game 1 10:00am	S2	v	N1
			NW1	v	N2
			NW2	v	S1
		Game 1 Pairs and Triples Game 2 Singles and Fours			
		Game 2 1:15pm	S2	v	N1
			NW1	v	N2
			NW2	v	S1

NORTH (Longford)	<i>Sunday 12-Jan-25</i>	Game 1 10:00am	NW2	v	N 1
			S2	v	N 2
			NW1	v	S1
		Game 1 Pairs and Triples Game 2 Singles and Fours			
		Game 2 1:15pm	NW2	v	N 1
			S2	v	N 2
			NW1	v	S1

NORTH (Longford)	<i>Sunday 22-Feb-25</i>	Game 1 10:00am	N1	v	NW1
			N2	v	S1
			S2	v	NW2
		Game 1 Pairs and Triples Game 2 Singles and Fours			
		Game 2 1:15pm	N1	v	NW1
			N2	v	S1
S2	v		NW2		

Rolling Junior SWC Roster for four years:

2024-25	1	S2 v N1	NW1 v N2	NW2 v S1
	2	NW2 v N1	S2 v N2	NW1 v S1
	3	N1 v NW1	N2 v S1	S2 v NW2
2025-26	1	N1 v S1	N2 v NW2	S2 v NW1
	2	N1 v S2	N2 v NW1	S1 v NW2
	3	N1 v NW2	N2 v S2	S1 v NW1
2026-27	1	N1 v NW1	N2 v S1	S2 v NW2
	2	N1 v S1	N2 v NW2	S2 v NW1
	3	N1 v S2	N2 v NW1	S1 v NW2
2027-28	1	N1 v NW2	N2 v S2	S1 v NW1
	2	NW1 v N1	S1 v N2	NW2 v S2
	3	S1 v N1	NW2 v N2	NW1 v S2

Attachment 4: Responsibilities

Bowls Tasmania Responsibilities

1. Bowls Tasmania will advise the host region of any specific requirements regarding the host venue at least eight weeks prior to the event. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, ensuring the playing surfaces meet the necessary standard for the event and addressing any commercial arrangements that Bowls Tasmania has in place regarding the host venue.
2. Bowls Tasmania will confirm the host venue within one week of advice of same from the host region.
3. Bowls Tasmania will advise host region and club of total catering requirements (as per collated advice from regions) at least five days prior to the event. Please note that this can be negotiated for Junior events.
4. Lunch will initially be invoiced to Bowls Tasmania. Each Region will be invoiced for their proportion. Lunch for the Bowls Tasmania teams, Event Supervisor and Umpires will be paid for by Bowls Tasmania.
5. Bowls Tasmania must enter its teams into BowlsLink as least three days before the event.

All Region's Responsibilities

1. Regions to advise Bowls Tasmania total numbers to be catered for (players/coaches/managers/selectors) six days prior to the event.
2. Regions must enter all their players into BowlsLink at least three days before the event.
3. Regions must have people attending SWC who are able to access and properly document any rink changes on BowlsLink.
4. For Senior SWC which is being all played in the North, BN will be required to provide two umpires for each round and BNW and BTS will be asked to provide one umpire for each round if possible.
5. Advise Bowls Tasmania the names of the Umpires appointed at least three days before the event.

Host Region Responsibilities

1. The Host Region, after addressing any Bowls Tasmania requirements regarding the host venue, will advise Bowls Tasmania of the selected host venue at least six weeks prior to the event. No preference shall be given to either grass or synthetic greens in selecting surfaces for the event, provided that all surfaces meet the required standards for play.
2. Arrange and appoint the appropriate number of Umpires (three over two greens). therefore, three Umpires for the Open and Seniors, and two for the Juniors. Note: For Senior SWC which is being all played in the North, BN will be required to provide two umpires for each round and BNW and BTS will be asked to provide one umpire for each round if possible.
3. Advise Bowls Tasmania the names of the Umpires appointed at least three days before the event.
4. Appoint an Event Supervisor and advise Bowls Tasmania at least three days before the event. Note: For Senior SWC which is all being played in the North, BN shall appoint an Event Supervisor for all three rounds of SWC.
5. In collaboration with Match Managers, the Event Supervisor is to enter the results into Bowls Link on the day.

Event Supervisor Responsibilities

- The Event Supervisor has control of the running of Statewide Challenge events.
- Before the commencement of play for each game ensure that the rink scoreboards and overall scoreboards are labelled correctly with the names of the participating regions.
- Allocate rinks of play using different rinks for the second game.
- Modify times of matches if required.
- Alter the format, times of play and greens (including changing the surface from grass to synthetic [including indoor surfaces]) in response to inclement weather or local conditions (refer to Condition 9, *Conditions of Play – Statewide Challenge*).

- Amend the format to achieve a result if play is either interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather.
- Enter results in the Bowls Link Results Portal at the completion of each match – ensuring any changes in players are recorded correctly on Bowls Link.

Host Club Responsibilities

1. Club President or his or her nominee to provide an official welcome address to all players and calling of the cards approximately half an hour before the start of play.
2. Supply an appropriate number of rinks - Twelve rinks for Opens/Seniors + six rinks for Juniors (when applicable).
3. Supply an appropriate quality and number of jacks and mats.
4. Issue meal tickets to Bowls Tasmania (for Bowls Tasmania personnel, the Event Supervisor and Umpires) and the Match Managers of Bowls Tasmania and each Region. Meal tickets issued should equal the number advised by Bowls Tasmania.
5. Provide lunch for players/coaches/managers/umpires/State Selectors and approved personnel - \$18/head plus GST if applicable (invoiced to Bowls Tasmania).

Attachment 5



Bowls Tasmania Infringement Uniform Report

Name of person making this report	
Contact mobile number:	
Signature:	
Date:	
The following player is being reported formally for breaching Clause 12 – Attire of Bowls Tasmania SWC Conditions of Play 2023-24:	
Player Surname:	
Players Other Name/s:	
Players Club (if known):	
Breach: Inappropriate polo top / Inappropriate trousers, pedal pushers or shorts / Inappropriate Socks / Inappropriate Shoes / Inappropriate jacket or rainwear / Inappropriate headwear / Other (Please Circle One). Please provide photographic evidence if possible.	
Details:	
Date and Venue of Breach:	
Competition/Event being played:	
This report should be completed on the day of the infringement and should be sent to Bowls Tasmania, P.O. Box 191, Sandy Bay Tasmania 7006 or email exec@bowlstasmania.com.au within 48 hours of the infringement.	