

# BOWLS CENTRAL COAST ZONE 15

## ZONE 15 MID WEEK TRIPLES CONDITION OF PLAY

As amended 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011

### 1. NUMBER OF GRADES

Zone 15 Mid Week Triples (MWT) shall be contested in three grades viz, A, B & C

### 2. STRUCTURE & NUMBER OF SIDES

2.1 A side shall consist of three teams of three players per team

2.2 A Club may enter one or more sides in each grade.

2.3 If a Club has more than one side in the same grade the Zone Match Committee will identify each side as No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, etc

2.4 The No.1 side will be considered to be a higher grade side than the No. 2 side or the No. 3 side  
The No. 2 side will be considered to be a higher grade side than the No. 3 side.

### 3. MATCH COMMITTEE AUTHORITY

The Zone Match Committee reserves the right to alter these Conditions of Play, or take whatever actions it deems necessary to bring the competition to a satisfactory conclusion.

### 4. ENTRY QUALIFICATION

4.1 Players will be eligible to contest a MWT grade based upon his Pennant grading in the current bowling season, in accordance with Table 4.1:-

Grade	No	Eligible for MWT Grade	
Pennant Grade	1	eligible for MWT Grade	A only
Pennant Grade	2	eligible for MWT Grade	A only
Pennant Grade	3	eligible for MWT Grade	A, B
Pennant Grade	4	eligible for MWT Grade	A, B
Pennant Grade	5	eligible for MWT Grade	A, B, C
Pennant Grade	6	eligible for MWT Grade	A, B, C
Pennant Grade	7	eligible for MWT Grade	A, B, C

Table 4.1 (comma in the above table denotes the words "and/or")

4.2 A player who has not played in State Pennants in the current bowling season will be graded as per: **THEIR LAST PENNANT GRADING**

4.3 Where a club has consecutive grades, a player is eligible to play no lower than one (1) Grade below his grading for his previous Pennant Season, except as otherwise provided for in this clause.

4.4 Where a club does not have consecutive Grades, a maximum of three (3) players only from each of those non-consecutive grades shall be eligible to play more than one grade below their previous season's grading, no lower than the Clubs next highest Grade.

### 5. CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Any player who is registered with the Royal NSW Bowling Association as a member of more than one Club may play with the Club of his choice, subject to Condition 4 (Entry Qualifications). He must be a current financial member of the Club he chooses to play for, and the Club must be financial with the Royal NSW Bowling Association.

In the situation where his Club of Choice does not field a grade as per Condition 4 (eligible grade) then he may play in the highest grade played in that Club provided that his second Club does not enter a side in his eligible MWT grade. He must be a current financial member of the club he chooses to play for, and the Club must be financial with the RNSWBA.

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## 6. MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS BETWEEN GRADES

- 6.1** In sectional play, players may be elevated to a higher grade for one game only, and then returned to the grade from which they were elevated.
- 6.2** A player elevated for a second time in sectional play shall remain in the grade to which he was elevated.
- 6.3** In post-sectional play a player elevated to a higher grade shall remain in that grade.

## 7. PENALTIES as per RNSWBA 2011 Conditions of play 4.26

### 4.26 Penalty for Pennant Infringements

The following penalties apply for Playing an Unregistered Player, Playing an ineligible or Grading Infringement Player or forfeiture of match due to a breach of Laws of the Sport Of Bowls.(Refer to Conditions of play 1.3, 4.10(note), 4.16, 4.23, Law 8.5 and Law 46.2.1).

### *Round Robin or Sectional Play*

The offending side disqualified with loss of all points for the match involved.

The non-offending side shall receive maximum points and shall be credited with the average of the winning margins scored by the other sides in that section in that round or the margin by which it won, whichever is the higher. The offending side is credited with a **similar negative margin**.

### *Knock out Play*

The offending side is disqualified. The Match Committee shall when so notified, substitute in the next succeeding round the side last defeated by the offending side.

## 8. MATCHES

- 8.1** Players in all Grades shall play 3 bowls each per end over 21 ends subject to inclement weather or any other justifiable cause, which may prevent this.
- 8.2** Matches shall be played on Wednesdays: Cards called at 12.30pm; Trial Ends commence at 12.40pm; Start of Play 1.00pm.
- 8.3** Matches shall be played on a home and away basis.

## 9. SIDE MANAGERS

Side Managers shall comply with the requirements for Side Managers as specified in the RNSWBA State Conditions of Play.

## 10. ALLOCATION OF POINTS - SECTIONAL PLAY

### 10.1 *Completed Matches*

**10.1.1** The side which in the aggregate, scores the greater number of shots shall be awarded two points.

**10.1.2** Where sides are equal in aggregate shots each side shall be awarded one point

**10.1.3** Each winning team shall be awarded one point.

**10.1.4** Teams playing a tie shall each be awarded ½ point

### 10.2 *Withdrawal*

**10.2.1** Where a side withdraws from the competition after the draw has been finalised but prior to the commencement of the first round, then the matches concerned with such withdrawal shall be treated as byes and no points will be awarded.

**10.2.2** Where a side withdraws from the competition after the commencement of the first round, the side withdrawing shall be deemed not to have entered the competition and a bye shall exist in all rounds and no points will be awarded to other sides in that section.

### 10.3 *Forfeit*

In the event of a forfeit during Sectional Play, the side receiving the forfeit shall be awarded the maximum number of points.

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## 11 DETERMINATION OF - SECTION WINNERS

- 11.1 The side recording the greatest number of points in a section shall be the winner of that section.
- 11.2 Should there be more than one side in a section with the same number of points, then the side with the highest margin of net shots shall be the winner of that section (total shots “for” less total shots “against” equals “net shots”).
- 11.3 In the event that Clauses 11.1 and 11.2 still fail to determine the winning side, then the side with the lowest total shots against shall be the winner.

## 12. RESULT FORM

- 12.1 The result of each match commenced (whether completed or not) shall be recorded on the result form provided and be certified by each Side Manager
- 12.2 The completed result form **must be faxed** by the home side Club, to the Chairman of the Zone Match Committee on Fax 43424810 or email zone15match@bigpond.com no later than the 6.00pm on the day of the match.
- 12.3 If wet weather or some other circumstance prevents the commencement of a match and irrespective of whether or not the visiting Side proceeds to the Club at which the match is to be played, a result form (including all players names who would have played had the match commenced) shall be completed by both Side Managers in respect of his own side and faxed or emailed to the Zone as required.
- 12.4 Should the match be commenced but not completed, each team's score, the number of ends played on each rink and the names of the complete side must be clearly shown on each result form and must be initialled by the skip.
- 12.5 Any alterations recorded on the result sheet must be validated by the initials of both Side Managers adjacent to the area altered
- 12.6 In all rounds, the home Club (as specified in the draw) shall be responsible for the completion of the result form, faxing the completed result form to the Chairman of the Zone Match Committee.

## 13. VENUES

- 13.1 Matches shall be played on the greens of the first named Club specified in the draw or on neutral greens during sectional play.
- 13.2 In the event of inclement weather, or any other justifiable cause the venue shall be reversed if the home Club's greens are unfit for play and the greens of the opposing Club are playable and available PROVIDED THAT should this occur in the first three rounds of sectional play the original home Club shall have the right to elect to play the return match on its green in the second three rounds.

## 14. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- 14.1 *Sectional and Post-Sectional Play Stopped*  
A Side Manager or the Club's Controlling Body shall have the right to appeal to the Umpire for a stoppage due to inclement weather, bad light or other justifiable cause. On the receipt of such an appeal, the Umpire shall decide whether a stoppage will apply.
- 14.2 *Sectional Play Not Commenced - All Grades*  
If inclement weather or other justifiable cause should prevent the commencement of play the points for such a match will be equally shared.
- 14.3 *Sectional Play Not Completed - a minimum number of completed ends*  
If inclement weather, bad light or any other justifiable cause prevents the completion of a match the Zone Match Committee declares that 54 ends shall constitute a completed Game.
- 14.4 If inclement weather or other justifiable cause should prevent the completion of 54 ends the points of such a match will be equally shared.

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## 14.5 *Post-Sectional Play Not Commenced.*

If inclement weather or other justifiable cause should prevent the commencement of play, the match shall be played on the next scheduled post sectional playing day.

## 14.6 *Post Sectional Play Not Completed - less than a certain-number of completed ends*

If inclement weather or other justifiable cause should prevent the completion of 54 ends the match shall be continued on the next scheduled post-sectional playing day.

## 14.7 *Post Sectional Play Not Completed - at least a certain number of ends completed*

If inclement weather, bad light or any other justifiable cause prevents the completion of a match, the Zone Match Committee declares that, should 54 ends be completed then the match will be deemed as being completed and points awarded as provided in these Conditions of Play.

## 15. POST-SECTIONAL PLAY ELIGIBILITY

**15.1** To be eligible to contest post sectional matches a player must have physically played a minimum of three rounds of all sectional matches in the current competition irrespective of grade.

**15.2** If a No.1 side wins a section and the No. 2 side in the same grade does not win a section, the players graded in the No. 2 side may act as replacement players for the No. 1 side in post sectional play. **THE REVERSE SHALL NOT APPLY**

**15.3** If insufficient players are available to contest post sectional play a written application must be made to the Zone Match Committee for the inclusion of players with the following qualifications:-

(a) Players who have physically played two rounds in that grade;

(b) Players who have physically played one round in that grade;

(c) Should no players be available after the application of (a) and (b), then a player who originally could have played in the grade may be granted permission.

**Provided that** the player would be available for selection in the remaining rounds of the competition.

## 16. DETERMINATION OF WINNER - POST SECTIONAL PLAY

### 16.1 *Completed Matches*

The section winners will play post sectional matches on a "knock-out" basis (playing the number of bowls and ends as specified in 8.1) and such matches will be determined by aggregate shots ONLY. In the event of a tie, an extra end or ends shall be played to determine a winner.

### 16.2 *Forfeit*

In the event of a forfeit, the side receiving the forfeit shall be deemed to have won the match.

## 17. PENNANT FLAGS AND BADGES

Winning Plaques only will be presented.

### **BADGES**

**17.1** Winners will be eligible for badges. To be eligible for a badge, a player must have played a minimum of 50% of all matches (both sectional and post sectional) in the current competition irrespective of grade.

**17.2** A maximum of twelve players Badges will be available to Clubs. The Side Manager must have managed a minimum of 50% of matches in any grade to be eligible to qualify for the award of a Side Manager's badge

## 18 GREEN FEES

All Mid Week Triples Players pay the appropriate green fees, to be paid to their Own Club, and be retained by that Club.

*No green fees are paid by visiting sides to the Venue Club.*

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## 19 MATCH RESULT FORMS:

Venue Club Official **MUST** Fax or Email the Result Form the Chairman of Zone15 Match Committee, fax number **4342 4810** or Email [zone15match@bigpond.com](mailto:zone15match@bigpond.com) at the completion of play on the day of the match.

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