



NT Super 9s

Conditions of Play 2019

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1. Controlling Body

The NT Super 9's competition will be under the control of the Bowls Northern Territory herein referred to as BNT

The Controlling Body of the competition shall be the BNT Match Committee and in their absence the BNT Umpires Committee.

2. The Aim

The vision with the 'nines' is to run a SIDES competition that is fair and equitable, so that Clubs of all sizes can compete and be competitive. To support this aim the competition will be run as a home & away format and if possible and then in sections.

3. Laws of the Sport

The competition shall be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, except as provided for in this document.

4. Composition of Sides

4.1. Sides will field Three Disciplines with nine [9] Players:

One pairs team

One triples team

One fours team

4.2. All three disciplines [pairs, triples & fours] MUST be played. If a Side cannot field all three disciplines they must forfeit. (Fours may play one short as 4.3)

4.3. In accordance with Domestic Regulation 2.5, a player may be substituted in the Pairs or Triples matches by using a player **from the Fours to substitute for that player.**

i) The fours game shall then be played with the Second deemed to be missing;

ii) The order of play shall be maintained by the second of the complete team playing consecutive bowls;

iii) Each player must use two (2) bowls only.

iv) Only one such substitution may be made on any one occasion.

v) If a player has **commenced** the game in the triples or pairs disciplines and no eligible substitute or replacement player is available or allowed, the affected team will forfeit that game without penalty to remaining two teams. The non-offending team shall receive two (2) rink points plus 10 Shots.

5. Eligibility

5.1. Interstate:

i) A player may compete a Pennant competition or its substitute, in more than one (1) STA within the same bowling season.

ii) The player must be registered with each of the STAs in which they play.

iii) An Interstate clearance is not required unless the player intends to change his Nominated Club.

iv) The player must complete and submit an Interstate Pennant Declaration prior to being permitted to play Pennant or its substitute in that STA.

5.2. Intrastate:

- i) A player shall **not** be permitted to play Super 9's for two (2) or more clubs which are each affiliated with BNT in the same bowling season unless a clearance is obtained under a Rule 2C of the Rules for Competition.
- ii) A player may play Super 9's for a Club other than their nominated Club by completing the Interclub Pennant Declaration in Appendix 2.
- iii) An Intrastate clearance is not required unless the player intends to change his Nominated Club.

5.3. No player may play until their declaration or clearance is received and approved by BNT.

6. Substitutes

The Laws of the Sport of Bowls [Law 55.3.3] will be adhered to with reference to Constituted, Substituted and Replacement players with Domestic Rules 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 to take precedence.

7. Movement of Players

- 7.1. If a club has more than one Side entered, there will be no lateral movement of players between these Sides after a player has played four [4] games. A player shall be bound to the side with which they play their fourth (4) game.
- 7.2. In the sectional rounds of Competition a player shall not be eligible to play in a lower division if they have played three (3) or more games in a higher division
- 7.3. A player can still be promoted to a higher Division or go to a lower Division provided they are eligible.
- 7.4. A side shall not consist of any player who has played three [3] or more games in a higher division.
- 7.5. In any Super 9's finals match a Side will not include any Player who, during the current season, has played less than two (2) games for the Side
- 7.6. The match Committee may, after receiving a written application from a club, provide special dispensation for a Side to include a player who otherwise is disqualified from playing due to the application of clauses 7.4 and/or 7.5.
- 7.7. Clause 7.6 is only to be applied if the concerned side is unable to field a full team on the scheduled day of play due to the application of clause 7.4 and/or 7.5.

8. General Play

- 8.1. The appointed time for commencement for matches will be no later than 1:30pm, with trial ends to be completed **before** that time.
- 8.2. A match shall consist of the following disciplines:
 - 8.2.1. Pairs – 18 ends (4 bowls per player 2x2x2x2)
 - 8.2.2. Triples – 21 ends (Lead and Second 3 bowls, Skips 2 bowls)
 - 8.2.3. Fours – 21 ends (2 bowls per player)
- 8.3. All three disciplines [pairs, triples & fours] **MUST** be played. If a Side cannot field all three disciplines they must forfeit. (See clause 4.2)
- 8.4. Players in a side shall not play more than three (3) games in each discipline during the preliminary rounds of competition. There shall be no such limitation on play during the sectional round competition.
- 8.5. Dead ends shall be replayed accordingly with Law 20.
- 8.6. Restricting the movement of players
 - 8.6.1. After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances;
 - i) Pairs game (each player playing four bowls)
 - ~the leads: after delivery of their third bowl; and
 - ~the skips: after delivery of their second and third bowls.

- ii) Triples game (leads and seconds playing three bowls, skips playing two bowls)
 - ~the leads: after delivery of their third bowl;
 - ~the seconds: after delivery of their third bowl
 - ~the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls
- iii) Fours game (each player playing two bowls)
 - ~the leads: after the third player in their team has delivered their second bowl;
 - ~the seconds: after the third player in their team has delivered their second bowl;
 - ~the thirds: after delivery of their second bowl; and
 - ~the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

9. Premiership

- 9.1. The total Premiership Points awarded for each match shall be ten (10).
 - i) Two (2) points shall be awarded for each team or rink win. One (1) point shall be awarded for drawn or tied game.
 - ii) Four (4) points shall be awarded for a Side win. Two (2) shall be awarded for a drawn or tied match.
 - iii) In a match won by forfeit, the Side gaining the forfeit will receive maximum points with a ten [10] shot margin.
- 9.2. After the completion of the first round-robin, the competition will “spilt” into two divisions.
- 9.3. The first rounds of competition shall be played in one (1) division. The second rounds shall be played in two (2) divisions.
 - i) Division 1 being the top 4 placed teams after the completion of the first round-robin.
 - ii) Division 2 being the bottom 4 placed teams after the completion of the first round-robin.
 - iii) If the total number of teams entered in the Super 9's competition is less than 8, Division 1 will consist of the top 4 teams and Division 2 will be made up of the remaining teams.
- 9.4. Both Division 1 and Division 2 shall play in a round-robin series to determine the top 2 for each Division.
- 9.5. The top 2 in each Division shall play off in the grand final for the respective divisions.
- 9.6. The final of both Divisions should be played at the home ground of the Side that finishes on top of Division 1.
- 9.7. In the instance of a Club who has less than two greens with 12 rinks or more available finishing on top of Division 1:
 - 9.7.1. The final of Division 1 will be played at the Club that finished on top.
 - 9.7.2. The final of Division 2 will be played at the home ground of the Side that finishes on top of Division 2.

10. Side Manager

- 10.1. Each Side **must** have an appointed Manager.
- 10.2. The side Manager is to complete game cards and match results sheets in conjunction with the opposition manager. The home side manager is to ensure that result sheets are completed correctly and all player names, for both Sides, are legible, written in block letters and include first names and last names [No Nick Names].

11. Results

- 11.1. The team manager is responsible for the submission of team results.
- 11.2. The Team Manager or another person nominated by the club will arrange for the results of all matches played on its green to be entered using the prescribed method or forms as set by BowlsNT and sent to the BNT office **on the day of play**.
- i) An electronic method of submitting results may be nominated by Bowls NT, by utilising Bowls Australia's Sports Management system.
 - ii) If the electronic method is not available, results must be sent through to BNT email results@bowlsnt.com.au immediately upon completion of the match at the host club.
 - iii) Any results submitted that are deemed illegible by the Match Committee shall be considered not to have been received.
- 11.2 Failure to notify results in the prescribed method and forms and time without reasonable excuse will be deemed to be an infringement and loss of premiership points will be applied.
- 11.3 No alteration to a completed form received by BNT will be permitted unless a correction agreed to in writing by both Clubs is lodged within 7 days of the match, or such longer period as the BNT Match Committee allows, and failing such agreement the matter will be determined by the BNT Disciplinary Committee.

12. Extreme Weather

In this Rule "weather" means wet weather, lightning, excessive heat, excessive wind or dust or any other similar like weather conditions that effects play.

12.1 Heat

At all events where Bowls NT is the controlling body, the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) or the BOM's 'Pocket Weather App.' will be used to monitor the event location's weather. The Weather Application accessible via smart phones.

12.2 Monitoring and Management of extreme weather

Before the start of the event, the controlling body will monitor the expected temperatures for the duration of the event.

Before the start of play each day, the temperature will be monitored and an announcement to all players will be made warning them of the expected extreme temperatures if appropriate. Players will also be made aware that the weather policy may be invoked during the event.

- i) When the BNT Match Committee deems the temperature (as indicated using the methods in point D(i) above) has reached 36 degrees or above, play will be suspended by the controlling body and all players will complete the end they are currently playing and move from the green to a cool shady area. If the end is declared dead, players will not restart the end.
 - (a) When the BNT Match Committee determines the temperature has fallen below 36 degrees, play should resume.
 - (b) Games may be resumed under artificial light if deemed necessary to complete the schedule of play.
- ii) Players, officials and spectators should at all times be encouraged to wear hats or other sun protection. It is recommended that a hat be part of any uniform and sunscreen be worn as appropriate.
- iii) Drinks should be available at every venue where play/competition takes place. Tap water should be available free of charge and in unlimited quantities. Other drinks may be served or sold as determined by the host club(s).

- iv) Where available, shelter should be offered for players and officials not involved in current play.
- v) In making the decision, the controlling body will take account of all relevant factors including the age and health of players and officials, the weather conditions and climate for that part of the country, the level of humidity, the evacuation/ emergency plans for the club/venue and the amount of shade or shelter available at the venue.

12.3 Lightning

- i) Lightning can strike without other typical storm characteristics (i.e. thunder, rain and wind) being present. Bowls NT is committed to ensuring all players, officials, administrators and spectators are safe during lightning activity.
- ii) When a BNT Match Committee member or representative sights lightning within the immediate vicinity, the controlling body will suspend play and all players will be required to leave the green immediately and move to a safe structure.
- iii) When the controlling body deems it safe to return to the green, play should resume as per Law 32.

12.4 Other Inclement Weather

- i) If a decision to abandon play is made by the BNT Match Committee, its decision for abandonment will be announced and communicated to Club Secretaries via phone and/or e-mail as soon as practicable after the decision is made.
- ii) if the BNT Match Committee has not determined that play be abandoned, The Greens Director or the appointed Deputy will be the sole authority for determining whether play can be commenced on the green of the Greens Director's Club.
- iii) if a decision against play for the day or for delayed commencement is reached before the arrival of the visiting Side or Sides, such decision will promptly be telephoned to the Club or Clubs concerned.
- iv) if due to inclement weather a match has not commenced by 3.00pm it will be abandoned.
- v) if play for the day has commenced and subsequently
 - (a) due to consideration of the weather one Side wishes to leave the green but the other does not, neither Side can leave the vicinity of the green and the Umpire will resolve the dispute, or
 - (b) due to inclement weather has been stopped officially by the Controlling Body or by direction of the Umpire, or by agreement between the Managers when the Umpire or a Representative of the Controlling Body is not present or because the Greens Director or the appointed deputy closes the green as unfit for play, it will not be resumed if the green remains closed, but if otherwise:
 - (1) the Umpire on his own observation or on appeal of the Managers will decide whether or not to resume, and
 - (2) if resumed, the provisions of the Sport of Bowls Law 32.2, 32.3 and 32.4 will apply.
- vi) If due to inclement weather the start of a Super 9's Competition match has been delayed or play interrupted and the match has not been completed before 6.30pm, it will then be abandoned but if play is in progress at 6.30pm, it will be abandoned thereafter upon the interruption or completion of any end or ends in play at 6.30pm.
- vii) If the BNT Match Committee has not determined that all play will be abandoned for the day and due to inclement weather:
 - (a) If a Super 9's match is abandoned it will count as complete if two of three disciplines have completed a minimum of fourteen (14) ends. If two of the disciplines meet the minimum requirements, the third shall also be declared complete and the match declared complete, or
 - (b) If less than two disciplines have reached the minimum requirement the match will be deemed to tied, or
 - (c) If less than half the matches in any Division are completed, all matches due to be played that day in that Division will be deemed to be tied provided that the results will stand in any Section of that Division in which all of the matches are completed. A forfeit or walkover will count as a completed game for the purposes of this Rule.
- viii) Every effort will be made regardless of time to complete a Super 9's Finals (knockout) match but if such match is abandoned for the day, the match is to be rescheduled as soon as possible and in accordance with LAW 32 at a time approved by the Controlling Body.

- ix) Despite anything contained in this Rule, Side Managers may by mutual agreement abandon the game at any time due to the prevailing weather conditions if a resumption of play is unlikely.

13. Attire

It is the responsibility of the Side Managers to ensure that all Members of a Club Super 9's Side are correctly attired in Club uniform at all times. **If a player/s fails to comply they are ineligible to compete.** The BNT uniform, that being any part of including shorts, shall not be considered part of any club's uniform. Should the penalty be applied teams/sides shall be allowed a replacement player or substitute in accordance with Domestic Regulation 2.5.

Interclub Pennant Declaration



A player wishing to register with a new Club only for the purpose of playing Super 9's in the Northern Territory which is different from the Club which they are currently affiliated should complete the form below and apply to the Bowls Northern Territory and the Club which they are currently affiliated with. On approval of this application the player may not play Super 9's for any other club, including their affiliated Club for the current season.

This form declares that a player is not under an order of suspension or expulsion and has not resigned his membership because of disciplinary proceedings

NOTE: THIS FORM IS NOT AN INTERCLUB CLEARANCE FORM

Players wishing to change their nominated club for the purposes of playing Championships must submit an Interclub or Interstate Clearance form.

PLEASE SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR HOME CLUB

DETAILS OF PLAYER

<i>Surname</i>	
<i>Given Name(s)</i>	
<i>Name of Nominated Club</i>	
<i>Name of Club you will be representing</i>	

DECLARATION BY CLUB TRANSFERRING FROM;

I certify that the details above are, to the best of my knowledge, correct. The above mentioned member has fulfilled all of his financial obligations to the Club, is not under an order of suspension or expulsion and has not resigned his membership because of disciplinary proceedings.

_____ *Signed – Secretary Club*
Transferring From

_____ *Signed - Player*

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The member listed above is: APPROVED / NOT APPROVED (circle one)

Signed: _____

Date:.....



SUPER 9'S RESULT SHEET

Venue Played.....

Date.....

Round.....

HOME CLUB NAME..... V **AWAY CLUB NAME**.....

PAIRS

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM
Lead	Lead
Skip	Skip
SCORE	SCORE

TRIPLES

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM
Lead	Lead
Second	Second
Skip	Skip
SCORE	SCORE

FOURS

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM
Lead	Lead
Second	Second
Third	Third
Skip	Skip
SCORE	SCORE

POINTS AGGREGATE

Home Team	Score	Points Won	Away Team	Score	Points Won
Pairs			Pairs		
Triples			Triples		
Fours			Fours		
Total			Total		

HOME TEAM MANAGER Signature.....

AWAY TEAM MANAGER Signature.....

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