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**The 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Crystal Mark 3rd Edition' shall govern all games.**

**A copy of these Conditions of Play MUST be included in the Umpires Equipment at all Metropolitan Pennant venues.**

## **1. DEFINITIONS**

### **1.1 Side**

The number of teams as described in Rule 3.1.

### **1.2 Team**

Pair: a Team of two players whose positions, in order of play, are 'Lead' and 'Skip'.

Triple: a Team of three players whose positions, in order of play, are 'Lead', 'Second' and 'Skip'.

Four: a Team of four players whose positions, in order of play, are 'Lead', 'Second', 'Third', and 'Skip'.

### **1.3 Rink**

The section of the green on which a game is to be played.

### **1.4 Division**

A level of competition e.g. Premier League, Division 1 etc.

### **1.5 Section**

A sub-division of a level of competition and made up of 6, 8, 10, or 12 sides as required.

### **1.6 Competition**

**1.6.1** These Conditions of Play are applicable to three competitions:

Saturday      Open gender

Wednesday    Men

Thursday      Women

**1.6.2** Open gender competition – open to all eligible Bowls SA members as per Rule 2.2.

**1.6.3** Single gender competition – a gender specific competition, with the exception of the inclusion of Opposite Gender players as per Rule 2.6.

### **1.7 Domestic Regulation (DR)**

Regulations created by Bowls Australia that vary from the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY**

### **2.1 Member Clubs**

A Member Club may compete if it conforms to the requirements of the Bowls SA and MBA Constitutions and By-Laws, and the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

### **2.2 Player Registration**

**2.2.1** A Member may only play Metropolitan pennants for the Member Club with which the Member is a current Full or Junior/Student Member and has paid the applicable Full or Junior/Student registration, except where allowed by the Laws of the Sport or by the issue of a Pennant Permit by the MBA.

**2.2.2** A Member may only play Metropolitan pennants if they have a current Full or Junior/Student registration, except where allowed by the Laws of The Sport of Bowls or these Rules & conditions of Play.

**2.2.3** A Fully registered member of Bowls SA may play in a mid-week (Monday – Friday inclusive) pennant competition or Saturday Pennant competition for a Member Club other than the member's nominated Member Club provided:

- the member's nominated Member Club does not participate in a comparable mid-week (Monday – Friday inclusive) pennant competition or Saturday pennant competition; and
- both Member Clubs involved consent by completing and submitting a Pennant Permit form plus payment to the MBA for approval.

A Pennant Permit form is required to be completed and approved annually.

The abbreviation of the player's nominated Member Club must be recorded on the scorecards alongside the player's name.

### **2.3 Substitutes**

(Refer to Laws of the Sport of Bowls - DR 2.1 for definitions of: Eligible Member; Constituted Player; Replacement Player; & Substitute)

**2.3.1** (SUB) Substitute must be recorded on the scorecards next to the player's name.

**2.3.2** Where a constituted player absents themselves during the game Law 39.2.1 & DR 2.3 (for introducing substitutes) shall apply.

**2.3.3** In a club's lowest side in either the four, three or two team side competition, DR 2.5 shall apply.

**2.3.4** When a Member Club has more than one side entered in the lowest level of the competition, its lowest side for the purpose of these rules will be the side as determined under Rule 3.5.

## 2.4 Player absence

If, after 30 minutes after the scheduled start time for a game, one player is absent from one or more teams in a side, and no eligible substitute player is available or allowed, the game must continue and the following shall apply (refer DR 2.5):

### 2.4.1 Fours Competitions:

- 2.4.1.1 A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player;  
The order of play shall be maintained by the second of the complete team playing consecutive bowls;  
Each player must use the number of bowls specified in the Conditions of Play for the event.
- 2.4.1.2 If a player has commenced the game, however is unable to continue the game and no eligible substitute or replacement player is available or allowed, play will continue as per Rule 2.4.1.1.
- 2.4.1.3 If an absent player arrives late, they must take their original place in the team when they arrive and enter the game at the completion of the end in progress
- 2.4.1.4 If an eligible substitute becomes available and is permitted by the Controlling Body they may be introduced to the game to allow it to commence, or at the completion of the end in progress.

### 2.4.2 Wednesday Premier League and Divisions 1 & 2:

- 2.4.2.1 A side arriving without a full complement of players (with no substitutes available) shall distribute the available players across teams to create a full complement in as many disciplines as possible. Any discipline that does not have a full complement of players (except in fours which can play one player short in each team as in DR 2.5) after 30 minutes after the scheduled start time of a game will forfeit.
- 2.4.2.2 If in any discipline (other than fours), after the start of the game, a player withdraws and there is no substitute available, that discipline will forfeit and the other disciplines continue.
- 2.4.2.3 The side receiving the forfeit shall be allocated points and shots as per Rule 5.6.

## 2.5 Open Gender Pennant Competitions

In Open Pennant Competitions, each Member Club shall have a selection policy based solely on merit and any player who is eligible for selection shall be entitled to be considered to play in any position in the team based on merit.

## 2.6 Opposite Gender Players (OG)

In single gender competitions, the following rules for the use of Opposite Gender Players will apply.

The spirit of these rules is to prevent forfeits and so ensure that as many players as possible get a game but also to discourage the selection of Opposite Gender Players to gain an unfair advantage.

- 2.6.1 No Opposite Gender Player shall be selected for a game if the Member Club has sufficient available registered same gender players.
- 2.6.2 If a Member Club has insufficient same gender players available, then any eligible member of that Member Club may be used in the Member Club's lowest side, as follows:
  - 2.6.2.1 On Wednesday, Opposite Gender Players may only be selected from eligible Pennant playing members of that club who do not play regularly at Division One level or above on Thursday or at Division Three level or above on Saturday, or non-Pennant playing members who are assessed at that level.
  - 2.6.2.2 On Thursday, Opposite Gender Players may only be selected from eligible Pennant playing members of that club who do not play regularly at Division Two level or above on Wednesday or Division Three on Saturday, or non-Pennant playing members who are assessed at that level.
  - 2.6.2.3 Opposite Gender Players may only play as Lead or Second.
  - 2.6.2.4 OG (Opposite Gender) must be recorded on the scorecard next to the player's name.
  - 2.6.2.5 Opposite Gender players may not be used in any side in Thursday Premier League or Division One.

## 2.7 Temporary Registration (TR)

- 2.7.1 In a Member Club's lowest side, when there are insufficient Full or Junior/Student registered bowlers available to field a side, that Member Club may play as a Temporary Registrant a Bowls SA registered Associate Member, a casual or Night Owl bowler, or a member of an interstate or overseas bowling club that is under the jurisdiction of the World Bowls Board or Bowls Australia.
- 2.7.2 (TR) must be recorded on the scorecards next to the player's name.
- 2.7.3 An "Additional Players Used" form must be completed and submitted (as per Rule 4.4.7) for a player not already active on the SportsTG database.
- 2.7.4 A Night Owl player or casual bowler is eligible to play three pennant games as a Temporary Registrant.

## 2.8 Unregistered Players

- 2.8.1 Except in cases otherwise referred to in these Metropolitan Conditions of Play, all players must be Full or Junior/Student registered members of Bowls SA to be eligible to compete in Metropolitan Pennant competitions. Any Member Club playing an unregistered player in any Metropolitan Pennant competition will be penalised in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and the Bowls SA & MBA Constitutions and By-Laws. The penalty will be a loss of side points.
- 2.8.2 A full audit may be conducted by Match & Program Committee at a scheduled time during the season and spot audits will continue throughout the season. In the event of a side forfeit penalty being imposed, the side receiving the forfeit will not be penalised shots up if they have scored greater than those allocated for a forfeit.

## 2.9 Player Eligibility & Movement between sides – Minor Rounds

A Club can enter any number of Sides up to the maximum number which can be accommodated on the rinks available for its use and which the Club can conceivably fill week to week.

**2.9.1** Sides of a Club will be ranked 1, 2, 3, 4 etc. in descending order of ability for each competition.

**2.9.2** If a Club does not have sufficient Players to form a Side it can seek approval from Match & Program Committee to combine with another Club or Clubs to enter a side in the lowest Division. The application must be made by the Club accepting responsibility for the Side and be accompanied by written approval of the other Club or Clubs.

**2.9.3** If a Club does not have sufficient Players to form a Side for the Club's lowest ranked Side, the Side can play with one or more Teams of three Members playing as Lead, Third and Skip respectively in accordance with DR 2.5.1.

**2.9.4** Sides will be filled by available Players in descending order of ability. Subject to Rule 2.9.3, if there are insufficient Players available to fill all Sides entered by the Club in the Pennant Competition the lowest Side will be the Side which forfeits.

**2.9.5** Prior to round 15 of Minor Round play there will be no restriction on the interchange of Players between the Sides of a Club.

**2.9.6** For the last four rounds of Minor Round play, no Side will include more than three players who have played the majority of their games, prior to the fourth last game, in a higher ranked Side.

**2.9.7** In exceptional circumstances a permit may be sought from Match & Program Committee.

## 2.10 Player Eligibility - Finals

**2.10.1** In any finals game a Side shall only include Players who, during the current season, have played five games or more for the Club in that actual competition (the Saturday Pennant Competition and the Midweek Pennant competitions are separate competitions and games played in one competition do not count towards Player eligibility in the other competition).

**2.10.2** In any finals game a Side shall only include Players who, during the Home and Away season, have played at least as many games in the Side concerned or any lower ranked side as in all higher ranked Sides.

**2.10.3** If any Club is uncertain of having available sufficient Members who are eligible under Rule 2.10 it can apply, in writing, to Match & Program Committee for permission to play if necessary other nominated Members (Night Owls etc.) and if permission is granted such Members can play in any position other than Skip.

## 3. COMPETITION FORMAT & SCHEDULE

### 3.1 Sides

Each side shall consist of the following number of players:

#### **Saturday**

Premier League, Divisions 1 – 5: Four teams of four players

Divisions 6 and lower: Three teams of four players

#### **Wednesday**

Premier League, Divisions 1-2: Five Teams - Pairs (1) Triples (2) Fours (2)

Division 3: Four teams of four players

Divisions 4 and lower: Three teams of four players

#### **Thursday**

Premier League, Divisions 1-3: Three teams of four players

Divisions 4 and lower: Two teams of four players

### 3.2 Ends to be played

#### **3.2.1 Wednesday Premier League & Divisions 1 & 2**

Fours: 21 ends

Triples: 25 ends (2 bowls per player)

Pairs: 18 ends (2-2-2-2)

#### **3.2.2 All other Competitions**

Fours: 21 ends

### 3.3 Side Divisions

#### **Saturday**

Premier League and Divisions 1 & 2: One section each of 10 sides

Division 3: Two sections each of 10 sides

Divisions 4 and lower: The number of sections and sides to be determined by Match & Program Committee.

#### **Wednesday**

Premier League and Division 1: One section each of 10 sides

Division 2: Two sections each of 10 sides

Division 3 and lower: The number of sections and sides to be determined by Match & Program Committee.

#### **Thursday**

Premier League and Division 1: One section each of 10 sides

Division 2: Two sections each of 10 sides

Division 3 and lower: The number of sections and sides to be determined by Match & Program Committee.



### 3.4 Side Limits

Member Clubs will be limited to the following number of sides in each Division:

#### Saturday

- Premier League: One Side
- Divisions 1 - 3: One Side in each division
- Divisions 4 - 7: As determined by Match & Program Committee.

#### Wednesday

- Premier League: One Side
- Divisions 1 & 2: One Side in each division
- Divisions 3 – 5: As determined by Match & Program Committee.

#### Thursday

- Premier League: One Side
- Divisions 1 & 2: One Side in each division
- Divisions 3 & 4: As determined by Match & Program Committee.

Where a Member Club has more than one side in a Division, Match & Program Committee will place the sides as it sees fit with due consideration to travel of all sides in the Sections and requests from the Member Club.

### 3.5 Multiple Sides

Where a Member Club has more than one side in the same Division the sides will be designated Red, White and Blue; Red being the primary side and White the secondary side.

### 3.6 Draw Vacancy

When a vacancy occurs in the draw, the opposing sides will be granted a Bye, and awarded points or shots as applicable under Rule 5.9.

In the event of the withdrawal or addition of a side by a Member Club, Match & Program Committee will consider a redraw of the section if necessary to avoid Byes.

### 3.7 Home & Away

All games shall be played in a 'Home and Away' format as in the 'Order of Draw'.

Fixtures will be distributed to Member Clubs and posted on on-line once confirmed. Any changes will also be distributed in the same way.

### 3.8 Combined Sides

**3.8.1** Where two Member Clubs have a side or sides entered in a competition and have additional players but insufficient to field another complete side they may enter a combined side. Where a combined side is entered, Members of those Member Clubs, in accordance with Rule 2.2, may play for the combined side as original members.

**3.8.1.1** The title of such side shall be determined by the Member Clubs concerned but shall NOT be the name of only one of those Member Clubs.

**3.8.1.2** The 'Home' venue for sides with joint titles shall be notified to their opponents as soon as possible.

**3.8.1.3** Players playing in a combined side are required to wear the uniform of their Member Club and use the bowls discs of their Member Club.

#### 3.8.2 Player Permits

When a Member Club has insufficient players of a gender to fill a (single) side in the competition of that gender, their members may seek a permit to play in that competition with another Member Club (as per Rule 2.2). Any player who receives a permit shall be eligible for selection in any side and in any position for the Member Club that they are issued a permit for. Players playing under a permit must wear the uniform of the member club that they are playing for.

### 3.9 Alternative Greens

If a Member Club, whose greens have been declared unsuitable or are unavailable for play, uses the rinks of another Member Club, the first mentioned club shall negotiate the payment of green fees and afternoon tea charges with the host club. It is the responsibility of the scheduled 'Home' club to advise the opponents of the change of venue.

### 3.10 Start Times

- Saturday: Trial ends 1.00pm - Play not later than 1.15pm
- Wednesday: Trial ends 12.15pm - Play not later than 12.30pm
- Thursday: Trial ends 9.45am - Play not later than 10.00am
- Friday: Trial ends 6.00pm – Play not later than 6.15pm
- Early start: Trial ends 9.15am – Play not later than 9.30am

At the scheduled starting time for games the Umpire of the Day will ensure that no further trial ends are played.

The starting and finishing times, day and date, and venue of any scheduled game may be varied, with the consent of the Member Clubs involved and the written approval of Match & Program Committee.

### 3.11 Late Arrival – Side

Should one side fail to appear at the time appointed, or within 30 minutes thereof, the opposing side, if ready to commence play, shall be awarded the game with points and shots as set out in Rule 5.6.

### 3.12 Practice

**3.12.1** Greens are to be made available to those wishing to practice by:

Saturday: 12.15pm  
Wednesday: 11.30am  
Thursday: 9.00am  
Friday: 5:15pm

or earlier at the discretion of the Home Club.

**3.12.2** On days of Heat Policy altered start times, greens may not be available for practice.

**3.12.3** In extraordinary circumstances relating to inclement weather or mechanical breakdown, the Greens Manager or their proxy may decide to close their green/s for practice to enable the completion of the playing surface.

**3.12.4** Players can practice on any rink of the green of play prior to the draw of rinks for the game. Side Managers must ensure that the rinks of play are drawn at 12:45 pm Saturday, 12 noon Wednesday, 9.30am Thursday, 5.45 pm Friday, and 9.00 am on early start Heat Policy games. Once the draw for rinks has been announced, practice will cease.

### 3.13 Trial Ends (Roll up)

Two trial ends are permitted on the rink drawn with the number of bowls to be used in the game; to commence and be completed in accordance with Rule 3.10.

### 3.14 Player Position

No changes to player positions shall be permitted before the commencement of play once the draw for rinks has been made, except for physical disablement, where permission must be sought from the opposing Side Manager and Umpire of the Day.

Any club failing to adhere to this rule shall have the game awarded to the opposing side in accordance with Rule 5.6.

### 3.15 Player Movement during Play

Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

#### Pairs:

Leads: after delivery of their third bowl  
Skips: after delivery of each of their second & third bowls

#### Triples:

Leads: after delivery of their second bowl  
Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl  
Skips: after delivery of each of their bowls

#### Fours:

Leads and Seconds: after the third player in their team has played their second bowl  
Thirds: after the delivery of their second bowl  
Skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a Skip can ask that a player walks up to the head earlier than described above.

### 3.16 Mid-Game Break

#### Saturday

Premier League & Divisions 1 – 2. There will not be a mid-game break.  
Divisions 3 and lower. An afternoon tea break shall be taken at 2.45pm.

#### Wednesday

An afternoon tea break shall be taken at 2.00pm.

#### Thursday

Players shall take a 10 minute break at the completion of 11 ends.

**Night Games.** There will not be a mid-game break.

**Early Start Heat Policy Games.** There will not be a mid-game break.

All times are subject to adjustment by agreement of Side Managers and Umpire of the day.

### 3.17 Finishing Time

In any competition, the result of the game will stand provided that sufficient ends have been completed to obtain a result in accordance with Rule 5.8. If, at the time limit, the Jack has been rolled, the end shall be completed but not replayed if it becomes dead.

#### Saturday:

Games commencing at 1.15pm will cease with the completion of the end in play at 5.45pm.

#### Wednesday:

Games commencing at 12.30pm will cease with the completion of the end in play at 5.00pm.

#### Thursday:

Games commencing at 10:00am will cease with the completion of the end in play at 2.30pm.

#### Night Games:

Games commencing at 6:15pm will cease with the completion of the end in play at 10.30pm.

#### Early Start Heat Policy Games:

Games will cease with the completion of the end in play at 2:00pm.



## 4. OFFICIALS

### 4.1 Umpire of the Day

The Host Club is responsible for supplying an Umpire of the Day, with the name of the Umpire to be shown on the host club's notice board. In the event that no qualified Umpire is able to be present at the Club on game day, the visiting side is to be approached and asked to supply an Umpire of the Day. In the event that both clubs are unable to provide a qualified Umpire of the Day, the Host Club is to appoint an experienced and suitable member to fulfill the role of Umpire of the Day.

### 4.2 Side Manager Responsibilities

#### 4.2.1 Prior to the game

Players names must be entered into the Online SportsTG Results Portal by the following times:

- Saturday pennants – Friday 10:00 am;
- Wednesday pennants – Tuesday 10:00 am.
- Thursday pennants – Wednesday 10:00 am;

#### 4.2.2 On game day

**4.2.2.1** Managers must be present at the venue at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time for trial ends, to enable the rinks to be drawn at that time (to allow trial end to commence at the scheduled time).

**4.2.2.2** If only one Side Manager is at the venue 5 minutes before the starting time for trial ends, that Side Manager will allocate the rinks so that their side can begin their trial ends at the scheduled time.

**4.2.2.3** Both Side Managers are to ensure that their scorecards are correctly completed with Date, Division, Section, Club Name, all Player's Names printed clearly with Last and First Name and, if applicable, Temporary Registrant (TR), Night Owl Administration Fee (NOP), Substitute (SUB), Opposite Gender (OG) or Permit (Player's Member Club Abbreviation) before commencing the draw.

### 4.3 Home Side Manager Responsibilities

Home Side Manager - Obtain rink allocation.

#### 4.3.1 Fours Competitions:

Where both sides have an equal number of teams of only three players, those teams shall be drawn together. Any additional three-member teams shall be drawn with the remaining four member teams. The draw for opponents and rinks shall be drawn separately for each of these groups. The teams shall then play as drawn.

- Home Side Manager - shuffle and place scorecards face down on table
- Visiting Side Manager - shuffle and place scorecards face down on top of Home side scorecards.
- Allocate Rinks to each pair of scorecards before they are moved
- Both Side Managers legibly complete players' names (Last and First Name) on corresponding scorecards. Ensure that all players names, Substitutes (SUB), Temporary Registrant (TR), Night Owl Administration Fee (NOP), Opposite Gender (OG) or Permit (Player's Club Abbreviation) notations are correctly recorded on the scorecards and initialed by the Umpire of the Day if necessary.
- Toss for mat – the result of toss to be recorded on each scorecard. (Suggest Member Club abbreviation to be written on front of the scorecard e.g. ADL=Adelaide)

#### 4.3.2 Wednesday Premier League & Division 1 & 2 Side Manager Responsibilities

- Home Side Manager - shuffle and place scorecards face down on table in three groups i.e. Pair on top row, Triples on second row and Fours on third row.
- Visiting Side Manager - shuffle and place scorecards face down on top of Home side scorecard groups to match.
- Both Side Managers complete players' names (Last and First Name) on corresponding scorecards. Ensure that all players names, Substitutes (SUB), Temporary Registrant (TR), Night Owl Administration Fee (NOP), Opposite Gender (OG) or Permit (Player's Club Abbreviation) notations are correctly recorded on the scorecards and initialed by the Umpire of the Day if necessary.
- Home Side Manager will shuffle their cards only face down and allocate rinks. The Away Side scorecards can be matched and the rink numbers recorded.
- Toss for mat – the result of toss to be recorded on each scorecard. (Suggest Member Club abbreviation to be written on front of the scorecard e.g. ADL=Adelaide)

### 4.4 Recording and confirming results

**4.4.1** After the game has been completed both Side Managers are to ensure that the Scorecards have been completed correctly, are signed in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and the Completion Time is recorded.

**4.4.2** The Home Side Manager is to confirm names and player positions on the Online SportsTG Results Portal.

**4.4.3** The Home Side Manager must ensure the Online score entry is correctly completed, saved and submitted before the time limit for results entry (refer to the On-line Results Entry Process).

**4.4.4** Once submitted the Away Side Manager is to confirm the results before the time limit for confirmation (using the On-line system).

**4.4.5** If there is a query concerning the accuracy of the results entered on-line, the Away Side Manager should not confirm the results. They should contact the Home Side by the end of the next business day following the game. If this fails to resolve the issue the MBA Secretary must be contacted via email ([metrobowls@bigpond.com](mailto:metrobowls@bigpond.com)) by the end of the second business day following the game giving details of any discrepancy.

**4.4.6** If a protest is pending by the Home Side, scores should be entered and saved but not submitted. If the Away Side is protesting they should not confirm the results. For protest procedures refer to Rule 10.

- 4.4.7** If there are any players used that are not on a Club's SportsTG member list then an Additional Players Used Form must be completed by the relevant Side manager and sent to the MBA Secretary by close of business on the next working day after the game has been completed.
- 4.4.8** If a game is abandoned, scores are to be recorded as per Rules 4.4.3 & 4.4.4.

## 5. SCORING AND RESULTS

### 5.1 Scorecards

- 5.1.1** Both scorecards for each team game shall be the responsibility of the Skipper from each team.
- 5.1.2** In a fours game the second of each team shall be responsible for the scorecard as in DR 3.2 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.
- 5.1.3** At the end of the game, players who are responsible for maintaining the scorecards must record the time of completion and sign both cards.

### 5.2 Scoreboards

The scoreboard may be updated at any time by any person but must be updated at least every second end and the Skipper, or second in a fours game, is responsible for ensuring it is correct as per the scorecard. Refer DR. 3.1 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

### 5.3 Scoring of game results

- 5.3.1** The results of each game shall be scored as follows:

#### Five Team Sides

Game points: Win 10 Draw 5 Loss 0

Team points: Win 2 Draw 1 Loss 0

#### Four Team Sides

Game points: Win 8 Draw 4 Loss 0

Team points: Win 2 Draw 1 Loss 0

#### Three Team Sides

Game points Win 6 Draw 3 Loss 0

Team points Win 2 Draw 1 Loss 0

#### Two Team Sides

Game Points Win 4 Draw 2 Loss 0

Team Points Win 2 Draw 1 Loss 0

- 5.3.2** Section winners and rankings will be determined according to the total points scored and in the event of two or more sides having equal points, then shots up shall decide. If points and shots up are equal, then the side with the least shots scored against it shall rank higher.

### 5.4 Forfeits - Advice

- 5.4.1** If a Member Club finds it cannot fill its sides after using the three players per team rule (DR. 2.5.1) and substitutes it must forfeit its lowest side.
- 5.4.2** A Member Club considering forfeiting a pennant game, due to insufficient players, MUST first contact the opposing club to ascertain whether they are able to supply additional players in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls to enable the game to continue. A Member Club finding it necessary to forfeit a game must endeavor to advise the opposing club by 5.00pm on the day prior to the day scheduled for the game. The MBA MUST be advised of the forfeit by fax 8351 8220, or by email [metrobowls@bigpond.com](mailto:metrobowls@bigpond.com)
- 5.4.3** Member Clubs forced by extenuating circumstances to forfeit on the morning of the game should on:

#### Thursday:

Advise the opposing club not later than 8.30am

#### Saturday & Wednesday:

Advise the opposing club not later than 10.00am

- 5.4.3** Where a club forfeits more than 30 minutes after the above times, that club shall be liable for a fine of \$110 (GST inc.). If the Member Club receiving the forfeit is the Home side, that Member Club will receive an allocation of 50% of the fine imposed.

### 5.5 Forfeits - Results

In the event of a forfeit both the Member Clubs involved are required to complete the results on the Online SportsTG Results Portal as indicated in Rule 4.4 above. The Side Manager of the Side forfeiting is also required to enter, in the Comments Section, the time and date the forfeit was advised to the opposition. The Side Manager of the Side receiving the forfeit should also ensure that players' names are entered as per Rule 4.2.1.

### 5.6 Forfeits – Scoring

- 5.6.1** When a side receives a forfeit, scoring will be as follows:  
 Five Team (Wednesday Premier League & Division 1 & 2) - 20 points and 20 Shots  
 Four Team (16-a-side) competitions - 16 points and 16 Shots  
 Three Team (12-a-side) competitions - 12 points and 12 Shots  
 Two Team (8-a-side) competitions - 8 points and 8 shots
- 5.6.2** When a side receives a forfeit of a team (Wednesday Premier League and Division 1 & 2), as per Rule 2.4.2, an allocation of 2 points and 4 shots will be awarded.

## 5.7 Forfeits - Withdrawal of side

- 5.7.1** Should a Member Club find it necessary to forfeit the same side on three consecutive occasions or on five occasions in total that side will be withdrawn from the competition and the side replaced with a BYE or the section will be re-drawn. A fine may be applied.
- 5.7.2** A Member Club is not permitted to play three players in each team in more than one side to enable both sides to play.

## 5.8 Scoring of Incomplete Games

- 5.8.1** If Match & Program Committee has not determined that all play shall be cancelled owing to inclement weather, and a game is cancelled, it shall be deemed to have been completed with the scores at the time of cancellation if:  
**Saturday & Wednesday 4 x 4 side Divisions:** 56 ends have been completed  
**Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday 3 x 4 side Divisions:** 42 ends have been completed  
**Wednesday (5 team sides):** 74 ends have been completed  
**Thursday 2 x 4 side Divisions:** 28 ends have been completed
- 5.8.2** If the required number of ends, as shown above, has not been completed, the game shall be treated as a draw with game points shared equally and two shots awarded to each team with the exception of Saturday Premier League and Divisions 1-3.  
**Saturday Premier League and Divisions 1-3.**  
These games will be designated as postponed and shall be resumed on the following Friday Night. (Refer Rule 8.1).

## 5.9 Scoring of Byes

- 5.9.1** When a side receives a Bye, scoring will be as follows:  
Four Team (16-a-side) competitions: 10 points and 5 Shots  
Three Team (12-a-side) competitions: 8 points and 5 Shots  
Two Team (8-a-side) competitions: 6 points and 5 shots
- 5.9.2** Where a bye has been created by the withdrawal of a side as per Rule 5.7, the full allocation of points as per Rule 5.6 will be applied.

## 5.10 Advice of Results

Results for the paper will be taken from the Online SportsTG Pennant Results Portal and do not need to be sent to the Sunday Mail/Advertiser, the MBA or Bowls SA. Results must be entered, saved and submitted on the Online SportsTG Pennant Results Portal by 7:00 pm on the day of play except in the case of Friday night games when they need to be saved by 12 noon the following day.

## 5.11 Late Results

- 5.11.1** Failure by a Member Club to submit pennant results within the time frame, as set down in Rule 5.10, without an acceptable explanation to the MBA, shall incur a fine of \$27.50 (GST inc.).
- 5.11.2** Second and subsequent failures to submit pennant results within the time frame, as set down in Rule 5.10, without an acceptable explanation to the MBA, shall incur a fine of \$55.00 (GST inc.).

## 6. DISRUPTION TO PLAY – INCLEMENT (WET) WEATHER

**Pennant games will be played at all venues that are open, even if the majority of other venues have been closed.**

In the event of inclement (wet) weather, players are to contact their Member Club to determine if play will proceed or be postponed. DO NOT contact Bowls SA, the MBA or Match & Program Committee.

### 6.1 Greens Unavailability

At each Member Club, the Greens Manager or their proxy shall decide whether or not the greens are unsuitable for play for the whole day. If the greens are unsuitable for play the Home Side will notify the designated contact for each of the Clubs that are playing at that venue on that day. This will be done before 10:00 am (Wednesday and Saturday) and 8:00 am (Thursday).

### 6.2 Cancellation at Venue Prior to Commencement of Play

If weather conditions deteriorate at a Member Club which has not declared its greens unsuitable for play for the whole day, the decision whether or not play shall start due to the condition of the greens, shall be the sole responsibility of the Member Club's Greens Manager or their proxy.

### 6.3 Cancellation during Play

- 6.3.1** When play has commenced and weather conditions deteriorate, the Umpire of the Day will stop play on affected greens if the Home Club's Greens Manager or their proxy closes the green. This may be in regard to the condition of one or all greens at the venue. Play shall not be resumed without the permission of the Greens Manager or their proxy.
- 6.3.2** The Umpire of the Day may also stop play if a Side Manager appeals on the grounds that the weather conditions are such that continuing to play would constitute a breach of duty of care. A Side Manager's appeal shall only affect the game in which their side is engaged and shall not affect any other games at the same venue.

- 6.3.3 The Umpire of the Day may also act on his/her own discretion without appeal from either Side Manager if it is felt that the conditions warrant cessation of play. If play has been stopped it shall not be resumed without permission of the Umpire of the Day.
- 6.3.4 Play will be cancelled for the day if it is not possible to resume after one hour from the time of the last stoppage. Play may not be cancelled until the expiry of the hour from the last stoppage.
- 6.3.5 Scoring of incomplete games will be in accordance with Rule 5.8.

## 7. DISRUPTION TO PLAY – EXTREME WEATHER (HEAT)

Refer to Metropolitan Pennant Heat Policy (Annexure A) for detailed information.

### 7.1 Management of Heat Policy (Member Clubs)

For each Metropolitan Pennant competition conducted by the MBA, an attempt will be made to commence and complete all games, as in the guidelines provided in Rule 7.1, 7.2 & 7.3 below.

In the event of extreme weather, Match & Program Committee reserves the right to cancel or reschedule all games.

For all games on all days of competition that are played on days of extreme heat, it is recommended that mid-game breaks are only taken upon mutual agreement between Side Managers. However, Side Managers are advised to be mindful of the duty of care for all participants and monitor the conditions and consider breaks, if necessary, to provide participants with opportunities to hydrate.

When a game is rescheduled to an earlier starting time, or on a day of extreme heat that has started at the normal time as per Rule 3.10, due to a forecast temperature being below the cut-offs provided below, it is imperative that Member Clubs have a process in place to monitor the temperature of the day.

### 7.2 Stoppages of Play

When play has commenced and the weather conditions deteriorate, play may be stopped by appeal of a Side Manager to the Umpire of the Day. The Umpire of the Day may also act on his/her own discretion without appeal from either side manager if it is felt the conditions warrant cessation of play, as per Rule 6.3.

### 7.3 Player Withdrawal

The withdrawal of any player from a side due to extreme weather during the course of the game can be dealt with in any of the following ways:

- The team in which the withdrawing player has played can cease play in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and the Conditions of Play applicable to the competition. For game results refer Rule 5.8.
- A substitute, if available may be used by agreement.
- The remaining players in the team may continue to play with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls applying. DR. 2.5

## 8. REPLAYS

### 8.1 Replays – Minor Rounds

#### 8.1.1 Saturday Premier League and Divisions 1-3

- 8.1.1.1 Any game not completed (suspended) (as per Rule 5.8) will be resumed on the following Friday night, or at a time determined by Match & Program Committee.
- 8.1.1.2 Games will resume from the point at which the game was suspended with the **same players in the same teams in the same positions within the sides**. Substitutes Refer LAW 32.4 & DR 2.3.
- 8.1.1.3 Where completion of a suspended game is not possible due to extreme weather conditions, or a clash of fixture, the game will be abandoned and Match & Program Committee will advise as to the date of replay.

#### 8.1.2 Saturday Divisions 4 and below & all Wednesday and Thursday Divisions

Any game not completed (as per Rule 5.8) will be treated as a draw with game points shared equally and two shots awarded to each team.

### 8.2 Replays - Finals

8.2.1 In the event of final games being suspended or abandoned due to extreme weather conditions, the following dates have been allocated to allow the Finals schedule to be amended by Match & Program Committee.

Saturday: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Wednesday: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Thursday: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018

8.2.2 If games are unable to be played on the above dates, games will be programmed for alternative days at the discretion of Match & Program Committee.

8.2.3 Suspended games will resume from the point at which the game was suspended with the **same players in the same positions in the same teams within the sides**. Substitutes - Refer LAW 32.4 & DR 2.3 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

## 9. FINALS

### 9.1 Finals Series

**9.1.1** A finals series will be held for the following Divisions:

- Saturday. Premier League and Divisions 1-5
- Wednesday. Premier League and Divisions 1-3
- Thursday. Premier League and Divisions 1-2

**9.1.2 Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday – all Divisions**

- The sides finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the end of the minor rounds, will contest the Finals.
- The Elimination Final will be between the sides finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
- First Semi-final will be between the sides finishing 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The loser of the Elimination Final is placed fourth.
- The winner of the Elimination final will play the loser of the First Semi-final in the Preliminary Final.
- The loser of the Preliminary Final is placed third.
- The winner of the Preliminary Final will be the second Grand Finalist.

**9.1.3 Finals dates:**

Saturday Elimination and Semi Finals	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Saturday Preliminary Final	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Saturday Grand Final	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Wednesday Semi & Elimination Finals	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Wednesday Preliminary Final	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Wednesday Grand Final	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018
Thursday Elimination and Semi Finals	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Thursday Preliminary Final	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018
Thursday Grand Final	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018

### 9.2 Arrangements of Play

- 9.2.1** Finals games will be played without time limits and without a mid-game break. Players will be responsible for their own lunch etc.
- 9.2.2** In the event of a draw after the full allotment of ends, Side Managers will toss for the mat and all teams shall complete one end from the end of the rink at which that game was finalised (refer to Law 28). In the event of there still being a draw, the procedure will be repeated until a winner is obtained.
- 9.2.3** If play cannot be completed due to extreme weather conditions, Rule 5.8 will apply. If the appropriate number of ends has not been completed, Match & Program Committee will determine when the games will be resumed as per Rule 8.2.

### 9.3 Venues/Officials – Finals

- 9.3.1** Semi and Elimination Finals will be played at the venue of the Minor Premier
- 9.3.2** Preliminary Finals will be played at the venue of the highest placed participant Side
- 9.3.3** Grand Finals will be played at venues as decided by Match & Program Committee

### 9.4 Player Eligibility

Refer to Rule 2.10.

## 10. PROTESTS/APPEALS

**Refer to MBA Complaints, Disputes, Protest Hearings & Appeals Tribunals Policy for detailed information.**

### 10.1 Protests – Minor Rounds

- 10.1.1** A protest by a Member Club against an alleged infringement of the Metropolitan Rules & Conditions of Play, or the Laws of the Sport of Bowls must be made in writing using the “Protests, Disputes & Complaints lodgement form”, clearly marked ‘Protest - Attention President’, and signed by the Member Club Administrative Secretary or another responsible officer of the Member Club.
- 10.1.2** The protest form, accompanied by payment of a fee of \$110 (including GST), shall be lodged with the MBA Secretary no later than one working day after completion of the game.
- 10.1.3** At the discretion of the MBA President or his representative, a Hearing Panel selected from members of the Hearing Panel pool shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the MBA to deal with the protest in line with the MBA Protest/Appeals Policy.
- 10.1.4** If the protest is resolved in favour of the party that made it and no appeal is lodged, the protest fee shall be refunded and, in these circumstances, the fee shall be charged against the losing party. For other situations, refer to the MBA Protest/Appeals Policy.

## 10.2 Protests – Finals

In the event of any protest by any Member Club during the playing of the Finals series, such protest shall be made in writing in accordance with Rule 10.1 except in circumstances where an immediate decision is required to enable the next Finals round to be played as scheduled or a Grand Final to be decided.

### Protests – Finals (Immediate Decision Required)

**10.2.1** In the event of a protest by a Member Club relating to a Final where an immediate decision is required to enable the next Finals round to be played as scheduled or a Grand Final to be decided., such protest shall be made in writing in accordance with Rule 10.1.1.

**10.2.2** The protest form, accompanied by payment of a fee of \$110 (including GST) shall be lodged with the Manager of the Day within 15 minutes of the completion of the game.

**10.2.3** The Manager of the Day shall immediately direct the protest to a member of the duly appointed Hearing Panel in attendance at the game. The protest shall be dealt with immediately and the decision given to the relevant parties forthwith.

## 10.3 Appeals – Minor Rounds

**10.3.1** The decision of the Hearing Panel may be appealed against in accordance with the MBA Protest/Appeals Policy. The appeal must be in writing using the “Notice of Appeal lodgement form”, clearly marked ‘Appeal - Attention President’, and signed by the Member Club Administrative Secretary or another responsible officer of the appealing Club.

**10.3.2** The appeal form, accompanied by payment of a non-refundable fee of \$550 (including GST), shall be lodged with the MBA Secretary no later than three working days following notification of the protest decision.

**10.3.3** The MBA President will arrange for the appeal to be forwarded to the CEO of Bowls SA within three working days or as soon as practicable following receipt of such notice.

## 10.4 Appeals – Finals

The decision of the Hearing Panel may be appealed in writing to the MBA in accordance with Rule 10.3. except in circumstances where an immediate decision is required to enable the next Finals round to be played as scheduled or a Grand Final to be decided.

### Appeals – Finals (Immediate Decision Required)

**10.4.1** In the event of an appeal of the decision of the Hearing Panel where an immediate decision is required to enable the next Finals round to be played as scheduled or a Grand Final to be decided, such appeal shall be made in writing to the MBA in accordance with Rule 10.3.1.

**10.4.2** The appeal form, accompanied by payment of a non-refundable fee of \$550 (including GST) shall be lodged with the Manager of the Day within 30 minutes following the protest decision.

**10.4.3** The Manager of the Day will immediately advise the designated MBA Executive Committee member in attendance at the game. The Committee member shall attend to the appeal within 30 minutes or as soon as practicable following receipt of such notice.

## 10.5 Hearing Panel Decisions

In the event of a player/s being suspended by a Hearing Panel, the player will be allowed to participate in all activities and events pending the decision of an appeal process unless it is believed necessary by the Hearing Panel to exclude the player/s from all or some activities and events after considering the nature of the complaint.

## 11. Promotions & Demotions

### 11.1 Saturday Promotions & Demotions:

#### Premier league

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> sides demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 1.

#### Division 1

Grand Final winner and Runner Up promoted if eligible.

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> sides demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 2.

#### Division 2

Grand Final winner and Runner Up promoted if eligible.

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> sides demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 3.



### **Division 3**

Grand Final winner of each section to be promoted if eligible.  
If ineligible, Grand Final Runner Up (from the same section) to be promoted if eligible.  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> sides of each section demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 4.

### **Division 4**

Grand Final winner of each section to be promoted if eligible.  
If ineligible, Grand Final Runner Up (from the same section) to be promoted if eligible.  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> sides of each section demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 5.

### **Division 5**

Grand final winner and Runners Up of each section promoted if eligible.  
Bottom two sides of each section demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 6.

### **Division 6**

Premiers of each section and required number of Runners Up promoted if eligible.  
Bottom two sides of each section demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 7.

### **Division 7**

Premiers of each section and required number of Runners Up based on ranking promoted if eligible.

## **11.2 Wednesday Promotions & Demotions:**

### **Premier league.**

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> sides demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 1.

### **Division 1**

Grand Final winner and Runner Up promoted if eligible.  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> sides demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 2.

### **Division 2**

Grand Final winner of each section to be promoted if eligible.  
If ineligible, Grand Final Runner Up (from the same section) to be promoted if eligible.  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> sides of each section plus the lowest ranked 8<sup>th</sup> side as determined by Match & Program Committee demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 3.

### **Division 3**

Grand Final winner of each section to be promoted if eligible.  
If ineligible, Grand Final Runner Up (from the same section) to be promoted if eligible.  
Bottom two sides of each section demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 4.

### **Division 4**

Premiers of each section and required number of Runners Up based on ranking promoted if eligible.

## **11.3 Thursday Promotions & Demotions:**

### **Premier League**

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> sides demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 1.

### **Division 1**

Grand Final winner and Runner Up promoted if eligible.  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> sides demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 2.

### **Division 2**

Grand Final winner of each section to be promoted if eligible.  
If ineligible, Grand Final Runner Up (from the same section) to be promoted if eligible.  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> sides of each section demoted if eligible sides can be promoted from Division 3.

### **Division 3**

Premiers of each section to be promoted if eligible.  
If ineligible, Runner Up (from the same section) to be promoted if eligible.  
Plus Highest Ranked Runner Up as determined by Match & Program Committee.

## **11.4 Promotions & Demotions - Eligibility**

**11.4.1** No side shall be promoted if it would result in Rule 3.4 being broken – i.e. a side is eligible for promotion only if it's Member Club has less than the maximum allowable number of sides in the next higher Division.

**11.4.2** If demotion of a side would breach Rule 3.4, a side in the next lower division from the same Member Club shall be demoted.

## **11.5 Amalgamation**

When two or more clubs amalgamate, they may, at the commencement of the next season after amalgamation, nominate in the competition a similar number of sides, and at the same levels, as were held by each of the Member Clubs at the conclusion of the preceding season after promotions and demotions had been determined.

## 12. ATTIRE/DRESS CODE

- 12.1 In accordance with the Bowls SA Uniform Policy, all players in a side must be dressed in a uniform manner and have Bowls Australia logo on all club attire in accordance with the Bowls Australia Logo Policy.
- 12.2 If any player is unable to wear approved uniform then all players in a side must be in plain white or cream.
- 12.3 In a club's lowest side if a Temporary Registrant, Opposite Gender player or substitute from another club is playing they may wear plain white or cream or their own club approved uniform.
- 12.4 Some Member Club uniforms differ between women and men and therefore uniformity in playing apparel for the team may be difficult to achieve. It is therefore satisfactory if the uniform registered with Bowls SA for male and female club members, which carries the club name and logo and the BA logo, are worn to establish a level of uniformity.

## 13. EQUIPMENT

- 13.1 **Artificial Devices for Delivering the Jack or Bowl**  
Refer Bowls SA Policy
- 13.2 **Bowls Discs**  
In all games where discs are being used, all players in a team or a side must use bowls with identical discs. If a replacement player is required then he/she may use bowls with his/her own club identification discs. Law 52.1.8 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and DR 4.7.4.
- 13.3 **Bowls Lifters**  
Players are reminded that lifters are for the sole purpose of lifting a bowl or jack and must not be used for any other purpose, or left on the green when not being used, where they could cause damage, interference or injury to other players.
- 13.4 **Scoreboards, Flags, Corner Flags, Rink Numbers, Boundary Pegs**  
During play, all Score Boards, Flags, Corner Flags, Rink Numbers, Boundary Pegs, if in use, must be left in place on all rinks on a green until the completion of play on the last rink in use.

## 14. POLICIES

- 14.1 **Fines and Penalties**  
The MBA may impose fines or penalties on any player, team or side for any action or behaviour in breach of the Metropolitan Rules & Conditions of Play or Laws of the Sport of Bowls or where actions are considered to bring the game into disrepute.
- 14.2 **Death**  
In the event of the death or apparent death of a player during a game either on the green or within the club premises, all games shall be abandoned at that club (venue) and the conditions applicable to inclement weather will apply.  
If insufficient ends have been completed to obtain a result, all Points for all games abandoned in this manner shall be shared.
- 14.3 **Mobile Phones**  
Mobile Phones are not permitted to be used on the green.
- 14.4 **National Competitions**  
No special arrangements will be made to reschedule games to accommodate National Events.
- 14.5 **Player Code of Conduct**  
The Bowls SA Member Protection Policy Player Code of Conduct shall apply
- 14.6 **Abusive/Disruptive Behavior**
  - 14.6.1 If a player behaves in an abusive, threatening or disruptive manner to other players or spectators during the playing of a game, the Umpire of the Day, on appeal may give the player an official warning. If a warning is issued, it shall be given in the presence of that player's Side Manager.
  - 14.6.2 If the unacceptable behaviour continues after a warning, the Umpire shall call the end in progress as completed and award as many shots to the opponents as there are bowls in use in that game. If further action is required, the game shall be awarded to the opponents.
  - 14.6.3 The opposing Side Manager or Club President shall submit a report in writing to Bowls SA for the appropriate investigation and possible disciplinary action.

**14.7 Abuse of an Umpire**

**In a side game** If a player abuses or threatens an umpire whilst performing their duties, the umpire shall give the player an official warning. The warning shall be given in the presence of that player's Side Manager. If further abuse or threatening behaviour continues after the warning, the umpire shall immediately send the player from the green and Laws of the Sport of Bowls C.2 (Page 9) and DR 2.5.2 shall apply. The umpire shall submit a report in writing to Bowls SA for the appropriate investigation and possible disciplinary action.

**14.8 Throwing the Mat**

The Laws of the Sport of Bowls prescribe that, after the last bowl in each end has been delivered, a player should lift the mat and place it completely beyond the face of the rear bank. Forceful behaviour/ throwing of the mat will not be tolerated and penalties as per Rule 14.6 shall apply.

**14.9 Coach**

Either the coach of a side, or in their absence, the coach's delegated deputy, can give advice to a player during the course of play as long as they abide by the sub-clauses of Law 44 of the Sport of Bowls.

**14.10 Spectators**

Spectators and anyone else not directly taking part in the game are required to stay outside the boundaries of the green and clear of the players. They should not disturb or advise the players in anyway - Laws of the Sport of Bowls Law 45.

Spectators are encouraged to applaud good play to promote the sport and healthy competition.

The Bowls SA Member Protection Policy Spectator Code of Conduct shall apply.

**14.11 Pregnancy Policy**

Before making the decision whether to continue to participate in lawn bowls the pregnant competitor should obtain expert medical advice and a clear understanding of the risks related to playing sport in that condition. Member Clubs should ensure that their public liability insurance and professional indemnity insurance are current and do not contain exclusions for pregnant participants.

**14.12 Smoking**

No player shall smoke on the playing surface. The Bowls SA 'No Smoking on the Green' Policy shall apply. It is the responsibility of the Member Club Administration to ensure that this policy is complied with.

**14.13 Dumping**

Refer Bowls SA 'Damage to Greens' Policy.

## Annexure A - EXTREME WEATHER (HEAT) POLICY - Metro Pennant Supplement

### Duty of Care

Bowls SA is committed to the safety and well-being of its Members and those playing bowls throughout South Australia. The following guidelines have been developed with the duty of care of participants as a paramount consideration, whilst enabling all members to participate in a safe environment.

### Responsibility

Any player who considers that the forecast temperature for the day on which they have been selected to represent their club will have an adverse effect on their health, safety and well-being can withdraw from the selected side. Such withdrawal may also occur during the course of play where the temperature is at a level that the player considers placing them at risk.

Players have the personal responsibility to ensure that they apply sound self-management practices to minimise any likely effects of heat on their health and well-being.

Clubs have the responsibility to ensure that they also exercise a duty of care to all players by providing adequate breaks, water for player hydration, shade and sun protection products.

### S7.1 Management of Heat Policy (Member Clubs)

For each Metropolitan Pennant competition conducted by the MBA, an attempt will be made to commence and complete all games, as in the guidelines provided in Rule S7.1, S7.2 & S7.3 below.

In the event of extreme weather, Match & Program Committee reserves the right to cancel or reschedule all games.

For all games on all days of competition that are played on days of extreme heat, it is recommended that mid-game breaks are only taken upon mutual agreement between Side Managers. However, Side Managers are advised to be mindful of the duty of care for all participants and monitor the conditions and consider breaks, if necessary, to provide participants with opportunities to hydrate.

When a game is rescheduled to an earlier starting time, or on a day of extreme heat that has started at the normal time as per Rule 3.10, due to a forecast temperature being below the cut-offs provided below, it is imperative that Member Clubs have a process in place to monitor the temperature of the day.

Member Clubs are provided with the following guidelines and procedures to ensure that no games continue at their venue once the temperature at their designated Weather Station, as in Annexure B, hits the cut-off temperature determined below for the competition of the day.

**S7.1.1** On a day where games have been rescheduled to start at an earlier time, or on days where the temperature has the potential to reach either 38 degrees Celsius (Saturday & Wednesday) or 36 degrees Celsius (Thursday), the Umpire of the Day is responsible for delegating the duty of monitoring the current temperature of the day. Although not compulsory, it is recommended that a person who is "non-playing" for the day be delegated to perform the duty of checking the temperature at the designated Weather Station for the Home club, as in Annexure B.

**S7.1.2** Member Clubs are required to make the name of this person, and the name of the Umpire of the Day, available to all visiting Team Managers.

**S7.1.3** For the purpose of temperature monitoring above, Member Clubs are required to make available a computer with internet access, where the Bureau of Meteorology Web site [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) can be accessed. The MBA will also approve the use of an Apple or Android Application on a mobile phone, if the application has a direct internet link from the Bureau of Meteorology Web site.

**S7.1.4** When on [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au), the nominated person is to navigate to "SA", on the menu at the top of the page, and then select "Adelaide area latest observations". They must refer to the designated "Weather Station" for the Club to retrieve the current temperature.

**S7.2.4** It is a minimum requirement that a check of the temperature at the designated weather station is done at least shortly after each hour and half hour during play (ie 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm etc). However, it may be checked more often.

**S7.1.6** If at any stage, the temperature of the day hits the cut-off temperature, the responsible person is to advise the Umpire of the Day, who after confirming the temperature, will call all players off the green/s at the completion of the end in play.

**S7.1.7** Play will be abandoned for the day and Rule 5.8 of the Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play will apply.

The information below now details the process of when a game is rescheduled to an earlier start, and what process is to occur once a game is abandoned as per Rule 7.1.7.

### S7.2 Saturday Pennant Competition

If the forecast maximum temperature for Adelaide for Saturday on the Bureau of Meteorology website ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) at 4.30pm on Thursday is 36 degrees Celsius or above, all games will be played on Saturday with trial ends commencing at 9.15am, under the conditions as described in Rule S7.1.

However, if the Thursday forecast maximum temperature for Saturday is below 36 degrees but increases to be 38 degrees or above at 7:30 am on the day of play (Saturday) then all Premier League & Division 1 - 3 games will be played on the following Friday night, with trial ends commencing at 6:00 pm. All other Metropolitan Saturday Pennant games will be cancelled and rescheduled at the discretion of Match & Program Committee.

When a decision has been made to play on a Saturday morning, no changes to the game time are to be made unless by mutual agreement between the sides drawn to play each other and agreement of Match & Program Committee. Such agreement should be obtained by 12 noon Friday (refer Rule 3.10).

#### **S7.2.1 Premier League & Division 1 - 3**

If it becomes necessary to suspend a game, due to factors as described in Rule S7.1, the game will be deemed as complete if the required number of ends have been completed as per Rule 5.8.

If the required number of ends are not completed, the game will be resumed from its previous state on the following Friday night, with trials ends commencing at 6.00pm, as in Law 32.

If it becomes necessary to suspend a Friday game due to inclement (wet) weather, the game will be deemed as complete if the required number of ends have been completed as per Rule 5.8. If the required number of ends are not completed, the game will be rescheduled (resumed) at the discretion of Match & Program Committee.

#### **S7.2.2 Divisions 4 and below**

If it becomes necessary to suspend a game, due to factors as described in Rule S7.1, the game will be deemed as complete if the required number of ends have been completed as per Rule 5.8.

If the required number of ends are not completed, the game may be rescheduled at the discretion of Match & Program Committee. If this is not possible then the game will be abandoned.

On any day where play is not possible due to the temperature reaching the required 38 degrees prior to the commencement of play the game will be rescheduled, if possible, to a day that has been allocated for this purpose.

#### **S7.3 Wednesday Pennant Competition**

If the forecast maximum temperature for Adelaide for Wednesday on the Bureau of Meteorology website ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) at 4.30pm on Monday is 36 degrees Celsius or above, all games will be played on Wednesday with trial ends commencing at 9.15am, under the conditions as described in Rule S7.1.

However, if the Monday forecast maximum temperature for Wednesday is below 36 degrees but increases to be 38 degrees or above at 7:30 am on the day of play (Wednesday) then all games will be cancelled.

If it becomes necessary to suspend a game, due to factors as described in Rule S7.1, the game will be deemed as complete if the required number of ends have been completed as per Rule 5.8.

If the required number of ends are not completed, the game will be abandoned.

#### **S7.4 Thursday Pennant Competition**

If the forecast maximum temperature for Adelaide for Thursday on the Bureau of Meteorology website ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) at 4.30pm on Tuesday is 36 degrees Celsius or above, all games will be played on Thursday with trial ends commencing at 9.15am, under the conditions as described in Rule S7.1.

However, if the Tuesday forecast maximum temperature for Thursday is below 36 degrees but increases to be 38 degrees or above at 7:30 am on the day of play (Thursday) then all games will be cancelled.

If it becomes necessary to suspend a game, due to factors as described in Rule S7.1, the game will be deemed as complete if the required number of ends have been completed as per Rule 5.8.

If the required number of ends are not completed, the game will be abandoned.

#### **S7.5 Stoppages of Play**

When play has commenced and the weather conditions deteriorate, play may be stopped by appeal of a Side Manager to the Umpire of the Day. The Umpire of the Day may also act on his/her own discretion without appeal from either side manager if it is felt the conditions warrant cessation of play, as per Rule 6.3.

#### **S7.6 Player Withdrawal**

The withdrawal of any player from a side due to extreme weather during the course of the game can be dealt with in any of the following ways:

- The team in which the withdrawing player has played can cease play in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and the Conditions of Play applicable to the competition. For game results refer Rule 5.8.
- A substitute, if available may be used by agreement.
- The remaining players in the team may continue to play with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls applying. DR. 2.5

**Annexure B – Weather Station Allocation**

<b>Weather Station Allocation</b>				
<b>Club</b>	<b>Weather Station</b>		<b>Club</b>	<b>Weather Station</b>
Adelaide	Adelaide (West Terrace)		Millswood	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Adelaide High O/S	Adelaide (West Terrace)		Modbury	Edinburgh
Adelaide Oval	Adelaide (West Terrace)		Morphett Vale	Noarlunga
Ascot Park	Adelaide Airport		Novar Gardens	Adelaide Airport
Beaumont	Adelaide (West Terrace)		Para Hills	Edinburgh
Blackwood	Noarlunga		Payneham	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Brighton	Adelaide Airport		Penfield	Edinburgh
Christies Beach	Noarlunga		Playford	Edinburgh
Clarence Gardens	Adelaide (West Terrace)		Port Adelaide	Adelaide Airport
Clearview	Adelaide (West Terrace)		Port Noarlunga	Noarlunga
Colonel Light Gardens	Adelaide (West Terrace)		Prospect Broadview	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Croydon	Adelaide (West Terrace)		Reynella	Noarlunga
Edwardstown	Adelaide Airport		Rosewater	Adelaide Airport
Gawler	Edinburgh		Salisbury	Edinburgh
Glenelg	Adelaide Airport		Semaphore	Adelaide Airport
Grange	Adelaide Airport		Sturt	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Happy Valley	Noarlunga		Toorak Burnside	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Hawthorn	Adelaide (West Terrace)		Torrensville	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Henley	Adelaide Airport		Tranmere	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Hindmarsh	Adelaide Airport		Trinity Gardens	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Holdfast Bay	Adelaide Airport		Two Wells	Edinburgh
Hope Valley	Edinburgh		W C & K RSL	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Kensington Marryatville	Adelaide (West Terrace)		Walkerville	Adelaide (West Terrace)
Lockleys	Adelaide Airport		West Lakes	Adelaide Airport
Marion	Adelaide Airport		Woodville	Adelaide Airport
Marion RSL	Adelaide Airport			



**Annexure C - Adelaide Metropolitan Pennant Bowls Clubs**

<b>ABBREV</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>ADL</b>	ADELAIDE	8223 5516	58 Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town
<b>AHO</b>	ADELAIDE HIGH O.S	8223 5516	See Adelaide
<b>ADO</b>	ADELAIDE OVAL	8223 5516	See Adelaide
<b>APK</b>	ASCOT PARK	8276 5539	Davidson Avenue, Parkholme
<b>BAU</b>	BEAUMONT	8379 3132	71 Devereux Road, Linden Park
<b>BLK</b>	BLACKWOOD	8278 1937	10 Simla Parade, Blackwood
<b>BRI</b>	BRIGHTON	8296 6818	13 Keelara Street, Brighton
<b>CBE</b>	CHRISTIES BEACH	8382 8311	Smith Avenue, Christies Beach
<b>CGD</b>	CLARENCE GARDENS	8293 2134	6 Winona Avenue, Clarence Gardens
<b>CLE</b>	CLEARVIEW	8262 3242	Gordon Avenue, Clearview
<b>CLG</b>	COLONEL LIGHT	8276 3532	Flinders Avenue, Colonel Light Gardens
<b>CRO</b>	CROYDON	8346 3242	64 Blight Street, Ridleyton
<b>EDW</b>	EDWARDSTOWN	8293 7549	Raglan Avenue, South Plympton
<b>ELZ</b>	ELIZABETH	8255 1895	Mingari Street, Smithfield
<b>GAW</b>	GAWLER	8522 1306	Victoria Terrace, Gawler
<b>GLG</b>	GLENELG	8295 2112	23 Partridge Street (off Jetty Road), Glenelg
<b>GRA</b>	GRANGE	8356 8389	11 Wilson Court (off Grange Road), Grange
<b>HAP</b>	HAPPY VALLEY	8270 5162	Taylor's Road West, Aberfoyle Park
<b>HAW</b>	HAWTHORN	8357 8250	86a Monmouth Road (cnr Price Oval) Hawthorn
<b>HEN</b>	HENLEY	8356 8506	104 East Terrace (North of Henley Beach Road), Henley Beach
<b>HOL</b>	HOLDFAST BAY	8295 1444	583 Anzac Highway, Glenelg North
<b>HOV</b>	HOPE VALLEY	8396 2277	1225 Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley
<b>KEM</b>	KENSINGTON	8431 4102	Cnr Parade & East Terrace, Kensington Gardens
<b>LOC</b>	LOCKLEYS	8443 6798	46 Rutland Avenue, Lockleys
<b>MAR</b>	MARION	8296 9435	Sturt Road (West of Marion Road), Marion
<b>MAS</b>	MARION RSL	8296 4535	31-39 Norfolk Road, Marion
<b>MIL</b>	MILLSWOOD	8271 3172	20 Millswood Crescent, Millswood
<b>MOD</b>	MODBURY	8396 0113	Jack High Lane, Ridgehaven
<b>MOV</b>	MORPHETT VALE	8382 4738	Cnr South & Wheatsheaf Roads, Morphett Vale
<b>MUN</b>	MUNNO PARA	8254 1892	Mingari Street, Smithfield
<b>NOV</b>	NOVAR GARDENS	8295 4803	489 Anzac Highway, Novar Gardens
<b>PAH</b>	PARA HILLS	8285 6744	92 Bridge Road, Para Hills
<b>PAY</b>	PAYNEHAM	8337 1251	402 Payneham Road, Glynde
<b>PEN</b>	PENFIELD	8258 1546	Woomera Road, Salisbury
<b>PAB</b>	PORT ADELAIDE	8447 5096	Fifth Avenue, Cheltenham
<b>PLA</b>	PLAYFORD	8254 1892	Mingari Street, Smithfield
<b>PNO</b>	PORT NOARLUNGA	8382 4160	River Road, Port Noarlunga
<b>PRB</b>	PROSPECT	8344 4836	Collingrove Avenue, Broadview
<b>REY</b>	REYNELLA	8322 4535	Oval Road, Reynella
<b>ROS</b>	ROSEWATER	8341 0706	134 Grand Junction Road, Rosewater
<b>SAL</b>	SALISBURY	8258 1551	Orange Avenue, Salisbury
<b>SEM</b>	SEMAPHORE	8449 6337	Woolnough Road, Largs Bay
<b>SOM</b>	SOMERTON	8296 8849	King George Avenue, Somerton Park
<b>TOB</b>	TOORAK BURNSIDE	8331 0062	25 Giles Street, Toorak Gardens
<b>TOR</b>	TORRENSVILLE	8443 7104	80 South Road, Torrensville
<b>TRA</b>	TRANMERE	8431 6197	Cnr Magill Road and Kings Grove, Tranmere
<b>TRG</b>	TRINITY GARDENS	8431 2003	Canterbury Avenue, Trinity Gardens
<b>TWE</b>	TWO WELLS	8520 2316	Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells
<b>WAK</b>	WALKERVILLE	8344 2064	Smith Street & Church Street, Walkerville
<b>WCK</b>	W C & K RSL	8346 4855	19 Rosetta Street, West Croydon
<b>WLK</b>	WEST LAKES	8242 1286	21 Edwin Street, West Lakes Shore
<b>WOD</b>	WOODVILLE	8445 2244	Oval Avenue, Woodville South