



# 2023 NT PENNANT

## CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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<b>Controlling Body:</b>	<b>Bowls NT</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>PENNANT</b>
<b>Restricted:</b>	<b>NO – Open to all members of Affiliated Clubs (Open Gender) and NO restriction on number of Teams clubs can nominate</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Various Clubs (refer to draw)</b>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Refer to the Draw on Bowlslink for dates and times.</b>
<b>Format:</b>	<b>Div 1 Three Teams of Four Players (Open Gender) included below in 2.1</b> <b>Div 2 Two Teams of Four Players (Open Gender) included below in 2.1</b>
<b>Fee:</b>	<b>\$150.00 per nominated team</b>
<b>Green Fees</b>	<b>Green fees are set at \$10.00 per player per game and be submitted to the host club at the conclusion of each game</b>

## 1. ENTRY CONDITIONS

### 1.1 Affiliation

Open to all registered bowlers within the Northern Territory Association (BNT)

### 1.2 Eligibility

As a condition of entry to compete in this event, all competitors must:

- 1.2.1 not be currently under disqualification or suspension by BNT, other state or territory authority or the national authority
- 1.2.2 comply with all applicable laws of the Sport, Domestic regulations and policies
- 1.2.3 pay applicable fee

### 1.3 Clearances

- 1.3.1 Players representing a second club other than their nominated home club must submit a player's declaration form signed by the player and their nominated home club secretary.
- 1.3.2 The players declaration form is to be submitted and received by the EO of BowlsNT prior to the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
- 1.3.3 Players representing a second club other than their Primary Club must be registered on Bowlslink as a "secondary member"

## 2. EVENT STRUCTURE

### 2.1 Qualifying

The event shall be played annually between teams from affiliated clubs in the Northern Territory and the composition of teams to be determined by the Board of BNT/Council of the Board.

NOTE: Where more than one division is nominated from a Club, they may move players up from a lower division.

However, after a player has played three games in a Div 1 team they shall be regarded as a permanent member of that team.

- There is no restriction on the movement of players within Club Division 2 teams in the regular season.
- However to qualify to play in Div 2 finals players must have played at least 2 games for that team.

**NO MOVEMENT SHALL BE ALLOWED BETWEEN TEAMS IN DIVISION ONE**

To clarify, once a player is selected and plays their first game for a team in Division One, that player cannot play for another team in Division One for that season. This restriction extends to include the finals.

2.1.1 Names of members shall be listed on the team sheet form and on Bowlslink

2.1.2 There is no restriction on the movement of players in Division two.

2.1.3 Loss of Match Points or forfeit may result for breaches of these rules.

## **2.2 Format**

All matches shall be played in the following format

2.2.1 The only discipline played in the Pennant shall be Two Bowl, Fours, to be played in the traditional format over twenty one (21) ends

2.2.1 The competing clubs shall play each other as determined by BNT or the Match Committee after nomination of teams have been received from Affiliated Clubs

## **2.3. Alterations to the format and length of games**

2.3.1 The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the format, times of play and greens to suit local unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical.

2.3.2 Where a program is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Jury of Appeal may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result or postpone the event where an outcome cannot be achieved.

## **2.4. 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.

## **2.5. Start of the game**

Any player/team arriving after the starting time shall lose the right to play trial ends. Any player/team arriving at the green more than 15 minutes after the official starting time (as determined by the marker and/or umpire) shall forfeit the game and the points for that game.

# **3. REPLACEMENT AND SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS**

3.1. If a player who has commenced the game cannot continue and there is no eligible or affiliated substitute available, the game must continue in accordance with the provisions of D.R. 2.6..

3.2. If a substitute is available, they must play in the same position as the player being substituted (excluding the skip). If the skip is required to be substituted, then the other

members of the team must rearrange their positions as necessary. A substitute cannot skip.

3.3. If a substitute is not available, the skips of both teams will carry the scorecard and update the score at completion of each end.

3.4. A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player. The opponents with a complete team will have their second play consecutive bowls in accordance with DR 2.6.

3.5. If a player who leaves the game subsequently becomes available, they must re-join the team in their original place in the team at the completion of the end in progress.

3.6. If a substitute player becomes available, the controlling body may allow them to enter the game at the completion of the end in progress.

#### **4. RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY**

##### **4.1. Moving to the head during play**

**Refer to Appendix – A. 4.1.7.1 to A4.1.7.4 (refer to Laws of the sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)**

#### **5. SCORING**

##### **5.1. Game Points**

5.1.1 Game points will be distributed as follows:

5.1.1.1 Four points for a win (Big Board)

5.1.1.2 Two points each for a tie (Big Board)

5.1.1.3 Two points for each rink win

5.1.1.4 One point for a rink tie

5.1.1.5 Zero points for a loss.

#### **6. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS**

6.1 At the completion of all rounds, the two top teams in Div 1 and the four top teams in Div 2 shall play off in the finals to determine the Pennant Champions for the season. The higher-ranking team of each match shall determine the location of that match.

6.2. Determination of Ladder Rankings – Team rankings will be determined by the following order:

6.2.1 Team with the most win points, will be ranked higher;

6.2.2 If win points are equal, the Team with the most game points will be ranked higher.

6.2.3 If win and game points are equal, the Team with the highest net total shots (total shots for minus total shots against) will be ranked higher;

6.2.4 If win points, game points and net total shots are equal, the total shots for will be divided by the total shots against to determine a shots percentage. The player with the higher shots percentage will be ranked higher;

6.2.5 If win points, game points, net total shots and shots percentage are all equal, the winner of the last game between the two teams will be ranked higher.

## **7. ATTIRE**

As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, including Domestic Regulation. Attire must adhere to National Merchandising Program Logo Policy. This policy is available on the Bowls Australia web site.

### **7.1. Footwear**

Footwear must adhere to Appendix A.2.

### **7.2. Uniform**

9.2.1 Players must wear the uniform of the club from which they play pennant. All uniforms must comply with National Merchandising Program Logo Policy.

## **8. EQUIPMENT**

8.1. Marking Touchers In all Bowls NT events, as per the Laws of the Sport, only chalk can be used to mark touchers. Spray chalk is the preferred method of marking and is the preferred method at Bowls Australia's events.

8.2. Bowls Discs - Players are to use bowls discs representing the club from which they play. Bowls discs must not obscure the World Bowls stamp

## **9. PROHIBITIONS**

9.1. Smoking BNT/Bowls Australia's Smoke Free Policy will be enforced during all days of the event.

## **10. JURY OF APPEAL**

A jury of appeal shall be appointed for the purpose of deciding upon any matters not provided in the Conditions of Play, for dealing with any appeals from decisions made by umpires and/or event staff or volunteers, and generally for the purpose of exercising overall authority on behalf of Bowls NT. Any appeal against a decision made by an official relating to a Law, Domestic Regulation or Condition of Play shall be referred to the Match Committee in the first instance before being referred to the Jury of Appeal. In the event of an appeal during the playing of the event, such appeals shall be made in accordance with July 2023

the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, and shall be directed to a Jury of Appeal which shall consist of:

- BNT President or nominee;
- BNT EO or nominee;
- Match Committee Chairman or nominee;
- Event Manager or nominee.

It is noted that, if any of the above members is directly involved in the matter, they shall not sit as a member of the Jury of Appeal and an appropriately skilled nominee be appointed.

10.1. Laws of the Sport of Bowls 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 3rd edition, as published in April 2019.

10.2. BNT Policies/ Bowls Australia policies will be enforced during pennant games.

## **11. Club Responsibilities**

11.1 Clubs shall ensure all players are correctly listed in Bowls Link.

11.2 Each team will have an appointed team captain

11.3 Team captains will have the following responsibilities:

- the completion of all team score cards including names, correct positions, etc
- The completion and checking of the team sheet including scores and names at the end of play
- The submission of team sheets to the match committee prior to midnight Monday after the game
- The completion of Bowlslink
  - Selected team member names entered on Bowlslink prior to starting play
  - Scores entered by the home team prior to Midnight on Sunday immediately after the game.
  - Scores checked and confirmed by the away team by Midnight on Monday after the game.
- The collection of all team green fees from each player and passing all green fees onto the host club representative

11.4 The host club will have the following responsibilities:

- The set up of all greens prior to play including:
  - Preparing greens ready for play
  - Choosing greens and allocating rinks to teams
  - Mats and kitties put out on each green and ready
  - Sufficient Water dispensers available

- Sufficient Sanitiser equipment available
- Score boards and big boards in place
- Chalk available on each scoreboard
- Provision of umpires
- Provision of snacks following the match