

2021 – Conditions of Play

NSW Junior Inter-Zone 7-A-Side Championships

1. Introduction

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

These Conditions of Play are specifically to govern the conduct of the NSW Junior Inter-Zone 7-A-Side Championships. They should be read as an appendix to the Bowls NSW Conditions of Play.

All terms, definitions and interpretations not specifically covered in the NSW State Junior Championships Conditions of Play are as defined in the Bowls NSW Conditions of Play

2. Definitions

2.1. **Women's Bowls NSW**

Means the New South Wales Women's Bowling Association Incorporated ("Association") trading as Women's Bowls NSW

2.2. **Bowls NSW**

Means the Royal NSW Bowling Association Limited, trading as Bowls NSW.

2.2.1. **Junior Bowler**

Means a bowler who is registered as a member of a club with Bowls NSW or Women's Bowls NSW and who is under the age of 18 years as at the completion date of the competition.

3. Controlling Body

NSW Junior Bowls Events shall be conducted under Control of the joint Committee established by Bowls NSW and Women's Bowls NSW

Where an event is not specifically covered in this section the Bowls NSW Conditions of Play apply.

4. General

4.1. **Eligibility**

To enter and play, a player must be registered with Bowls NSW or Women's Bowls NSW and be under the age of 18 years as at 8 April 2021.

4.1.1. **Policy on alcohol & smoking**

It is a condition of participation that all players and reserve players involved in the Junior Inter-Zone 7-A-Side Championship shall be required to be alcohol free and smoke free.

Side Managers shall ensure that this condition is adhered to throughout the event.

4.1.2. PENALTY:

Player, Team or side disqualified from the competition.

4.2. Entries

Nominations for the Championships showing all required information must be made on the form provided by Bowls NSW.

Late entries will not be accepted.

5. NSW Junior Inter-Zone 7-A-Side Championships

5.1. Composition of Sides

Each Side shall comprise of a singles player, a pairs team and a fours team. Reserve player(s) are permitted.

5.1.1. Players changing disciplines

Players comprising pairs and fours teams may be interchanged or reserve players may be used.

Singles may only be interchanged at the conclusion of sectional play. A singles player involved in medal play-offs may not be interchanged.

5.2. Format of Play

Competition shall be conducted as combination of sectional and knockout play

5.3. Duration of Matches

Duration of matches shall be:

5.3.1. Pairs

18 ends

5.3.2. Fours

15 ends

5.3.3. Singles

21 shots up (the first player to score 21 shots shall be the winner. Shots in excess of 21 do not count.

5.3.4. Variations

The Controlling Body may alter the duration of matches to allow the competition to be brought to a successful conclusion.

5.4. Number of Bowls Used

The number of bowls used shall be

5.4.1. Singles

4 bowls, played singly and alternately

5.4.2. Pairs

3 bowls per player, played singly and alternately in the order lead 3 bowls, skip 3 bowls

5.4.3. Fours

2 bowls per player, played singly and alternately in the order lead 2 bowls, second 2 bowls, third 2 bowls and skip 2 bowls.

5.5. **Determining Winners in Sectional Matches**

In each match of sectional play points shall be awarded as follows:

Win 3 Points (Player/team scoring the highest number of shots)

Tie (Draw) 1 Point (Both players/teams score equal number of shots)

Loss 0 Points (Player/team scoring the lesser number of shots)

The winner of the Sectional Series of Matches shall be determined as follows:

- (i.) The player or team scoring the highest number of points shall be declared the winner
- (ii.) If two or more players or teams are equal on points, the player or team with the largest difference between 'total shots for' and 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- (iii.) If there is still a tie, the player or team with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.
- (iv.) If there is still a tie the team with the higher number of ends won (does not apply to singles player) shall be declared the winner.
- (v.) If two teams or players remain tied, the winner of the match between those teams/players shall be declared the winner

5.6. **Post Sectional Play**

The highest placed player/team in each section shall play off for Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals

2nd in each section shall play-off for 5th-8th place

3rd in each section shall play-off for 9th-12th place

4th in each section shall play-off for 13th-16th place

In each discipline play-off the draw shall be:

Semi-Final A – Section 1 v Section 2

Semi-Final B – Section 3 v Section 4

Final – Winner Semi-Final A v Winner Semi-Final B

Play-Off – Loser Semi-Final A v Loser Semi-Final B

5.7. **Re-spotting the Jack**

If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play or rebounds to a distance of less than 18 metres from the mat line, the end should not be declared dead. Instead, the jack should be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a spot on the rink which is two metres from the front ditch and on the centre line, and play should continue.

If the spot mentioned in paragraph one is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack should be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl.

5.8. **Restricting Movement of Players**

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

- Pairs: the leads;
- Fours: the leads, seconds and the thirds.

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head:

Singles: After delivery of their third bowl

Pairs: After delivery of their third bowl, Skips after delivery of their second bowl.

Fours: Leads, second and thirds after delivery of their second bowl. Skips after delivery of their first bowl.

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a singles player may ask to visit the head or a skip may ask that a player visit the head early than described in this Condition of Play.

5.9. Determination of Best Performed Side

Points shall be awarded based on performance in each discipline. The Side scoring the greatest number of Side Points shall be declared the best performed side.

Points shall be awarded as follows

1 st – 20 points	5 th – 12 points	9 th – 8 points	13 th – 4 points
2 nd – 18 points	6 th – 11 points	10 th – 7 points	14 th – 3 points
3 rd – 16 points	7 th – 10 points	11 th – 6 points	15 th – 2 points
4 th – 14 points	8 th – 9 points	12 th – 5 points	16 th – 1 point

5.10. Awards

5.10.1. Discipline

Gold, Silver & Bronze medals shall be awarded in Singles, Pairs and Fours Disciplines

5.10.2. Side

Gold & Silver Medals shall be awarded to the best performed sides.

5.11. Variations to Conditions of Play (COP 1.6)

The Controlling Body shall have the authority to vary the Conditions of Play to bring the Championship to a successful conclusion.