

Procedure for use of substitute or replacement players in a side

Definitions

Side: Any agreed number of teams or Singles whose combined scores decide the result of a competition. In pennants this is the combined three rinks.

Team: A Pair, A Triple, A Four. In pennants this is each individual rink.

Substitute Player: A substitute is a player who is appointed to play in the place of an intended player or constituted player who is unavailable or physically incapable of attending, playing in or continuing in any part of any game for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body.

Replacement Player: is a player who is appointed to take the place of a constituted player who cannot play in any round after the first round of that competition for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body.

Use of Substitutes and Replacement Players in Pennants

In a pennant side, the use of substitute and replacement players is covered by the application of the State COP 2.28.3.10:

2.28.3.10 In a side:

2.28.3.10.1. One substitute may be allowed in each team.

2.28.3.10.2. One replacement player may be used in each fours team in a side.

2.28.3.10.3. If the required substitutes and/or replacement players are either not available, or not allowed, the game will continue as per Bowls Australia Domestic Regulation 2.5 (Absentee Players in a Side)

2.28.3.10.4. Constituted players must not be transferred from one team to another.

Substitute Players for a game to be resumed

Substitute players can be introduced into a game based on the following:

- i. If an intended or constituted player is unable to play at any time for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body, then a substitute must be permitted and their name must be recorded as a substitute for the team member.
- ii. A substitute is not to be permitted if a player is unable to play because of a commitment to play in another competition they have entered.

The use of a substitute player can be authorised by the controlling body at the host venue of the Pennant Match provided that:

- i. The player being substituted is not playing in another bowls competition.
- ii. The intended substitute is not graded in a higher grade.
- iii. The intended substitute has not played in another team during the same round of Pennants (refer 4.9, 4.10 & 4.17 below).

Note: The match does *NOT* count as a match played for the substitute player, but does count for the originally constituted player – reference [Bowls NSW Circular 17-12-14](#).

Substitutes Players in a game to be resumed (Continued)

The details of the substitute must be noted on the scorecards and their name and RNSWBA # recorded on team sheets *ADJACENT* to the name of the original player (it is important that both players names and id numbers be readable by the Controlling Body).

Example: Bob E starts in a Grade 5 Rd. 8 match that is called off due to poor weather. Bob E is unavailable to play on the re-scheduled date due to a family commitment. Rob O, Grade 6, did not play in a Rd. 8 game, so is able to take Bob E's place as a substitute in the resumed game.

Replacement Players in a game to be resumed

If a Constituted Player is physically incapable or otherwise prevented from taking further part in any round for a reason accepted by the Zone 10 Match Committee, a replacement player can be permitted to take the place of that player based on the following:

- i. The replacement player must be chosen from eligible players.
- ii. Constituted Players, replaced players and intended players are ineligible to act as replacement players – **Exception State COP 4.9, 4.10 & 4.17 (see below).**
- iii. The replacement player, when approved by the Zone 10 Match Committee, becomes a constituted player and may play in any position, including skip.
- iv. In a sides game one replacement player per team is permitted in a resumed game (refer COP 4.10).

Note: Both the replaced and replacement player are regarded as having played the match. The match counts towards eligibility for post sectional play and grading in the current season for both players– reference [Bowls NSW Circular 17-12-14](#).

The details of the substitute must be noted on the scorecards and their name and RNSWBA # recorded on team sheets *ADJACENT* to the name of the original player (it is important that both players names and id numbers be readable by the Controlling Body).

A replacement player needs the written approval of the Zone 10 Match Committee. You can make application for the use of a replacement player via email to match@zone10.org.au Said application should include:

- i. Grade of side affected
- ii. Name of the player intended to be replaced.
- iii. Name of the player intended to act as a replacement.
- iv. Reason for intended replaced player's unavailability.
- v. Any other information that may be pertinent to the application.

Should the Zone 10 Match Committee approve the application, written authorisation will be sent from Zone 10 Match to the Club making the application and to their opponents.

Example: In a resumed Grade 5 rd. 8 game, Bob E has been substituted in a team by Rob O. The Skip in that same team, Tezz R, is called in to work and can no longer make the game. As a substitute has already been used, The Zone Match Committee approves the introduction of Tim A, a grade 6 player who did not play in rd.8, as a Replacement Player.

COP 4.9, 4.10 & 4.17 – The use of a player in a resumed or not commenced game.

State Conditions of Play allow for the use of a player who has already played in the same round of pennants, to act as a replacement or substitute in a match that is resumed or not commenced in the place of a player who has since become unavailable for reasons accepted by the Controlling Body (the Zone 10 Match Committee).

In order to qualify as an eligible replacement or substitute player under this rule the following criteria must be satisfied:

- i. Players selected as replacement players or substitutes in a resumed or not commenced match shall not have played in a higher grade in the same round.
- ii. Players selected as replacement players or substitutes in a resumed or not commenced match shall not have a current season grading in a higher grade on the date that the match is resumed.
- iii. The intended substitute or replacement player is approved by the Zone 10 Match Committee.

Both replacement and substitute players introduced under this COP need the written approval of the Zone 10 Match Committee. Application should be made via email to match@zone10.org.au and should include:

- i. Grade of side affected.
- ii. The name(s) of the player(s) intended to be substituted/replaced.
- iii. Name of the player intended to be introduced under these COP.
- iv. The reason for the necessity to utilise a replacement/Substituted player that has already competed in the same round.
- v. Any other information that may be pertinent to the application.

Should the Zone 10 Match Committee approve the application, written authorisation will be sent from Zone 10 Match to the Club making the application and, in the case of a game that is to be resumed, to their opponents.

Note, in resumed games: The match does NOT count as a match played in the case of a *SUBSTITUTE* player, but does count for the originally constituted player.

In the case of a *REPLACEMENT PLAYER*, both the replaced and replacement player are regarded as having played the match. The match counts towards eligibility for post sectional play and grading in the current season for both players– reference [Bowls NSW Circular 17-12-14](#)

Example 1: Bob E competes in his scheduled rd.8 grade 6 match which is completed. His club's Grade 5 side's match however is not commenced due to poor weather and re-scheduled to an alternate date. Rob O, originally named in the Grade 5 side, is now unavailable due to work commitments and as the club has no other eligible players available, the Zone 10 Match Committee approves the request to allow Bob E to play the game in Rob O's stead. Bob E is considered to have played in both Grade 5 & 6 in that round, Rob O has no match recorded.

Example 2: As above except Rob O's game is started, but not completed. In this case, as Bob E is considered a substitute, only Rob O is considered to have played in Grade 5 for that round.

Example 3: Bob E and Rob O play in a completed Grade 6 rd.8 match. Their clubs Grade 5 Rd. 8 match starts, but is abandoned due to poor weather. Two players from the same team in the original side, Tim A & Tezz R, are unavailable on the date the game is scheduled to resume. Due to all other eligible players being involved in other Pennant Matches, the Zone 10 Match Committee approves Bob E to act as a replacement player for Tezz R and Rob O to act as a substitute player for Tim A. Tim A, Tezz R and Bob E are all considered to have played in Grade 5 for this round, but as a substitute, Rob O does not have the Grade 5 recorded.

Example 4: Bob E, a grade 6 player, plays in his clubs Grade 3 team in Rd.8 and completes his match. In the same round, his clubs Grade 5 team suffers a washout and the match is not commenced/completed. As several players from the grade 5 side are unavailable on the date the match is scheduled to resume, the club wishes to use Bob E as a substitute player. This request is denied by the Zone 10 Match Committee as Bob E, even though graded 6, played in a higher grade in a match on the same round and as such is not permitted to act as a substitute under COP 4.9 & 4.10.

Example 5

Question: Bob E competes in his scheduled Grade 6 Rd.8 match that is not completed due to poor weather. The Zone determines that, as the result of this match will have no bearing on the competition, there is no requirement to complete the game and declares the match a tie. Is Bob E still permitted to play in a higher grade in the same round?

Answer: Waiting on reponse from BOWLS NSW

Absentee Player in a Side Game

Should one or more teams in a side not be able to find a suitable substitute or replacement player, the game is to continue as per Bowls Australia Domestic Regulation 2.5 and State COP 2.28.5. Absentee players in a side game:

- i. A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player.
- ii. Each player must use the number of bowls specified in the Conditions of Play for that event (2 bowls).
- iii. The order of play shall be maintained by the second of the complete team playing consecutive bowls.
- iv. If an absent player arrives late or an eligible substitute or replacement player becomes available, they must take the team at the completion of the end in progress.

Should you have any further questions in relation to the application of these Rules and Conditions of Play, please contact Tim Cunningham at match@zone10.org.au or on 0419-015257.