METRO NORTH-EAST REGION

SENIOR WOMEN'S FOURS 2024-25

PLAYING DATES   Rounds 1 – 4   **16 - 17 July**   (Tues - Wed)
                                            Rds 5 – 6 / rain date   **18 July**   (Thurs)
                                            rain date   **19 July**   (Fri)

FORMAT   Knock-out - 18 ends

ENTRY FEE $15.00 per player ($60.00 per team)

CLOSING DATE   **1 July 2024 <u>at 5.00pm</u>**

Region winners <u>must</u> contest the State Play-Off: 25 March - 9 April 2025

NOTE: <u>State Women's</u> & <u>Open Reserve</u> Fours will be played on weekends from 24 August.
Players may play in **<u>only one category</u>**: Senior **OR** State **OR** Open Reserve.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- Those who meet eligibility requirements for more than one category may enter **<u>only one</u>** of: State Fours / Senior Fours / Open Reserve Fours

- Players are to observe Bowls NSW Championship Attire Policy.

- Played under: *Laws of the Sport of Bowls 4th Ed* <u>and</u> *Bowls NSW 2024-25 Association Championship Events Conditions of Play* (*1. General Conditions of Play; and 3. State Championships).*

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

State Fours events (single-gender, Men's / Women's)**:**
All bowlers of that gender registered with their club and Bowls NSW at the date entries close.

Senior Fours events (single-gender, Men's / Women's)**:**
Bowlers, registered as above, **who will be aged 60 years or over at 4 October 2025**
(the first date scheduled for the applicable Bowls Australia Nationals).

Reserve Fours (no gender requirements)
To enter and play in Reserve State Championships a player must:
   i.   have Previous Season Open Pennant grading of Grade 5, Grade 6 or Grade 7; or
if a player has no Previous Season Open Pennant grading, must not have played 50% or more matches in Div 1 or Div 2 Single Gender Pennant in the current or previous season.

HOW TO ENTER

Championships will all be administered online through BowlsLink* (see instructions on next page). Players may either:

- Enter their team using BowlsLink - **recommended** (see instructions on next page), **or**
- Email the: Full Name, National Identity Number, and Playing Position of all four members of the team by the closing date to: **metronortheast4@bowlsnsw.com.au**

NOTE: Payment is not required at time of entry. The <u>Region will invoice Clubs after entries close</u>.

* USING BowlsLink FOR THE <u>FIRST TIME</u>

If you have not previously set up your profile in BowlsLink, you can do so provided you have your own email address. (Two bowlers cannot create member profiles using a shared email address.)

If your email address is already listed in your Bowls NSW records (BowlsLink), you only have to type the following URL into your web browser to get started: www.bowslink.com.au
- The website will open to the "Sign In" page.
- Type in your email address, but **do not attempt to put in a Password**.
- Click the *"Forgot Password?"* reset button. You will be sent an email with a link that will allow you to proceed.

If your email address is <u>not</u> on file with Bowls NSW you can still sign up for a BowlsLink Member Profile by following the instructions on the Bowls NSW website (*bowlsnsw.com.au)* under the **Member Resources** Tab - "*BowlsLink Administration*" **Or** type the URL *https://bowlsnsw.com.au/member-resources/bowls-link-training* into your browser and, under "*Individual Member Profiles*", click the "*SIGN UP HERE*" button.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING VIA BOWLSLINK (Don't forget to enter by 1 July 2024)

NOTE: you will need each player's National ID Number (NIN) **or** their birth day & birth month to be able to enter all players' into your team.

- Go to the website: bowlslink.com.au
- Log in (see above if using BowlsLink for the first time)*
- Click on "*Competitions*" (on the left of screen), then Click "*Available*" (in middle of screen).
- In the "*Search Competitions*" box (magnifying glass symbol), type in "*Metro North-East*" (you MUST include the hyphen), and hit "*Enter*".
- You will see all 2024-25 Metro North-East Competitions (State, Senior & Open Reserve for each of the disciplines).
- Click the "spanner" symbol adjacent to the competition you wish to enter and then select "*Enter Competition*". <u>Your</u> details will preload.
- Using the drop-down "*Position*" box, select <u>your</u> position in the team, then click "*Save*".
- The "*Player 2*" entry screen will then appear.
- DO NOT TYPE IN PLAYER DETAILS … Click on "*Link Member*" (at upper Right of box), enter the National ID Number (NIN) for Player 2, then hit "*Enter*". (This will bring up the player's name.) Click "*Select*" to link the player to the team.
- Using the drop-down "*Position*" box, select <u>Player 2's</u> position in the team, then click "*Save*".
- The "*Player 3*" entry screen will then appear.
- As before, just click on "*Link Member*", enter the National ID Number (NIN) for Player 3, then hit "*Enter*". (This will bring up the player's name.) Click "*Select*" to link the player to the team.
- Using the drop-down "*Position*" box, select <u>Player 3's</u> position in the team, then click "*Save*".
- The "*Player 4*" entry screen will then appear.
- As before, click on "*Link Member*", enter the National ID Number (NIN) for Player 4, then hit "*Enter*". (This will bring up the player's name.) Click "*Select*" to link the player to the team.
- Using the drop-down "*Position*" box, select <u>Player 4's</u> position in the team, then click "*Save*".
- At the foot of the screen showing the names of your team members, just click "*Next*"
- The Fees screen will be displayed. Ignore the preset comment "There are no fees …". Your Club will be invoiced for entry fee of $15pp after entries close.
- Finally, your entry details will be displayed. Confirm the entry by clicking in the "*Terms & Conditions*" tick box, then click "*Confirm & Submit*".
- You will receive an email from BowlsLink confirming your successful entry.