**Ballarat and District Bowls Division**

**Revised: 2020-21**

**Pennant Competition Rules 2020 – 2021 plus Appendix**

1. Governing Bodies

The rules contained in this document have been drawn up to comply with regulations as set out by Bowls Australia and Bowls Victoria.

2. Governing Rules

2.1 Pennant Competition will be conducted in accordance with World Bowls ‘Laws of the Sport of Bowls *Crystal Mark Edition 3.1*. Any amendmentsincluding *Bowls Australia Domestic Regulations* (DRs) and Bowls Victoria Region and Division Pennant Conditions of Play apply.

2.3 Interpretation-Avoidance of Doubt: In the event of any dispute regarding the interpretation or application of these rules or in the absence of a specific pennant competition rule as set down by the BDBD the relevant BV Region and Division Pennant COP will take precedence.

3. Controlling Bodies

3.1 The BDBD Board controls the Bowling Program.

3.2 The BDBD Match Committee controls competitions authorized by the Board.

4. MATCH COMMITTEE

4.1 The Match Committee can requisition the use of any green or greens of any affiliated Club, but must consider any representations made by any member Club.

4.2 Any Club that cannot satisfactorily explain any failure to provide a green/s as requested *will not be* eligible as a finals venue in that pennant season.

4.3 In admitting sides for pennant, consideration will be given to the number of rinks that a Club can make available.

4.4 For all interclub matches the Match Committee will settle all disputes or matters submitted to it and its decision will be final.

4.5 Correspondence to the Match Committee must be written on Club stationery and submitted via the Division Secretary.

4.6 The Match Committee has the power to program Saturday pennant and Championship events on public holidays

4.7 For all Division Events any matters not covered in section 2 above, or the rules set out in sections 4 to 38 below, the decision of the Match Committee is final.

5. ELigibility of PLAYERS

5.1 A player must be a registered financial member of a Club that is registered with Bowls Victoria as per the Bowls Victoria and BDBD registration process.

5.2 A player must also be recorded on the BV database as eligible to represent the Club in both Pennant and Championship events*.*

5.3 A player that has an approved Clearance or a Current Pennant Permit issued by Bowls Victoria *(and Division Secretary notified*).

6. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS – *Penalties apply Rule 30*

6.1 A player who is unregistered as per rules 5.1, 5.2.

6.2 A player who represents a second Club during the season without receiving a Clearance or Permit as per rule 5.3

6.3 A player who is un-financial at their current or former Club. (*if* *Match Committee is so* *advised in writing by the Club* ). rule 5.1

6.4 A bowler who has is currently barred from a club.

6.5 A player who plays in two matches programmed for any one round of the same competition even where those matches are played on different days.

7. COMPLIANCes

7.1 Correct Bowling Attire must be worn by players selected for all Side Fixtures. Non-compliance may result in disqualification of the Side/s concerned unless their Club provides a satisfactory explanation.

7.2 All players must be selected on descending order of ability in accordance with Bowls Victoria COP and Equal Opportunity rulings.

7.3 Both Saturday and Tuesday Pennant are Open Competitions available to all eligible bowlers.

8. TRIAL ENDS

Sides are allowed two trial ends (one from each end of the rink) prior to the scheduled start time.

If trial ends are not completed by scheduled start time, they must cease.

9. Start Times *following trial ends*

9.1 Tuesday Pennant - Start 12.pm. No Afternoon Tea

9.2 Saturday Pennant -Start 1.15pm. No Afternoon Tea

9.3 For Saturday Pennant, all Clubs may arrange to play their match/es (with the agreement from the opposing team/s) to play their scheduled match/es at any time prior to or past the normal competition starting time of 1 p.m. on the Saturday.  All match/es for the Round must be completed by 10.p.m. on the Saturday night - on the scheduled day of play.  The B.D.B.D. Match/Pennant Committee must be advised of any and all alterations.

9.4 A grace period of 30 minutes is allowed. Should any Club fail to appear within the approved time, the Club ready to play may claim the match.

**10.** Number of Ends

Each match consists of **21 ends per rink.**

11. Composition/RESTRICTIONS

11.1 Both Saturday and Tuesday Pennant are conducted as Open Competitions available to all eligible bowlers.

11.2 Saturday Pennant - A Club may not have more than one Side in the same Division except in its lowest Division.

11.3 Tuesday Pennant-a club may have two Sides in any Division except the Premier Division.

11.4 Tuesday Pennant Div.’s Premier 1, 2, 3 – shall be played only of a Tuesday and may contain a maximum of TWO males per rink who shall play in alternate positions.

11.5 FOR TUESDAY PENNANT ONLY If there are insufficient numbers of women—Three Men can play—Women must play third or skip. Male players permitted are to be From Saturday Division 5 and below**;**

***Note 11.4 Legislation is in place that to encourage women to participate in sport some restrictions are permitted.***

11.6 Where a Club has more than one Side in the same Division, Sides must be assigned a numerical identifier e.g. ABC Bowling Club 1, ABC Bowling Club 2.

11.7 Pennant Divisions are classified in numerical order. A new Side entering Pennant will be placed in the lowest applicable Division.

11.8 Sides will be filled by available players in descending order of ability.

11.9 If there are insufficient players available on a day of play to fill all Sides entered by a Club, the lowest numbered Side will be the Side which forfeits.

11.10 A player will not play in more than one Side in the same round of the BDBD pennant competition.

12. PRE-Match Conditions

12.1 **Attire** - Correct Bowling Attire must be worn by players selected for all Side Fixtures. Non-compliance may result in disqualification of the Side/s concerned, unless their Club provides a satisfactory explanation.

12.2 **Selection** - All players must be selected on descending order of ability in accordance with Bowls Victoria COP and Equal Opportunity rulings.

12.3 **Practice Away Sides** - Are not permitted to practice on the day of play. Practice is allowed the days before the match is to be played if permission is given by the home Club.

12.4 **Home Sides** - Saturday Pennant may practice before 12 noon (Tuesday 11am) on the day on rinks other than which they may be drawn to play, or on any part of the rink allocated for the match by direction of the Club (including East/ West or on the pegs if the game was to be played North/South, and vice versa if the game was to be played East/West).

**12.5 Side Managers -** Each side will appoint a Manager who is responsible for drawing the cards with the opposing Manager and completing the Result Form.

12.6 **Opposing Managers** will conduct the draw for rinks/opponents prior the commencement of the trial ends.

12.7 **Opposing Managers** will exchange cards and shuffle them. The Manager for the Home Side will place cards name face down and the opposing Manager will place a card (name face down) on each of those cards to determine rink allocations.

***12.8 Note: Players are not permitted to amend POP once the cards have been drawn and issued.***

12.9 **Rinks -** Rinks allocated for Pennant play must be consecutively numbered and where possible played on the one green. Teams that are part of a Side may not be allocated to split rinks on the same green; for example, allocating rinks 1, 2, 6 & 7 to a Pennant Side.

12.10 **Discs -** Coloured Club Identification Discs approved by the BDBD must be used on bowls, except where there is a similarity of colour, in this case, the Away Side will remove their discs.

Clubs must have approval of the BDBD Board before changing their bowls discs’ designs or colours.

The Match Committee reserves the right to require Clubs and/or players, to change discs for Pennant or Championship events.

**13. UMPIRES**

13.1 If an Accredited Umpire is in attendance they must resolve any matters relating to the conduct of play.

13.2 Where a home side does not have an Umpire and an Accredited Umpire is representing the visiting side, they can be asked to Umpire.

13.3 Where an Accredited Umpire is not available, a non-accredited Umpire may be nominated.

13.4 Matches cannot proceed without an Umpire

13.5 The Umpire for a match is not permitted to be the Side Manager.

**14. DELAYING PLAY**

14.1 If an Umpire by their own observation or on appeal by a Side Manager decides a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of their bowl or a Skip is acting or issuing instructions designed to delay play, a warning will be issued to the Skip.

14.2 If an Umpire forms the opinion that the player or Skip has repeated the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and their opponent will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by their opponent

15. PENNANT RESULT VIA BOWLS LINK OR approved alternative

15.1 The Home Side Manager is responsible for lodging the Pennant Result via Bowls Link in place for the pennant season.

15.2 For Post Sectional Matches, the first named Side acts as the Home Side and lodges results as per the instructions for each round.

15.3 All pennant results are to be lodged with Bowls Link per instruction.

15.4 The Pennant Recorders instructions may change from time to time and it is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that they comply with the instructions in place at any given time.

15.5 If the BDBD Match Committee cancel all play, Result entry via Bowls link is not required.

15.6 If a match is abandoned after commencement, result entry via Bowls link is required.

15.7 If there is a Bye, Forfeit or Walkover received, Result entry via Bowls link is not required with the intended player’s names to enable those players who would have played in that match to qualify for finals.

15.8 The BDBD may at its discretion implement revisions to the process for recording pennant results.

***Note: Section 15 above is subject to change as a result of the new IT system Bowls Link ‘Member Point’.***

***Clubs will need to be vigilant with any issued updates.***

**16. ALLOCATION OF POINTS**

16.1 If the BDBD Match Committee cancels all play on a day - No points will be allocated.

16.2 If less than half the matches in a Sectional round of a Division are completed, all matches in that Division to be played on that day will be deemed abandoned. A Walkover or Bye is counted as a completed match for the purpose of this rule–Total rink points to be shared equally.

16.3 Where competing sides agree that play is discontinued due to weather conditions, that match is deemed an abandoned match unless Rule 23.4 applies.

16.4 If a Division contains a Bye in the Draw, all Clubs will receive the same points even though there may be a washout.

16.5 Points will be allotted as per the following table

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| **Sides of 8, 12 and 16** | | **Walk Overs/ Bye received** | |
| Side Win | 10 pts | 8 a side | 14 pts + 10 shots |
| Rink Win | 2 pts | 12 a side | 16 pts + 10 shots |
| Tied Rink | 1 pt | 16 a side | 18 pts + 15 shots |
| Side Draw | 5 pts | Bye as for a win |  |
| Rink Win | 2 pts |  |  |
| Tied Rink | 1 pt |  |  |
| **Abandoned with no result** | | **Walkover and Forfeits given** | |
| 8 a side | 7pts | 8 a side | 0 pts -0 shots |
| 12 a side | 8 pts | 12 a side | 0 pts - 0 shots |
| 16 a side | 9 pts | 16 a side | 0 pts -0 shots |

17. Ladder Positions

17.1 The order of the sides in each Division will be determined by the total points gained.

17.2 Where two or more sides have the same number of points, ladder positions will be determined in the following sequence:

a. Number of wins

b. Shots up

c. Aggregate shots scored divided by aggregate shots scored against for each tied side.

**Board Note: For the purpose of this rule only, where there is a match tied on shots, but one side gains a greater number of points, that side will be credited with a win.**

18. Eligibility for finals

18.1 **Interchanging of a player between sides prior to Finals -** (*Sectional Round*s) Prior to Round 12 of a Side Competition there will be no restriction on the interchange of players between sides of a Club.

18.2 For the last three rounds of the Competition, no Side will include more than three players who have played the majority of their games, prior to the THIRD last round, in a higher graded side.

18.3 **Interchanging of a player between sides in Finals -** (*Post Sectional*) A Side may not include any player who during the current season has played less than THREE games for the Club in that Side competition.

18.4 A Side may not include any player who, during the current season has played more than four games in any higher numbered Side unless the player has also played in four or more games in the Side concerned and/or in a lower graded side.

18.5 A Club who has insufficient eligible players for any finals of a Division pennant competition may apply to the Division Match Committee for approval to play other players from the Club. If this is approved is granted, then such players may play in any position other than skip.

18.6 Where clubs have TWO sides in one division, player who have played seven or more games in one side cannot transfer to the other side.

**19. PENNANT FINALS**

19.1 All Pennant Finals will be played on neutral greens.

19.2 Finals will be conducted as follows:-

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| **Preliminary Finals** | **Grand Final** |
| Match A -1 v 4  Match B- 2 v 3 | Match A Winner  v  Match B Winner |

**Note: *Should weather or abnormal conditions prevent the normal order of play, the Match Committee has the right to vary finals schedules and venues.***

**20. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION**

20.1 For the 2020-21 season there is to be no promotion nor relegation

21. Weather CONDITION AFFECTING PLAY

21.1 BDBD Cancellation of play - At any time up to two hours prior to the scheduled start of play; The BDBD Match Committee has the sole authority to determine whether play is cancelled for the day.

21.2 Any decision regarding the cancellation of play will be announced on Radio and Clubs advised via other forms of communication.

21.3 For all post sectional matches, the Match Committee has the authority to determine whether play is abandoned for the day at any time prior to commencement of play.

**22.** GREEN CLOSURES

22.1 Home clubs must advise the match Committee no later than 10 for Saturday pennant and 10am for Tuesday pennant if they have closed their greens for pennant play.

22.2 For the purpose of the above rule, the Greens Director of a Club is the person carrying out these duties (or their nominee e.g., the Chairman of the Greens Committee).

22.3 Home Clubs are responsible for making the relevant personnel available to act for the purpose of rules 22.1 and 22.2

22.4 If the BDBD Match Committee have not determined that play is abandoned, each Club’s Green Director or their deputy (or nominee) has the sole authority to determine whether play may be commenced on that Club’s greens.

22.5 Any Club that closes its greens under this rule must endeavor to transfer any affected matches to another location and advise its appointed Match Committee representative of any alternative arrangements made.

23. ABANDONING

23.1 ***Before*** - when a decision is made to abandon play before the arrival of the visiting side/s, the affected Clubs must be advised promptly.

23.2 ***Stopped* *During*** - when play for the day has commenced, but is then stopped due to weather conditions, it cannot be resumed if the Greens Director or his Deputy (or nominee) declares the green unfit for play.

23.3 In the absence of any decision to declare greens unfit for play, the Managers will decide whether to resume play.

23.4 ***Unable to complete* - a**fter play commences, a **sectional match that is unable to complete the required number of ends because of weather conditions becomes an abandoned match unless the score for one side is sufficient that even without the completion of the remaining ends, it would win the match; in this case, the leading side is awarded the match with the scores at the time the match was abandoned.**

24. RAIN

24.1 When play ceases because of rain, sides cannot return to the green until rain has stopped completely, the green is playable and completely free of surface water.

24.2 Where the decision to resume play is the responsibility of Managers and both Managers agree, play may resume. If an agreement is not reached, the Umpire is responsible for a final decision. Any disputed pennant results can be referred to the BDBD Match Committee.

25. DELAYED/INTERRUPTED MATCHES

25.1 If a pennant match has not commenced by 2.00 pm for Tuesday Matches or 3.00pm for Saturday Matches as a result of weather conditions, it must be abandoned.

25.2 If a Sectional Match is delayed or interrupted by weather conditions and has not been completed or abandoned before 4.30pm for Tuesday Matches or 7:00pm for Saturday Matches, it must be abandoned at 4.30 (Tuesday) or 7:00pm (Saturday),

25.3 If the Match Committee has not determined that all play is cancelled for the day and a sectional match is abandoned after commencement as a result of weather conditions, it becomes an abandoned match.

25.4 If a post-sectional (knock-out) match is abandoned, it will be completed or played under conditions determined by the Match Committee.

26 HOT WEATHER PROVISIONS

26.1 Each Club must place a digital thermometer in an approved box in the open near the green or greens away from buildings. An electronic thermometer attached to a verandah may be used.

26.2 If at any time, the temperature shown on the thermometer reaches 38 degrees C for Saturday Pennant or 36 degrees C for Monday Pennant, play is suspended to allow time to monitor the temperature.

26.3 Play can recommence if the temperature drops below the level set for the relevant pennant competition. If this does not occur after a 30-minute delay, the match is abandoned.

26.4 Any home Club whose match is abandoned due to heat/rain should advise the other home Clubs in their Side.

26.5 Side Managers are the sole personnel responsible for checking temperature and they must agree on the temperature reading.

26.6 Failure to reach agreement must be referred to the appointed Umpire for decision.

26.7 Where the Bureau of Meteorology forecast for the day is 32C or above, the highest temperature reading for the day must recorded on the Pennant Result Form (or alternative is use at the time).

26.8 ***Code Red Fire Days***. All Pennant matches will be cancelled.

**27. INCOMPLETE SIDE**

27.1 If, 30 mins after the scheduled start time a player is absent from one or more teams. / Or a player who has commenced play is unable to continue and no eligible substitute is available

a. A team with the absent player plays as though the Second is the missing player.

b. The order of play will be maintained by the second of the complete team playing consecutive bowls.

c. Each players uses 2 bowls.

d. The skips of both teams carry and maintain the score cards.

e. An absentee player arriving late must take their original place in the team and enter the game at the completion of the end in progress.

**28. CONCEDING**

28.1 After a match has commenced, Sides have the right to concede and the winning score will be given to the opposition Side. This to be treated same as forfeit.

**29. SUBSTITUTES** DR 2.4

29.1 Definition. A player who is appointed to take the place of a team member who is unavailable to play at any time (including the first end of any game), for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body. dr 2.1.3

29.2 Substitutes must play in the same position as the player being substituted, except if it is the skip then the other members of the team must re-arrange their positions as necessary. DR 2.4.5

29.3 Only one substitute is permitted per Team.

**30. PENALTIES**

30.1 An **Ineligible** player named in a *winning side* will result in all rink points being given to the opposition and scores reversed.

30.2 An **Ineligible** player named in a *losing Side* will result in all rink wins being given to the opposition and scores remain as per pennant result sheets.

Penalty 30.1 and 30.2 will apply to every match where a Club is found to be in breach.

30.3 An infringement of Rule 33.3 will be liable to lose all points scored in the match or matches concerned.

30.4 Any Side in the pennant competition that forfeits or fails to fulfil a scheduled match without justifiable cause (as determined by the Match Committee) will be liable for payment of a penalty.

**Pennant walkover payments are:** 1st and 2nd Offence $25

3rd Offence $50

Any Subsequent Walkover $100

30.5 Withdrawal of Sides after the completion of the pennant draw will incur a penalty payment of $440

**31. GREEN SPEED -** The recommended Green speeds for BDBD Pennant play are a minimum of 13 seconds and a maximum of 17 seconds.

**32. PENNANT DRAW**

32.1 The Pennant Season consists of 14 rounds of sectional (home and away) play.

32.2 Where possible, all Sides in the Pennant Competition will consist of ten sides.

32.3 The number of Sides in the Lowest Division will be determined by the Match Committee in accordance with the number of Sides entered by Clubs in that Division.

32.4 The Home Side appears first in the draw.

32.5 No Club can vary from the draw or commencement time without obtaining permission from the Match Committee.

32.6 The dates for the Post Sectional Rounds will be the two weeks following the completion of Sectional Rounds, unless otherwise determined by the Match Committee.

33.1 All Clubs must do their utmost to fulfill all programmed engagements.

33.2 If a Club finds that it cannot fill all Sides, any walk-over or walk-overs must be given in the lowest Side or Sides in which the Club is competing.

33.3 A Club infringing rule 33.2 will be liable for Penalty Rule 30.3.

33.4 If a Club does not wish to give a walk-over and is unsuccessful in gaining sufficient substitutes, it is permitted to play with one member short in more than one team in its lowest Side. *Rule 27 to apply*.

APPENDIX

RULES APPLICABLe to Pennant and events where the BDBD is the controlling boDy

34. Alcohol

34.1 As per Bowls Victoria Region and Division Pennant Conditions of Play, the consumption of alcohol on the green by a player while a match is in progress is not permitted.

34.2 The consumption of alcohol (defined as any beer, wine, spirit, spirit mixer or any drink containing alcohol) is not permitted

34.3 A failure to comply can result in the Umpire applying an Instantaneous Penalty.

35. Smoking

35.1 Is not permitted on the green. (*defined as having a lit cigarette, pipe, cigar, electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) including \*e-cigs, \*e-cigarettes and any other form of smoking device)*

35 2 Smoking is only permitted in the designated area as determined by the Club.

35.3 A failure to comply can result in the Umpire applying an Instantaneous Penalty.

**36. MOBILE PHONES**

36.1 The use of Mobile Phones/MP3Players/iPods/iPads/Pagers and/or other similar Sounding Communication Devices is not permitted on the green.

36.2 Should a player have legitimate reason (medical or emergency) to use a mobile phone they must have permission from the Controlling Body and notify the Umpire of the day prior to playing. If approved the player may carry the phone but it must be on silent (vibrate only) and responded to on the bank away from play.

36.3 A failure to comply can result in the Umpire applying an Instantaneous Penalty.

**37. INSTANTANEOUS PENALTIES (IP)**

37.1 If an Umpire, by observation or on appeal by the Controlling Body, Side Manager, Skip or opponent decides a player is non-compliant then the end shall be immediately regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender shall be awarded as many shots as their bowls in use by the opponents.

37.2 If the Umpire forms the opinion on a second occasion that the same player is non-compliant the player will be excluded from taking part in the game. A substitute will not be permitted and the defaulting team will forfeit the game.

37.3 An instantaneous penalty applied to one player in a team shall be considered as an IP to all players in that team.

37.4 Any of the above Umpire imposed sanctions are final and cannot be contested, disregarded or appealed.

37.5 The Umpire shall also forward a written report to the Division Secretary within seven (7) days of the incident.

**38. REGULATIONS**

Members should familiarise themselves with all V111 Parts of the Regulations (Rules) as they are binding on all members.

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