



WSA LAWN BOWLS SECTION GUIDELINES

The WSA Lawn Bowls Section Committee shall consist of between 4-8 members, each person being approved by their respective state wheelchair sports association. WSA may from time to time invite representatives of CPARSF or ASOD to join the Committee.

The Board of WSA shall call for nominations for the position of committee member every two (2) years and appoint a Committee Chair.

The Committee shall control the business affairs of the lawn bowls section, subject to WSA Board approval. The Committee shall meet at least four times per year.

TYRE REGULATIONS

Possible damage to a lawn bowls green, whether a grass or synthetic surface, has always been an issue. The majority of fears expressed by club administrators and greenkeepers are often unfounded. With the proper tyres and a common sense approach (eg: ensuring a wide circle is taken when turning on a green) by the wheelchair user, marks left on the green are negligible, at worst, and can be removed by a greens roller.

Large, usually rear, tyres, (preferably pneumatic), with a minimum width of 45mm are required. The most suitable tread patterns are "slicks" or inverted tread tyres eg. a standard BMX tyre.

The most suitable tyres for the small or front wheels are the 200mm. x 50mm with a pneumatic tyre.

Castors, made of nylon or polyurethane are becoming increasingly popular. The width of these should be a minimum of 75mm. If the edges are sharp they must be rounded off.

If there be any doubts about any tyre tread, as a temporary or precautionary measure, duct tape can be placed over the tyre to give a smoother surface.

The above are meant for use in all conditions, however in the case of particularly wet greens or other unusual circumstances, consultation and a common sense approach between the wheelchair user and club administrator or greenkeeper is highly recommended.

It must be stated that these recommendations are meant for Australian conditions only and in the event of a wheelchair bowler travelling to play overseas they should be aware that tyre standards in other countries may differ.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A tender document is to be sent out to all states in January for the following years Nationals. Successful tender to be recommended to the WSA Board for approval.

National Championships ideally to be held in conjunction with Bowls Australia events and if not rotated amongst interested States or Territories in a clock wise direction. April / May are the preferred months to hold the Nationals with permission necessary from the WSA Committee to hold the event at another time.

All championships shall be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. The Controlling Body for all championships shall be the WSA Lawn Bowls Section Committee. The Controlling Body should approve the draw before commencement of play.

All championships shall be conducted using Sectional Play.

Where there is only one Section, the winner shall be the Gold Medallist, the second shall be the Silver Medallist, and the third shall be the Bronze Medallist.

When there are two Sections, the winner of Section One will play the Runner Up of Section Two. The winner of Section Two will play the Runner Up of Section One. The winners shall play off for Gold and Silver, whilst the losers will play off for Bronze.

Where there are three Sections, the three section winners shall be joined by the highest runner up. Section One plays Section Two; Section Three plays the highest runner up. The two winners shall then play off for Gold and Silver; the losers shall play off for Bronze.

When there are four Sections the four Section Winners shall play off as 1 v 2 and 3 v 4 with the winners playing off for Gold and Silver, whilst the losers play off for Bronze.

Section winners shall be determined according to Bowls Australia By-Laws.

When there are only two-three competitors/teams in an event only a gold medal will be awarded. When there are four competitors/teams in an event gold and silver medals will be awarded. Where there are five or more competitors in an event gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded.

There shall be no restriction whatsoever with the use of pushers between ends as long as the pusher does not act as a coach.

The events conducted at the National Championships shall be:

Open Singles
Ladies Singles
Open Pairs
Ladies Pairs

When there are mixed pairs the mixed pairs shall play in the open pairs competition.

States are restricted to 6 men and 4 ladies.

Singles 2 sets of 9 ends with tiebreaker of 3 ends in the event of sets being tied. 4 bowls used. Tiebreaker ends are not decided by number of shots per end, just winner of end that is first to win 2 ends.

Pairs the same as singles but each bowler only has 2 bowls each.

Each State or Territory shall seed their players and those seedings shall be used in preparation of the National Championship draw including allocation of players into sections.

At each Nationals the Clover Lester Encouragement Award shall be presented.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Committee members must advise the WSA Board of any dates of State Titles, invitational events both National and International, and receive sanction before publicising the event.

WSA shall maintain a calendar of events and periodically notify States and Territories of significant dates.