

# 2021 – Conditions of Play

## Rookies 2021

### 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 Rookies 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 Rookies 2021 Conditions of Play are as defined in the Bowls NSW Conditions of Play.

### 2. Definitions

#### 2.1. Bowls NSW

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

##### 2.1.1. Rookie

Means a bowler who is registered as a member of a club with Bowls NSW (individual member or playing member) and:

- was not a bowling member of a club (anywhere in the World) before 1 April 2018 and
- has played in a maximum of one year of NSW Rookies competitions only

### 3. Controlling Body

The Controlling Body is Bowls NSW.

Bowls NSW may delegate control at host venues in Zone Qualifying to representatives of the Host Zone and Host Club.

### 4. General

#### 4.1. Eligibility

To enter and play, a player must be registered with Bowls NSW and.

(i.) was not a bowling member of a club (anywhere in the World) before 1 April 2018 and

•has played in no more than one year of Rookies Competitions in previous years. (may have played in one year only of Rookies in 2018 or 2019)

##### 4.1.1. Penalty:

Player or Team disqualified from the competition.

#### 4.2. Entries

Nominations for an event and showing the player(s) Registration Number(s) and accompanied by the applicable entry fee must be made to Bowls NSW.

#### **4.3. Entry Fees**

Singles: \$26 per player

Pairs; \$52 per team (\$26 per player)

#### **4.4. Entries Close**

Monday 9 August 2021

Late entries will not be accepted.

#### **4.5. Prize Money**

Prize Money shall be awarded to Section Winners at State Finals

#### **4.6. Forfeit / Withdrawal**

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A player, team or side forfeiting or withdrawing shall notify:

- The Zone Association
- The Venue Club

at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the first game, unless there is a satisfactory explanation for not doing so.

Notification of a forfeit is binding and may not be revoked.

Note: Should play not commence on the date of the forfeited match, the forfeit shall remain in force.

Penalties as per COP 2.4.4 shall apply.

### **5. Rookies Championships**

#### **5.1. Composition of Teams**

Player to form a Pairs team must be from the same Zone (Players need not be from the same Club)

#### **5.2. Qualifying Play**

A Qualifying tournament shall be conducted within each Zone.

16 Zone Winners shall proceed to State Finals. If a Zone winner is unable to compete at State Finals Bowls NSW reserves the right to invite the next best available qualifier to compete in the State Finals.

Qualifying shall be conducted as Sectional Play (where possible) followed by knockout. Sections shall comprise of three or four players/teams.

If forfeits occur, the Controlling Body (including the venue Controller) may rearrange Section draws to ensure sections comprise of three or four players/teams.

#### **5.3. Duration of Matches**

Duration of matches shall be:

##### **5.3.1. Pairs**

12 ends

### **5.3.2. Singles**

17 shots up (the first player to score 17 shots shall be the winner. Shots in excess of 17 do not count.

## **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.

## **5.5. Trial Ends**

Two (2) trial ends shall be permitted before the first match of play on any day.

If one player/team is entitled to trial ends, both players/teams shall be entitled to trial ends.

## **5.6. Restricting Movement of Players**

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

(i.) Singles Game

After delivery of their third and fourth bowls

(ii.) Pairs game

Leads: After delivery of their third bowls.

Skips: After delivery of their second and third bowls.

## **5.7. Re-spotting the Jack**

If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink or rebounds to a distance of less than 18m from the mat line the end shall not be declared dead, but the jack re-spotted on the 2m mark.

## **5.8. 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 teams score equal number of shots) \*pairs only

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

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

(ii.) The player or team scoring the highest number of points shall be declared the winner

(iii.) 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.

(iv.) If there is still a tie, the player or team with the lowest 'total shots against' shall be the winner.

(v.) 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.

(vi.) If two teams or players remain tied, the winner of the match between those teams/players shall be declared the winner

#### **5.8.1. Allocation of points in Sectional Play for forfeits**

If a player/team forfeits one (or more) matches of sectional play:

The player/team forfeiting shall receive no points for the forfeited match and be awarded the average losing margin for all matches played in that section.

The player/team receiving the forfeit shall receive maximum points (three) and the average winning margin from all matches played in that section.

Average margins shall be rounded to nearest whole number.

## **6. State Finals**

### **6.1.1. Format**

16 Zone Qualifiers shall be drawn in four sections of four players/teams.

In each section each player/team will play the other players/teams once.

The best performed player/team from each section shall qualify for semi-finals. Semi-final winners shall qualify for the final.

State finals in each discipline are played over one day (5 matches played in the day)

### **6.1.2. Playing on the same rink**

Bowls NSW may be live streaming video of matches played during the Rookies State Finals.

Players may be drawn to play on the same rink in more than one match in a day where that rink is used to televise matches. (Refer Domestic Regulation 1.1)

## **7. Key Dates**

Entries Close – Monday 9 August 2021

Zone Qualifying

Singles: Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 September 2021

Pairs: Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 September 2021

State Finals

Pairs: Saturday 23 October 2021

Singles: Sunday 24 October 2021