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To: Zones, Districts & Clubs
Re: 2021 Conditions of Play refinement

The Board of Bowls NSW has approved a submission from the State Match Committee to make two refinements to the 2021 Conditions of Play.

The State Match Committee proposed the refinements after receiving constructive feedback from numerous parties.

The changes made are outlined below

Condition 3.8.23.10 – Highest Grade of Pennant Entered by a Club

An additional clause has been added to this Condition.

The change imposes a limit that a Maximum of three (3) players who have changed their declared club from the previous season shall be eligible to play 2 or more grades below their previous season grading in a Club's Highest Grade.

Condition 2.23 restricting Movement of Players

A refinement to the restriction of movement of players be made to include more specific clauses and to limit that a third in fours may follow only their second bowl to the head (consistent with lead playing in the third position in pairs and the second in triples).

The State Match Committee further advises that COP 2.23 now explicitly states when a player is able to walk from the mat end to the head end.

There is NO provision for a singles player to request permission from the marker or a player in a team event to request permission from an opponent to view the head at any time not specified within this Condition.

Please also note that Appendix A4 in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls is not in force for any NSW Association Event. As per the provisions of this Appendix, the Controlling Body (Bowls NSW) has *adapted and included* the requirements in the State Conditions of Play for 2021.

An updated version of the 2021 Conditions of Play is now available on the Bowls NSW website for download. ([Click HERE](#))

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