

# **ZONE 12 SYDNEY SOUTH WEST BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY – 2020 ZONE EVENTS**

### **1 Zone Championships**

#### **1.1 Commencement of Matches:**

AM matches will commence at 9.00am (Cards are to be called at 8.30am and practice ends to be completed with games starting at 9.00am).

PM matches will commence at 1.00pm (Cards are to be called at 12.30pm and practice ends to be completed with games starting at 1.00pm).

PM matches may commence earlier, at the discretion of the host club controlling body.

### **2 Inclement Weather:**

A decision as to whether or not a game is to be played is to be made by the Host Club's controlling body, but any decision shall not be made prior to 8.00am for AM play and 11.00am for PM play.

Any decision to not commence play will be done with regard to the number of scheduled sessions of play allocated for the championship.

Any matches not commenced or not completed will be rescheduled at the next available session or at the discretion of the Zone 12 Match Committee.

### **3 Duration of Matches and Method of Play & Scoring:**

Singles (4 bowls each): 31 Shots Up

Pairs (2x2x2x2): 21 ends – If scores are equal, a tie break end must be played

Triples (2 Bowls per player): 25 ends – If scores are equal, a tie break end must be played

Fours (2 Bowls per player): 21 ends – If scores are equal, a tie break end must be played

### **4 Controlling Body:**

Means the body having immediate control of the conditions under which a game is to be played.

## 5 **Marking Singles Games:**

- (i.) A marker shall be appointed for each singles match and noted on the draws.
- (ii.) A marker shall be a registered Bowling Member of a Club affiliated with a State, Territory and/or National Lawn Bowls Association of a nation other than Australia.
- (iii.) A player defeated must mark in the next round scheduled, if required by the Controlling Body. *(Note this may be on another day of play)* If more markers are available than required names shall be drawn by lot, before the match. A substitute marker may mark.
- (iv.) The Host Club is to do a rink draw prior to each round, informing those players on the rinks selected, that the loser will be required to mark a game.

5.1 Failure to mark if required – Penalty shall not exceed one hundred and ten dollars (\$110) and/or have their entry declined for all Association Events for a period of up to 12 months.

## 6 **Extreme Heat Policy:**

Zone 12 strives to ensure that its members participate in the game of bowls in the safest environment possible and with a minimum risk of harm.

Weather conditions can vary from club to club within the Zone and the Match Committee does not intend to second-guess the judgement of the controlling body of any given club. The decision whether to suspend or discontinue play is at the discretion of each **Club's Controlling Body**.

A relevant type digital thermostat should be displayed in an appropriate place near to the bowling greens (remember it must be placed in a shady, non-covered area).

Zone 12 has decided to implement Bowls Australia Extreme Weather Policy – Domestic Regulations Section 13.

Relevant inserts are;

- Each Club should provide a contact name and number for players and officials to ring if they are in doubt as to the state of play on any given day.
- Zone 12 Match Committee advises that Club's should continue to play where they are able to do so, however, players and officials safety shall remain their paramount concern.
- The Club's Controlling Body can suspend play for up to 2 hours, to see if the adverse weather condition may improve. Where conditions have not improved in that time, the Club's controlling Body may decide to cancel play for that session or the day.

- The Zone 12 Match Committee may approve rescheduling play or the whole competition to another day, weekend and/or venue if a Club's Controlling Body determines that conditions are unsafe for players, officials and spectators. Typical reasons for this include consistent heavy rain, slippery conditions, extreme heat or cold.

In regards to Hot Weather, the following is used as a guideline;

- i). Drinks should be made available at every venue where play is to take place. Tap water should be made available free of charge and in unlimited quantities. Other drinks may be served or sold as determined by each club.
- ii). When the temperature reaches 35 degrees centigrade (35C), play should be interrupted at 20-minute intervals (at the completion of the end in play) for a period of 5 minutes, during which drinks should be made available.
- iii). When the temperature reaches 38 degrees centigrade (38C) it is recommended that play be discontinued for the day.
- iv). Where the safety of all players and officials is taken into consideration, the Club's Controlling Body together with both Managers (for Pennant play) and both Skips (for Competition play) may continue to play and waive the 5 minute rest period.

In regards to Cold Weather, the following is used as a guideline;

- i). If the ground is slippery from frost, snow, rain or mud or if the temperature drops below 8 degrees centigrade (8C), it is at the discretion of the Club's Controlling Body to discontinue play.
- ii). If it is raining heavily, play should be suspended for a period of up to 2 hours. If it continues to rain heavily during that period it is recommended that play be discontinued for that day. It is up to the discretion of the Club's Controlling Body to discontinue play.

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