

# Player Forfeit Procedure Policy



## CAMDEN MEN'S BOWLING CLUB Inc.

### Outline

This policy should be read in conjunction with Bowls NSW current Conditions of Play, Zone Regulations and Regulations of the Camden Men's Bowling Club in relation to forfeits.

When nominating for matches, all bowlers should note the playing dates and check their availability.

Should the bowler find his circumstances have changed and they are no longer available to play on the scheduled dates, they should make all attempts to withdraw before the draw is finalised.

If the need arises to forfeit a match after the draw is published, the following procedure shall be followed.

### Club Matches

The principle is that all matches should be played on the scheduled date. If the issue of a bowler's availability should arise, all attempts should be made to play the match before the due date of the following round. If this is not possible, the bowler who is unavailable should forfeit the match.

Depending on the circumstances of the need to forfeit, the bowler may be required to pay a fine equal to the entry fee for that match. Adjudication to be under the control of the Board.

### Zone Matches

It should be noted that current Zone policy is that no alternate venue is to be utilised apart from the scheduled venue. The concept is that the host venue has the right to derive some form of income from hosting the event.

With BowlsLink now in operation, previous notions of a bowler informing the host club or their scheduled opponent of an intention to forfeit is no longer acceptable to Zone.

The only acceptable advice of forfeiture of a Zone Match is via the following:

Voice call to Zone Match Committee (MC) Chairman – Phone number available on Zone 5 Bowling Association web site.

OR

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Voice call to CMBC Secretary – Phone number available in the club diary.

The Zone MC Chairman shall be responsible for notifying the opposition and the host club.

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Obviously as much notice as possible is required so as not to inconvenience opponents and/or the host club.

## Outcomes

Club matches - The circumstances of the need to forfeit and the time frame involved may result in a fine equivalent to the entry fee for the match, to be adjudicated by CMBC Board.

Should Zone apply a penalty on the player or team the following shall apply;

As per Bowls NSW COP's the penalty, not exceeding (\$refer Bowls NSW current COP's) per player for any one offence and/or have their entry declined for any Championship Event for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

Any determination to deny Events must be endorsed by the State Match Committee.

Obligation for payment of a fine rests with the individual to pay the relevant Controlling Body. Non-payment of a fine may result in a player having their entry declined for Championship Events until payment is made