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# Conditions of Play 2022

At 25/10/2021

Finals Host: TBA

## Critical Dates

<b>Nomination Form in by</b>	<b>4pm, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021.</b>
<b>First round played</b>	<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022.</b>
<b>Double Headers</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022. 26<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022.</b>
<b>Elimination Final</b>	<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022.</b>
<b>Quarter Finals</b>	<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022.</b>
<b>Semi-Finals and Grand Finals</b>	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022.</b>

Note: Forms can be found on [www.p7s-qld.com](http://www.p7s-qld.com)

**Sevens Nomination Entry Form**

**Sevens Weekly Results Form**

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## Controlling Body

The Controlling Body is the Board of the 7s-Qld Inc. and has the right to change conditions of play if deemed necessary and shall be the sole judge to determine, interpret and rule on all matters occurring during the tournament.

If any Club breaches any part of these Conditions of Play; the spirit of sportsmanship; or fair play, the Controlling Body will determine what action it deems fit to take.

## The Aim

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

### 1. Composition of Sides and Match Format

Sides will consist of Eight (8) Players to fill Seven (7) Playing Positions & One (1) Reserve/Interchange who may Sub into a team from the Bench at any time after completion of the first **Five (5) Ends**:

- One 3 Bowl Pairs 24 Ends (3 Bowls).
- One 4 Bowl Pairs 18 Ends (4 Bowls per player 2x2x2x2).
- One 2 Bowl Triples 24 Ends (2 Bowls per player).
- One Interchange who may be Substituted **into** a playing position with the person **substituted out** then becoming the Reserve.

**1.1 The Reserve/Interchange** may be utilised as a Substitute after the particular discipline has completed 5 Ends. Once the Reserve had been used; that player must complete a Minimum of 5 Ends and remain playing until the conclusion of the match. The reserve must be included on the Result Sheet prior to commencement of play. **Use of the Reserve/Interchange is to be documented in the "Comments" Section of the Results Sheet showing Names, Discipline, End Number; or Medical etc.**

**1.2 All three disciplines** [ pairs & triples] **MUST** be played. If a Side cannot field all three of the disciplines (one player short), they **will play as though there is no Second in the Triples Discipline**. Should a player be unable to continue a game, and no eligible substitute is available, **play will continue as though there is no Second in the Triples Discipline. That means, under (Laws of the Sport of Bowls DR Law 2.6), the effected Club will play 4 Bowls: while the other team play 6 Bowls.**

**1.3 Timed Games:** - There will be **No Time Limit** on any games in the Seven's competition.

**NOTE:** All divisions will ideally have a minimum of 24 Sides. The number of sections and sides in each section will be determined by the entries received and if necessary, byes will be allocated.

### 2. Entry Fees:

**2.1** Entry fee **MUST** be accompanied each nomination. Failure to adhere to payment will make the particular entry **NULL & VOID**. **Entry Fee is \$800 for each Division.**

### 3. Application to Enter:

**3.1 Sevens Nomination Entry Form:** - To enter the Sevens Competition, Clubs must complete the Sevens **Nomination Entry Form** on, or before closing date & **MUST** be accompanied by the **relative Entry Fee**. Late entries will not be guaranteed a place.

**3.2** A Club may apply to enter a composite Side involving another club.

**3.3** The Management Committee reserve the right to re-grade Sides into higher or lower Divisions in line with the aims of the competition and to minimise the number of byes in the whole competition.

### 4. Eligibility

**4.1** All Divisions are open to single or any combination of gender with no restriction of age. All Players must be Full [Financial] Bowling Members of an Affiliated Club which may not necessarily be the Club for which they are intending to play. **Use of PLQ Registered Players will be limited to those selected as Reserves for the PLQ Reserves; and MUST be played in the Club's Highest Division for Q7s.**

**4.2** All Players must be clear/free from any form of suspension and or default status from any Bowls Club

or Bowls Association.

- 4.3 Players who play Fifty Percent of sectional matches in a **Higher Division** become constituted for that **Higher Division** and may not “play down”. Byes will require a **Results Sheet** as it will contribute to **Matches Played**.
- 4.4 To be eligible for the **Finals** series, players must have played a minimum of **Fifty Percent** of sectional matches, in that division or any combination of divisions. A player may be promoted to a higher division.
- 4.5 The **Listed Reserve/Interchange** may also be used as a **Substitute** any time after the particular discipline has completed **5 ends**. The **Interchange MUST** play a **Minimum of 5 ends**; and must remain until the conclusion of the game.
- 4.6 The **Substitute** may **replace any player who becomes sick or injured** during a match; but cannot be played **Skip**. In the event of the Skip in Pairs or Triples needing to be replaced, the team is required to be reshuffled.

## 5. Penalties:

Any ‘Sevens’ Club, that breaches any part of the above player eligibility, ‘may’ have penalties imposed, which could include, but not restricted to: -

- 5.1 All match points and rink wins deducted for all games the unqualified player participated in. In addition, they would receive the **WORST** loss margin for those rounds played with an illegal player.
- 5.2 The opposing Side in such cases may receive all match points and rink wins - and additionally - will receive the **AVERAGE** winning shots margin for that round.
- 5.3 The Sevens Board, as the Controlling Body, will determine what action to take in such rule violations.

## 6. No Dead Ends:

If the jack, by the effect of play, leaves the rink of play over the bank or side boundary, it shall be replaced on the “T” of the rink of play so that the portion of the jack nearest to the mat line is **2m** from the front of the ditch, and play is to continue. This also applies to a rebounding jack less than **18 metres** from the mat line. If a bowl occupies that spot, the closest spot available without touching a bowl is to be used as per (**Laws of the Sport of Bowls DR Laws 19.4 and 56.5.4**).

## 7. Format of Divisions & Sectional Play:

- 7.1 The number of sides per Section and Sections per Division shall be determined by the number of entries received. A **maximum of 1 side** only per **Division per Club** will be allowed.
- 7.2 The Draw will be compiled by the Sevens Board and include play - on or before - dates for each match.

## 8. Game Start Times:

- 8.1 It is a Policy of 7s-Qld Inc. to encourage Clubs to schedule matches to avoid the hottest part of the day in summer. Morning, evening, or night games are encouraged.
- 8.2 Clubs competing in each match shall agree to a suitable Date and Time to play matches. **Club Liaison and Side Managers MUST** make all efforts to negotiate a **Date and Time** to play **All Round** matches within **14 days of receiving the draw and before the start of each round** of competition. If agreement cannot be reached, the match must be played on the date/time set by the Sevens committee. **All Club Liaison and Side Managers MUST** double check game times with their opponent’s manager during the week leading up to the match.
- 8.3 **Clubs must notify the Controlling Body of the agreed playing times.**  
Clubs wishing to change any agreed playing time or date (as per Condition 8.2.) must notify the opposing Club’s Liaison and the Controlling Body a minimum of 14 days before the scheduled date of the match they wish to change. If agreement cannot be reached on an alternate time or date the match must be played on the time & date originally agreed to as per Condition 8.2.

## 9. Artificial light may be used.

**NB: Turn Lighting on at least 20 minutes prior to Sunset as advised by the Bureau of Meteorology to be effective.**

## 10. Synthetic Greens may be used.

## 11. Inclement & Adverse Weather / Incomplete Game.

- 11.1 A Match unable to be completed due to inclement or adverse weather shall be declared completed if two of the three disciplines have reached the following minimum requirements of:

3 Bowl Pairs - 13 ends  
4 Bowl Pairs - 10 ends  
2 Bowl Triples - 13 ends.

- 11.2 If *two* of the disciplines meet the minimum requirements, the *third* shall be declared abandoned; and the match declared complete. There will be no points awarded for the abandoned discipline.

- 11.3 If two of the three disciplines haven't reached the minimum requirement, the match is to be continued ASAP at a time mutually agreed upon by the participating teams and approved by the Controlling Body.

12. **No Drawn Games / Disciplines:** In All games, if any discipline is drawn, the drawn discipline/s **shall** play an extra end to determine the winner. The extra end **MUST** be played regardless of the position of the other two disciplines, therefore be played immediately it is determined a draw and after a coin toss.

## 13. Scoring

- 13.1 Seven (7) match points will be given for a match win plus (1) point per rink win.

- 13.2 Win on 3 rinks =10pts, win on 2 rinks =9pts, on 1 rink=1pt.

**If sides are equal on points, margins and least shots scored against will determine results.**

## 14. Forfeits, Byes and Games Not Completed

- 14.1 A side awarded a Forfeit will receive (7) seven points match win & (3) rink win points. A side awarded a Bye will receive (7) seven points match win & (2) rink win points. An average margin of the other team's played in that section from that round will be applied at the end of that rounds play. The team conceding the **forfeit** shall receive **no points** and be **debited with a shots margin** equal to that credited to their opponents. In the case of a **Forfeit**, both Clubs **MUST** submit **Result Sheets**.

- 14.2 **No points or rink win bonus** will be allocated to games not completed.

- 14.3 Should there be a **Double Forfeit**, each Team will receive **no points nor rink win bonus**.

## 15. Notification of Results

- 15.1 The designated home side shall email or telephone (confirm via email); or send a photo (from your mobile as a message) of the Weekly Result Form to the [results@p7s-qld.com](mailto:results@p7s-qld.com), **immediately** after the conclusion of play. Email is the preferred option. **FAILURE** to submit **Result Sheets** **will** result in the **Loss of Rink Win Moneys**.

## 16. Green Fees:

- 16.1 Green Fees **DO NOT** apply to the 'Sevens', however clubs may place a fee on their own players.

## 17. Attire:

Club approved attire to be worn. Joint Club or Private Sides' members may dress in their own Club approved or Private Team attire.

## 18. Club Liaison

Each Club **must** appoint, (via the Nomination Entry Form), one only Liaison person **who must have email and mobile phone access**. Correspondence with the controlling body {Other than round result sheets} must be through the appointed Liaison, for all sides entered by the Club. The appointed Liaison may also be a manager for a side. This Liaison person is encouraged to attend Q7s general meetings as an active participant in discussions.

**19. Managers**

Each Side must have an appointed Manager for the season. The side Manager is to complete game cards and match results sheets in conjunction with the opposition manager and **ensure that the result sheets are completed correctly. Players Full Christian Name and Surnames are to be legible and in block letters. [No Nick Names] Notify the results as per Condition 15.**

**20. Practice – Trial ends:**

Instead of trial ends, Players may practice up until the agreed starting time (unlimited ends) on their allocated Green. Home clubs are to make sure the allocated green is available for practice a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the agreed starting time. Sides are encouraged to take full advantage of this rule.

**21. Umpires, Measurers**

The host club shall supply accredited umpires or measurers (preferably non-playing).

**22. Bowls. Challenges to and Temporary Markings of:**

**Challenges.** Bowls must be challenged within ten minutes of the completion of the final end, as per (**Laws of the Sport of Bowls DR Law 52.4 & 52.5**) and results determined as per these laws. The other two rinks' points will remain as per results.

**Temporary Markings** (Club stickers) If temporary markings are used, they must comply with (**Laws of the Sport of Bowls DR Law 52.1.8.2, 52.1.8.3 & 4.7.4**).

**23. Protest/Disputes**

**23.1** The Management Committee **must** be informed of all protests and disputes **within 24 hours** of the disputed event and lodged in writing to The Secretary, of the Management Committee within 48 hours, accompanied by a \$50 fee.

**23.2** The Management Committee will rule on protests and disputes that involve participating Sides and or Clubs.

**23.3** If any protest or dispute is against the Management Committee, a committee will be formed comprising three members: one of which will be an independent person (not a current member of 7s-Qld Inc.), Chairman of 7s- Qld Inc. and an appointed person from the 7s-Qld Inc. [membership.] to officiate on such a protest or dispute.

**24. Determining Rankings and Placings from Sectional Rounds.**

**24.1** The top teams from each section, after completion of Sectional play, will progress to the finals. This will be decided by games won, then as per **Condition 24.2**.

**24.2** Remaining placing's shall be decided by:

Firstly, by highest points.

Secondly, by highest margin.

Thirdly, by lowest shots conceded.

**25. Finals. Depending on numbers, the finals may be played over consecutive weekends.**

**25.1** In Divisions with **3 - 4 sections**, the **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** place getters from each section (plus next best two teams in a 3 Section Division) proceeding to the **Quarter Finals**.

**25.2** For Divisions with **5 to 8 sections, 16 sides**, made up of the **1<sup>st</sup>** place getters from each section then, if required, the next highest ranked from the **2<sup>nd</sup>** place getters (determined in accordance with **Condition 24.2**) to complete the number of teams proceeding to the **Quarter Finals**.

**25.3** For Divisions with **more than 8 sections, 16 sides**, made up of the top **8** highest ranked **1<sup>st</sup>** place getters from each section, plus the next highest ranked from the **2<sup>nd</sup>** place getters (determined in accordance with **Condition 24.2**).

- 25.4** All finals are knockout matches. Sides entering the finals are graded; with the grading order determined at the end of either: - Sectional Rounds or Elimination Finals depending on the division played in.
- 25.5** The Finals Grading Order is: - 1<sup>st</sup> placegetters in each section, ranked in descending order of points scored, margins and lowest shots conceded (as per **Condition 24**), followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> place getters in each section ranked in the same manner then, the number of 3<sup>rd</sup> placegetters, ranked in the same manner, as are required to make up the **Final 8 for Quarter Finals**.

The finals format will be decided after all entries are received and will depend on the final number of participating Sides, Sections and Divisions. For **9 sections** and over in each Division, Elimination Finals will be required to determine **top 8** to proceed to the **Quarter Finals**.

## **26. Prize Money.**

**The Sevens shall retain a portion of entry fees to assist with administration costs, the remainder of entry fees and sponsorship will go into a prize pool with the breakdown determined by the Controlling Body.**

- 26.1** Prize Money: Final Eight Prize Money will be paid by Cheque on the day of the club's very last game.
- 26.2** Clubs **MUST** supply the Management Committee with a Nominated Payee BSB and Account Number via the Sevens Nomination Entry Form. Remaining prize money & rink win payments will be paid by EFT. **Rink win bonuses will not be paid to Quarter Finalists (final eight in each division).**
- 26.3** The **APPROXIMATE** Prize Money payable for each **Division (Value of Prize Money will be dependent on Nominations):**
- Winner; \$ 8000. Runner Up; \$3000,**
- Third; \$1500. Fourth \$800.**

## **27. Rink wins Bonuses:**

**A rink win bonus will be paid to non-major prize winners as per COP 26.1 & subject to 26.2** Value of "rink win bonus" will be determined from the remaining income after major prize money & running costs are deducted from the total cash pool available for the Sevens 2022 season.

- The total "rink win bonus" will **not exceed \$800** per Side.
- The "rink win bonus" will **not exceed \$30** per discipline win.
- No bonus** will be paid on games **not played**. Byes and Forfeits will be paid as per Condition 14.

## **28. Walking to the Head.**

The Laws that apply under the **Laws of the Sport of Bowls** covering the movement of Players during play shall apply at all times.

## **29. Heat; Tobacco; Alcohol; Green Protection.**

The Home or Host Club must have in place a policy addressing these matters; and it will be that policy which will apply.