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## SECTION 1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

### 1.1. Control of Association Competition

1.1.1. All Association Competitions will be arranged and supervised by the Match Committee, which at all times will have authority to take any action deemed necessary for the satisfactory conduct of such competitions, under the control of the Bowls North West.
1.1.2. Competitions' means Association Championships, Pennant matches, and any other competitions determined by the Match Committee and approved by the BNW Board.

### 1.2. Infringements of Rules by Competitors

1.2.1. The infringement of any World Bowl's Law, Bowls Australia Laws of the Game of Bowls or any Association Rule for Competitions may involve disqualification and/or a replay as the Match Committee may determine in respect of any individual player, team, side, Club or Match.

### 1.3. Eligibility for Association Competitions

1.3.1. In any one season a member may play in BNW competitions as a member of one Club only (through which Club their entries will be made) except if they obtain a membership transfer.

### 1.4. Mobile Phones

1.4.1. Mobile Phones are not permitted to be used on the greens or their immediate surrounds except for reasons of genuine emergency eg. Accident or ill-health.

### 1.5. Smoking

1.5.1. $\quad$ Smoking within 20 metres of greens, seating areas beside greens or marshalling areas is not permitted during BNW Championships or pennant competitions. No warning will be given you will be excluded from the game of play.
1.5.2. The smoke-free area will apply during the games and for the period 30 minutes before and after the competitions. Clubs are responsible for providing designated smoking areas.

### 1.6. BA Logo

1.6.1. The Bowls Australia (BA) 'Logo Policy' as amended from time to time will apply to all persons playing in BNW Championships and pennant competitions.

### 1.7. Code of Conduct

1.7.1. The Player Code of Conduct includes abusive language, dissension, or conduct unbecoming, or actions which would bring the game of bowls into disrepute. The administration of this condition is to be applied in accordance with the relevant BA policy document.

### 1.8. Club Championships

1.8.1. A member will not play in the Championships of more than one Club in any one season and, where dual membership is held by a Pennant player, they may play only in the Championships of the Club for which they have nominated to play in Pennant Competition.

### 1.9. Capitation and Club Fees

1.9.1. Capitation and Club fees as fixed by Bowls North West must be paid to CEO of Bowls North West within the time prescribed to entitle any member to take part in Association competitions. Clubs will be responsible for capitation fees incurred by its members.

## SECTION 2 COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY

### 2.1. Availability for Play

2.1.1. A player, team, or side not available for play within 30 minutes of the appointed time for commencing any match will automatically forfeit the match, but the opponent or opponents may waive such forfeiture and agree to the match being played, unless the controlling body (reference WB Law 1 (a)) prohibits the playing of the match.

### 2.2. Failure to Keep Appointment

2.2.1. Failure of any player, team, or side to keep an appointment to play will be deemed an infringement of Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark 3rd edition) 39.1.2, unless suitable action will have been taken to notify the Match Committee, together with a satisfactory reason.
2.2.2. The Match Committee will be responsible to advise the player(s) receiving the walkover and the Club hosting the relevant section of the competition.

### 2.3. Trial Ends

2.3.1. Before start of play in any competition, match or game, or on the resumption of an unfinished competition, match or game on another day not more than one trial end each way will be played. Other practice may be allowed as provided in BA Law 16.

### 2.4. Match Resulting in a Tie

2.4.1. Unless otherwise provided by the Match Committee, in any round of a knockout competition, when a match ends in a tie the players, teams or sides taking part will play an additional one end or further ends until a winner is determined.
2.5. Bowls Discs
2.5.1. In Association controlled competitions where discs are used on the bowls, all the bowls used by the player or players of a team will have affixed the same colour and design of disc and must comply with WB Rules. The relevant Match Committee may waive this rule for approved competitions.

### 2.6. Club Events

2.6.1. No Club in the Association is to conduct an organised event to which players from other Clubs are invited to participate if the organised event is conducted on the same day as events already scheduled and approved by Bowls Tasmania or Bowls North West.

## SECTION 3 PENNANT COMPETITION

### 3.1. Eligibility

3.1.1. The Pennant Competition will be open to all Member Clubs.

### 3.2. Pennant Divisions

3.2.1. Pennant will be played in Divisions and the Divisions may be played in two (2) Sections as recommended by the match committee.
3.2.2. The number of Divisions will be dependent on the number of sides entered by Clubs and recommended by the match committee.
3.2.3. Unless otherwise determined, Saturday Pennant sides will be Premier, 1,2,3,4 and 5, and Thursday Pennant sides will be named, 1,2,3 and 4
3.2.4. If a Division is played in Sections:
a. The Sections will be named Division " $\#$ " respectively by the Match Committee
b. Each Section of the Division will be conducted as an independent Association Pennant Competition
c. Except in the lowest Division. No Club will have more than one (1) side in a Section of a Division or in a division that is not divided into sections, Thursday and Saturday Pennant. Wednesday Pennant more than one side in a division is permitted.
d. With respect to a club with two (2) teams in a division: once a player has played $60 \%$ of games (taken to the highest number) in one side, they must not change to another.
e. When more than one (1) side is permitted in a Section of a Division or in a Division that is not divided into Sections, they will be distinguished by name and or Colour e.g., Green, Gold, etc.
f. If a Club has two (2) or more players representing the state their pennant day match may be moved to a suitably agreed date - clubs must notify the Match Committee and be approved of the alternative date.

### 3.3. Duration of Match

3.3.1. All Pennant matches will consist of the number of ends as determined by the BNW Board, unless Rule 3.9 applies (inclement weather).

### 3.4. Greens Practice

3.4.1. Practice is permitted on the green to be use for pennant play by members of both the home and away teams. Practice must be on the peg line only.
3.4.2. Clubs are to provide notice to the opposing club secretary and the BNW CEO by 5 pm Tuesday for Thursday Pennant, 5 pm Thursday for Saturday Pennant and 5 pm Monday for Wednesday Pennant prior to the scheduled game to clubs should they be drawn to play Pennant competition on their synthetic surfaces.
3.4.3. Trial ends are still permitted at the scheduled start time.

### 3.5. Starting Time

3.5.1. The appointed time for commencing each match will be as determined by the BNW Board.
3.5.2. One trial end each way, to a bare jack, using the number of bowls which are to be used in the match, will be permitted.
3.5.3. Flexible starting times should be permitted by mutual agreement of participating clubs clubs must notify the Match Committee of any changes.
3.5.4. Matches that involve players and or Officials of BNW Representative Sides competing in official games played in Hobart on the day following the scheduled Pennant Round should commence no later than 11 am .

### 3.6. Rink Draw

3.6.1. There will be a draw for rinks and opponents and the teams will play as thus drawn.
3.6.2. Rink draws will be conducted by the team managers. The home team manager will hand the home team cards to the visiting team manager, then shuffled and placed in numerical order of allocated rinks with names face down, then the home team manager will shuffle the visiting team cards and then place on the home team cards.

### 3.7. Pennant Scoring

| Wednesday <br> Div 1 | Match Win <br> $=6$ | Match Draw $=$ <br> 3 | Match Loss <br> $=0$ | Rink Win <br> $=2$ | Rink Tie <br> $=1$ | Total <br> $=14$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wednesday <br> Div 2 | Match Win <br> $=6$ | Match Draw $=$ <br> 3 | Match Loss <br> $=0$ | Rink Win <br> $=2$ | Rink Tie <br> $=1$ | Total <br> $=12$ |
| Thursday <br> Div 4 | Match Win <br> $=6$ | Match Draw $=$ <br> 3 | Match Loss <br> $=0$ | Rink Win <br> $=2$ | Rink Tie <br> $=1$ | Total <br> $=12$ <br> Total $=10$ |
| Saturday <br> Div 5 | Match Win <br> $=6$ | Match Draw $=$ <br> 3 | Match Loss <br> $=0$ | Rink Win <br> $=2$ | Rink Tie <br> $=1$ | Total <br> $=14$ <br> Total $=12$ |

3.7.1. Points will be allocated for 'byes' at the discretion of BNW taking into consideration each season's roster.
3.7.2. In the event of two (2) sides having the same number of points, their order will be determined by the difference between the shots 'for' and 'against' each side, and if these
are equal, by the percentage method, and if these are equal, their order be decided by lot.
3.7.3. When more than 50 per cent of scheduled Pennant Games in a Division are cancelled due to inclement weather, all games in that Division will be incomplete and the points shared.
3.7.4. In scheduled pennant games and when one or two roster games are played indoors there must be $75 \%$ of games completed in that division. All games in that division will be incomplete and points shared when $75 \%$ of games in that division are not completed.

### 3.8. Match Results

3.8.1. Each Club will arrange for the results of all matches played on its green. All results are to be entered and finalised in Bowls Link by Clubs for Thursday Pennant, Saturday and Wednesday Pennant after the completion of the match or matches. If Pennant games are played at a different scheduled time, results are to be entered on Bowls Link after the completion of the match or matches. For result changes, evidence of correct results must be produced. If matches are arranged to be played between clubs at different scheduled times or matches have been abandoned, the CEO must be informed via email of the new scheduled time of play or reason of abandonment.
3.8.2. Failure to notify results in the prescribed form and time will be deemed to be an infringement of this Rule and will result in a fine of fifty dollars (\$50) in each instance.

### 3.9. Match Abandonment

3.9.1. Other than in finals, if a match is abandoned:
a. In Divisions involving sides of four teams of four players that play 21 ends, an aggregate 60 ends or more is required to be completed before a match is deemed complete.
g. In Divisions involving sides of three teams of four players that play 21 ends, an aggregate 45 ends or more is required to be completed before a match is deemed complete.
h. In Wednesday Pennant involving sides of four teams of three players that play 21 ends, an aggregate 60 ends or more is required to be completed before a match is deemed complete. In sides of three teams of three players that play 21 ends, an aggregate 45 ends or more is required to be completed before a match is deemed complete.
i. When fewer than the required aggregate number of ends have been completed a match will count as a tie.
j. If the match is abandoned the Pennant points allotted to the match will be equally divided.

### 3.10. Right of the Manager

3.10.1. Whenever under the WB Law, BA Laws of the Game, BTAS Rules or BNW Rules, a side is given any right of choice of decision, the same will be exercised by the Manager of the side, who will act for or on behalf of the side.
3.10.2. Whenever any decision is made, or penalty imposed (other than by an Umpire), any Club aggrieved thereby may appeal to BNW by notice, setting out the grounds of appeal and forwarded to the CEO of Bowls North West, accompanied by a $\$ 50$ fee which may later be refunded as part of the review, not later than seven (7) days after the date when it is made or imposed.

### 3.11. Open Nomination

3.11.1. Clubs must nominate by the end of June each year to the Match Committee of their intended Divisions for the coming season. All clubs have the option to nominate changes with reasons for. The Match Committee have the discretion to accept or not these changes. All changes will be ratified by the BNW Board.

## SECTION 4 PENNANT SIDES

4.1.1. The Pennant will be conducted for sides of three teams of four \& two teams of four for Thursday Pennant, four teams of three and three teams of three Wednesday, and four teams of four on Saturday Pennant except in the lowest Division, which may consist of sides of three of four. Men or women can be used. See notes 5.1.1 as substitute.

### 4.2. Nomination of Pennant Sides

4.2.1. Unless otherwise determined by BNW:
a. Clubs will advise BNW no later than 1 May of each year, the number of sides they propose to enter in the Pennant Competition for the ensuring Season - except for the lowest Division.
b. Clubs will advise BNW no later than 1 September of each year, the number of sides they propose to enter in the lowest Division in the Pennant Competition for the ensuring Season.

### 4.3. Status of New Sides

4.3.1. All new sides entering the competition will be placed in the lowest Division, unless the Match Committee determine otherwise, and approved by the BNW Board.

### 4.4. Pennant Draw

4.4.1. Except when the Match Committee deems it expedient to arrange otherwise, each side in a Division or a Section of a Division will be drawn to play every other side in that Division or Section of a Division at least twice, once on each home green.
4.4.2. The number of matches to be rostered in the Pennant Competition for Wednesday Pennant, Thursday Pennant and Saturday Pennant will be as directed by the BNW Board.
4.4.3. In determining the Pennant Roster, the Match Committee will make every effort not to schedule Pennant Play for a long weekend.
4.4.4. Further that no more than two (2) double headers be scheduled per season one before end of December and one after with the exception whereby finals play is scheduled on the second day or other unforeseen circumstances as approved by BNW.

### 4.5. Pennant Attire

4.5.1. The Manager of each Pennant side will be responsible for the correct clothing attire of each member of their side. Club Pennant Uniform must be worn which has been approved by BNW.
4.5.2. There will be a penalty of a fine of $\$ 50$ for any incorrect attire worn in Pennant matches.

### 4.6. Eligibility of Player

4.6.1. No player will play in more than one (1) match of the same Pennant Round.
4.6.2. No player will be relegated in the last three (3) rostered games including Finals of the season to a lower Division than that in which that player has played the majority of Pennant games as at the 31 January, unless the Match Committee grants special dispensation - record will be kept by BNW.
4.6.3. If a pennant team has a 'bye' those named players from the previous rostered game cannot play in a lower division in the week of the bye unless that player was filling a vacancy due to player unavailability.
4.6.4. For Saturday Pennant players must be selected on ability. Gender must not be used as a selection consideration.
4.6.5. For selection purposes - all Pennant Competitions are considered separate.

### 4.7. Association Pennant Finals

4.7.1. No one will play in finals of Pennant unless they have played at least $30 \%$ rounded to the highest number of completed roster games during the season in that division or lower, except in exceptional circumstances approved by the Match Committee.
4.7.2. Players will not be permitted to play in any of the last three Pennant games or in finals in a division once they have played a total of three games in the last six rounds of the roster series in higher Divisions.
4.7.3. Where a Club has consecutive sides playing in corresponding finals, they are permitted to select their sides in order of strength. For this Condition: first and second semi-finals are classed as corresponding, preliminary finals are classed as corresponding, and grand finals are to be classed as corresponding finals. For this condition, 'consecutive sides' means consecutive sides within that Club. (For example, if a Club only has sides in Divisions 2, 3 and 5 - then divisions 3 and 5 are consecutive in that Club).
4.7.4. Under exceptional circumstances only, a club may apply in writing to the Match Committee for exceptions to this rule for individual cases. All decisions must be notified to the BNW CEO.

### 4.8. Pennant Finals

4.8.1. The order of sides in each Division or a Section of a Division will be determined by a knock-out competition at the completion of a given number of matches fixed by the Match Committee. Such competition will be between the four (4) Club Sides on the top of the ladder kept by the Match Committee Secretary (or Statistician) indicating the points
gained by the respective Clubs in Pennant competition. The order of play for a Division or a Section of a Division will be:

| a. | First Semi-Final | Side $\quad$ Three v Side Four |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| b. | Second Semi-Final | Side One v Side Two |
| c. | Preliminary Final | Winner (a) v Loser (b) |
| d. | Grand Final | Winner (b) v Winner (c) |

4.8.2. Finals matches will be played on the best available greens formally rated by the Greenkeeper Committee. The Match Committee will recommend to the BNW Board of their selection before announcing - to be ratified by the BNW Board.
4.8.3. The winning side of a Division, or Section of a Division, Grand Final will be presented with an appropriate trophy or prize by Bowls North West. The costs of the award(s) will be borne by all clubs paying a levy per side entered in Pennant Competition. The cost to be determined by BNW.
4.8.4. Breaks will be as per rostered games.
4.8.5. Thursday Pennant finals to be played over three (3) consecutive Thursdays under the same format as Pennant roster games unless the Match Committee recommend differently due to Roster constraints.
4.8.6. BNW Director of Umpires will appoint an Umpire to officiate at each Pennant Final Match.
4.8.7. The host club is to supply a manager, master scoreboards and attendants for the duration of play.
4.8.8. Washed out or abandonment of finals - all finals will be conducted by the Match Committee. The format for finals will be the same as per Pennant Competition.

### 4.9. Wednesday Pennant

4.9.1. First Wednesday Semi-finals if unfinished use Thursday or following Wednesday morning prior to Preliminary Final.
4.9.2. Second Wednesday Preliminary final if unfinished use Thursday or following Wednesday morning prior to Grand Final.
4.9.3. Third Wednesday play Grand Final if unfinished use Thursday.

### 4.10. Thursday Pennant

4.10.1. Thursday Semi-Final.
4.10.2. Thursday Preliminary Final.
4.10.3. Thursday Grand Final if all preliminary games are completed.
4.10.4. $\quad$ Spare day for inclement weather will be Fridays or if still inclement an appropriate indoor centre can be used if available.

### 4.11. Saturday Pennant

4.11.1. Sunday Semi-Final in all Divisions.
4.11.2. Saturday morning any unfinished games from first and second Semi-Finals, afternoon Preliminary Finals.
4.11.3. Sunday morning complete any Preliminary Finals if required and play Grand Finals in the afternoon.

### 4.12. All Pennant

4.12.1. In the event that the Grand Finals are incomplete, and a suitable date cannot be found for completion, the team with the highest number of points competing in the Grand Final will be deemed the winner.
4.12.2. If any finals cannot be played to unforeseen events, then the team finishing the season with the highest points in their respective Division will be deemed the winner.

### 4.13. Substitutes

4.13.1. No Club side, consisting of four (4) teams of four (4) players, may play with fewer than 12 of its own registered members. No Club side, consisting of three (3) teams of four (4) players, may play with less than nine (9) of its own registered members. This applies only to clubs in the lowest divisions.
4.13.2. Where a Club has a temporary shortage of its own members to fill all its Pennant sides, it may borrow registered players from other Clubs' lowest division. The maximum number of borrowed players will be one (1) per rink for Saturday, Wednesday, and Thursday Pennant, and they will be included only in the Clubs lowest Division or Section of a Division. This Rule will not apply to a composite side as approved by the BNW Board.
4.13.3. Only one (1) substitute or borrowed player is permitted in each team. If, at the latest time for the commencement of a match, a side is incomplete by only one (1) player and no substitute or borrowed player is available or further substitutes permitted, the Side will play with one (1) team of any three (3) players of the side playing as Leader, Third and Skip respectively. The Second in the opposing team will play his/her two (2) bowls after the two (2) Leaders have bowled and before either Third or Skip has bowled. The duty of the Second in the team of three (3) will be carried out by the Third.
4.13.4. After commencement of play a Club may, subject to BA Law 40 and Part (a) above, arrange for a substitute to take the place of any member of the Side (including a substitute) only if, by reason of any circumstance interrupting the commencement play, that member becomes unable to play in the match. If at any time during a match, the absent player or a substitute becomes available he/she will be included in the team of three (3), and in the case of the absent member, the team may be reconstituted as desired.
4.13.5. In the event a Club cannot field a complete side in their lowest division in Pennant because of play unavailability, that it be permitted to use ladies or men from that club's lowest Women's/Men's divisions in that club, provided that:
a. No more than one (1) substitute, male or female, be permitted in a rink, with substitutes being able to play as lead or second only.
k. That the player used must be a registered member of the BNW.
I. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a fine of $\$ 50$ and loss of match points with all points awarded to the opposing side.

### 4.14. Procedure For Inclement Weather

4.14.1. The appointment of an Umpire will be made at least one (1) hour prior to the scheduled time for commencement of play.
4.14.2. If the Greens Supervisor or his Deputy is not available at the home Club for home matches, a suitable person will be appointed by the Club as his nominated representative for these matches.
4.14.3. When a decision against the commencement of play is reached before the arrival of the visiting side or sides, such decision will be promptly communicated to the visiting Club or Clubs.
4.14.4. The Match Committee secretary must be advised as soon as possible after the greens have been closed.
4.14.5. The Match Committee has the right to cancel all games scheduled to be played that day.
4.14.6. At the scheduled time for commencement of play, if the Greens Supervisor, his Deputy, or his nominated representative has not ruled the contrary, the commencement of play is in the hands of the Match Managers of the respective Divisions.
4.14.7. If the weather is inclement at the time, i.e., before play commences, the Match Managers should confer and decide whether the commencement of play should be delayed until the situation improves, or the Green becomes unserviceable. Play should not normally be abandoned at this stage and such a decision should be delayed while there is reasonable time for the match to be completed if conditions should improve. If, owing to inclement weather, play has not commenced within one and a half hours after the normal scheduled commencement time, it will be abandoned. In the event of a disagreement between the Match Managers as to whether play will commence, the Official Umpire will decide.
4.14.8. The function of the Official Umpire, in the event of inclement weather, is specifically to adjudicate in the event of a disagreement between the Match Managers regarding commencement, stopping and or resuming play. The decision should have due regard for the time remaining for play.
4.14.9. In the event of adverse weather conditions including extreme temperatures after play has commenced, the Match Managers should confer to decide whether the game should be postponed and, if so, for how long. Postponement should take precedence over abandonment whilst the time remaining to play is sufficient to allow for the match to be completed. In the event of a disagreement between the Match Managers in the matter, the Official Umpire will adjudicate.
4.14.10. Should play be postponed, it should be recommenced at the earliest possible time, having regard to playing conditions. If the Greens Supervisor, his appointed Deputy or his nominated representative, feels that continuation or recommencement of play will have an adverse effect on the Green, he may close the Green.
4.14.11. Any Club intending to close their green must notify the opposing Club within two (2) hours of the scheduled starting time.
4.14.12. Result details to be forwarded from the host Club to the Bowls North West Statistician.

### 4.15. Play Interruptions (Pennant Play)

4.15.1. When a game of any kind is stopped by mutual arrangement, or by the Umpire after appeal on account of the conditions of the weather, or any other valid reason, it will be resumed with the scores as they were when the game stopped. An end commenced will be replayed.
4.15.2. If play in an end has been completed but a result has not been determined, the result will be determined upon returning to the green.
4.15.3. Notwithstanding the above, conditions of extreme weather endangering players should cause suspension or cancellation of play.
4.15.4. A temperature greater than $32^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ is recommended for heat related interruption.

### 4.16. Wednesday Pennant

4.16.1. The Wednesday Pennant competition will be open to all Clubs, male members only.
4.16.2. Matches will be played on Wednesday.
4.16.3. The playing conditions for the Wednesday Pennant will be decided by the Match Committee of BNW each year and approved by the BNW Board.
4.16.4. Wednesday Pennant will be played on the following format:
a. Division One side consists of four (4) teams of three (3) players.
b. Division Two side consists of three (3) teams of three (3) players.
c. Each match will consist of 21 ends, break rules apply - same as other pennants.
d. Substitutes may be used as per Substitution Rules (section 5).
4.16.5. Local Club events will be allowed to use the same green as the Wednesday Pennant providing regulation dress is worn, and that at least one clear rink is left between the Wednesday Pennant and the local Club event.
4.16.6. Finals will be played as per 4.8 .1 above.
4.16.7. The Match Committee to allocate finals venues using club greens that completed in the roster.

## SECTION 5 ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 5.1. Conditions of Play

5.1.1. All entrants must be registered players with a BNW Club.
5.1.2. All teams must be registered players and wear BA approved attire in all competitions.
5.1.3. The Championships will be conducted under WB Laws and BA Rules, with the following additions:
5.1.4. Intended Member. An intended member is one whose entry for the Championship has been accepted.
5.1.5. Replacement Player. An intended member may withdraw before the scheduled commencement of play. The replacement player will be a member who has not participated in the event.
5.1.6. Substitute. In a team event, a substitute will be allowed in accordance with BA Law 32 .
5.1.7. Non-Appearance. Should a Club, player or players fail to notify their intention not to appear at the scheduled time of play, the Club will be liable to a fine of $\$ 300$ and the cost of any meal being provided at the host Club. All decisions made by the Match Committee will be conveyed in writing to the Club by BNW. Clubs not completing their relevant club championship, is not a valid reason for non-appearance. A medical reason will require a doctor's certificate. Substitutes are permitted as per Laws of the Sport of Bowls Rule 32.
5.1.8. Single Championships. Will be played as a knock-out event with all matches 25 shots up.
5.1.9. Teams Events. Will be played on the format as decided by the Match Committee. The length of matches will be as follows:
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { a. } & \text { Pairs } & 4 \text { bowl Crossover }(2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2) \quad 18 \text { ends, } 21 \text { ends finals } \\ \text { b. } & \text { Triples } 2 \text { bowl } \\ \text { c. } & \text { Fours } 18 \text { ends, } 21 \text { ends finals } \\ \text { l } 18 \text { ends, } 21 \text { ends finals }\end{array}$
5.1.10. Defeated Players. A player receiving a 'bye' in any round of the Association Singles will make themselves available to mark an earlier round match if requested to do so, at the venue they are drawn to play. Players who are defeated in their singles match will make themselves available for marking in the subsequent match on that day.
5.1.11. All matches are to be played on the best available green(s) selected by the Match Committee and approved by BNW.
5.1.12. Any player who enters an Association event to be played at a Club, at which a meal will be served, will pay the price nominated for the meal at the time the score card, for the event is collected.
5.1.13. Any awards, trophies or medals will be presented to the winners at a date, time and place set by the Board of BNW annually.

### 5.2. Appointment of Manager

5.2.1. The Host Club will appoint a manager to act where Championships are being held. The duties of the Manager will include:
a. Arranging the commencement of matches.
b. The collection of score cards at the close of play.
c. The notification of results of matches to the Match Committee Secretary or statistician, Publicity Officer, and the BNW CEO.
5.2.2. Match Managers are to be correctly dressed in bowls attire.

### 5.3. Appointment of Umpire

5.3.1. BNW Director of Officials will appoint an Umpire before the commencement of play each day. It will be incumbent upon players and Clubs to ensure the umpire is on duty before the commencement of play. Umpires are to be dressed correctly.

### 5.4. Markers for Single Championships

5.4.1. In Singles Championships it is the responsibility of the Club hosting the championships to see that the required number of markers are available for the day.

### 5.5. Eligibility for Association Championships and Minor Competitions

5.5.1 Eligibility for Minor Competitions:
a. All registered members of the Association who, at the closing date for entries for that competition have not played more than four (4) Pennant games in the current season in Premier League and Division 1 (Ladies 1 \& 2).
b. If insufficient games have been played to determine classification, eligibility will be taken as in the previous season, except that regular players in Premier League and Division 1 will not be eligible for Minor Competitions.
c. Division 2 will include all Sections thereof as determined by the Match Committee.

