



MORNINGTON PENINSULA BOWLS INC.

A division of
Peninsula Casey Region

Reg No. A0100484U

Rules for Competition 2019/20 Incorporating MORNINGTON PENINSULA PENNANT (Section 3)

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SECTION 1

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL COMPETITIONS

DEFINITIONS

- (1) For the purpose of interpretation in these Rules the expressions Member, Bowler, Player or Opponent will refer to an affiliated Player of an affiliated or member Club.
- (2) Words importing one gender include the other gender.
- (3) Unless otherwise stated words and phrases in the Laws, Rules and Regulations will have the same meaning as in the BV Constitution.
- (4) References to 'will', 'must' or 'shall' within these Rules mean that the action is compulsory.
- (5) References to 'can' or 'may' within these Rules mean that the action is optional.
- (6) The Controlling Body on the day of play for the purposes of the Region/Division Pennant Competition is the Host Club, except as otherwise noted.
- (7) The Controlling Body on the day of play for the purposes of the BV State Title Events at the Division level is MPB Inc.
- (8) The Controlling Body on the day of play for the purposes of other Events is as per the 'conditions of play' for that event.
- (9) References to MPB will mean MPB Inc, a Bowls Victoria Division of the Peninsula Casey Region.

Rule 1 - QUALIFICATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 Responsibility

Subject to the control of the Board, the MPB Match Committee will be responsible for the satisfactory conduct of all BV State Events and the conduct of Pennant Competitions, and will have authority to take any action deemed necessary for this purpose and can delegate its authority to other Regions and/or Divisions for BV events at these levels. For any disciplinary matters requiring investigation refer to Section 1.3 'Infringements' in this document.

1.2 Laws

All Competitions are conducted in accordance with these Rules for Competition hereinafter referred to as the Laws, Rules and Regulations except when specifically stated otherwise.

The Board of Bowls Victoria has approved these Conditions of Play.

The Board reserves the right to amend the Region/Division Pennant Competition format of play and the Conditions of Play from season to season or as required.

These Rules for Competition hereinafter referred to as the Laws, Rules and Regulations, except when specifically stated otherwise.

The All Competitions, including Pennant are conducted in accordance with the:

- Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 3rd edition version 3.1 and BA Domestic Regulations (DRs) as published in May 2019;
- Bowls Australia (BA) Policies as found on the BA website and; Bowls Victoria (BV) Constitution, BV Regulations and BV Policies as found on the BV website.
- No laws governing a sport can cope with every situation, and the laws governing the sport of bowls is no exception. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls have been drawn up in the spirit of true sportsmanship. So, if a situation arises that is not covered by the laws or these Conditions of Play, players and officials must use their common sense and a spirit of fair play to decide the appropriate course of action.

These Rules for Competition incorporate the "Bowls Victoria 2019-20 Region & Division Pennant Competitions Conditions of Play".

The MPB Match Committee reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions of play as it considers necessary, so long as any alteration is not in conflict with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls or Domestic Regulations.

1.3 Infringements

1.3.1 Divisions are not authorised, entitled or empowered to initiate any disciplinary procedures against its members on matters that are dealt with under rule 10 of the BV Constitution as per Part 4, Section 4.1(g) of the BV Regulations dated July 2019.

MPB Inc does not have the power to discipline Member clubs including suspensions, fines or expelling them. Refer to Part 2 Section 10 of the MPB Inc Constitution dated June 2017.

The MPB Board can investigate and make recommendations to a member club or BV for a disciplinary procedure to be initiated by the club or BV.

Bowls Victoria has the power to discipline Members in accordance with the procedures set down in the Bowls Victoria constitution dated November 2018.

Where a matter is referred to a BV Disciplinary Committee then a player, team, side or club is subject to the determinations of that Committee. The BV Disciplinary penalty of a monetary fine (not exceeding \$1,000) and/or disqualification, and/or match points penalty and/or a replay or such other penalty can be employed as it sees fit.

1.3.2 Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures at Club level means those procedures set out in Part VI Section 8 and Part VII Section 9 of the BV Regulations and Clause 10 of the BV Constitution.

The above mentioned procedures are to read in conjunction with the Bowls Australia MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY VERSION 8 dated July, 2016.

1.3.3 If an infringement of a Law or Rule which does not have a penalty included in its statement is established after an appeal by a controlling body, Side Manager, Skip, or an Opponent, or the Umpire by observation, the Umpire shall warn the Player.

1.3.4 In a Team game a warning to one Member of a Team shall be considered as a warning to all Members of the Team, in a Side game the warning of a Member of the Side shall only apply to the Members of the Team.

1.3.5 Smoking

The MPB acknowledges the stipulation of member clubs that have introduced a no-smoking covenant covering all areas of their club's facilities including the clubhouse, greens and surrounds and warns players to be cognisant of this rule.

Smoking is only permitted in the designated area as determined by the host club.

Smoking 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) by a player on the green is not permitted.

A failure to comply can result in the Umpire applying an **Instantaneous Penalty** (Rule 1.5.1 of these Rules for Competition).

[*http://docs.health.vic.gov.au/docs/doc/Electronic-cigarettes-containing-nicotineare-prohibited-in-Victoria](http://docs.health.vic.gov.au/docs/doc/Electronic-cigarettes-containing-nicotineare-prohibited-in-Victoria)

Information on e-cigarettes may be downloaded from the above URL (Victorian Department of Health).

1.3.6 **Personal Electronic/Communication Devices**

The use of Mobile Phones/MP3 Players/iPods/iPads/Pagers/Communication Devices and/or other similar Sound/Communication Devices on the green by a player is not permitted.

Should a Player have a legitimate reason (personal emergency or medical or emergency services personnel) to answer a mobile phone they must have permission from the Controlling Body and notify the Umpire of the day - **prior to playing**. If approved the phone can be carried on the player but must be on silent/vibrating (only) and responded to on the bank away from play.

A failure to comply can result in the Umpire applying an **Instantaneous Penalty** (Rule 1.5.1 of these Rules for Competition).

1.3.7 **Attire**

It is the responsibility of the President of the player's Club to ensure a player is attired in accordance with the BV Rules for Attire when playing in a Region/Division Pennant and above Competitions or a representative Team.

All attire must comply with Bowls Australia National Merchandise Program (NMP) Logo Policy

For Pennant, bowlers must be attired in the same club, upper body attire in respect to image and colour.

All lower body attire must include NMP logo immediately above the back right pocket or front right below pocket.

If BV registered shirts/tops are worn, all members of the side must be in the same attire (*Except for a combined side. See SECTION 4, Rule 3.1*)

The NMP Logo must appear on the front or side of all headwear, except on hats with a hat band, where a logo is not required.

If a Club fails to comply with the BV Regulations for Attire for a Pennant match and a formal complaint is made by the opposing Club to the MPB Match Committee or the Region and/or Division Controlling Body for the Competition in question it will then take action under Rule 1.3.1 relevant to the misdemeanour.

It is the responsibility of clubs to advise the MPB and BV of any changes made to its registered club attire as, and when, it occurs.

1.3.8 **Consumption of Alcohol**

The consumption of alcohol on the green by a player whilst a match is in progress is not permitted.

A failure to comply can result in the Umpire applying an **Instantaneous Penalty** (Rule 1.5.1 of these Rules for Competition).

1.4 Player, Coach and Officials conduct and behaviour

All players, Coaches and Officials are required to conduct themselves in a polite and sports like manner when participating or officiating in a Region/Division Pennant Competition and above, and not in any of the following behaviours:

- act in an abusive, threatening, or intimidating manner;
- use obscene, offensive, abusive, threatening, or intimidating language;
- act in an unsportsmanlike manner;
- threaten any person with physical violence or assault;
- assault any person;
- act in a manner likely to bring the sport of bowls into disrepute; or
- act in a manner likely to bring Bowls Victoria into disrepute.

A failure to comply can result in the Umpire applying an **Instantaneous Penalty** (Rule 1.5.1 of these Rules for Competition) and/or disciplinary action taken in accordance with Disciplinary Breaches (Rules 1.3.1 and 1.3.2 of these Rules for Competition).

Serious offences may also be subject to police action.

Whenever under any of the Laws, Rules or Regulations any decision is made or penalty imposed, by the BV Disciplinary Committee pursuant to this Rule 1.4, any Defendant aggrieved thereby can appeal under BV Regulations 9 & 12 to BV by notice setting out the grounds of appeal and forwarded to the Chief Executive of BV not later than seven days after the date when such decision is made or penalty imposed.

1.5 Penalties

1.5.1 Instantaneous Penalties

If an Umpire, by observation or on an appeal by the Controlling Body, a Side Manager, a Skip or an opponent decides that 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 there are bowls in use by the opponents.

If the Umpire forms the opinion on a second occasion that the same player is non-compliant, the player will be excluded from taking any further part in the game.

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

A substitute or replacement player will not be permitted (def. DR 2.1), and the defaulting team will forfeit the game and as a consequence the pennant side having the defaulting team will forfeit the game as per Law 1.3 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

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

The Umpire shall also complete a BA instantaneous Report Form forward it to the relevant State Body and Bowls Australia **within 5 days** of the incident.

<https://www.bowls.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/INSTANTANEOUS-PENALTY-REPORT-2019I-JR.pdf>

1.5.2 If a team or singles player fails to turn up for a BV State event it will incur a penalty of \$50 per player which will be paid to the MPB by the player's member club.

1.6 Protection for Events

If any matches in a Club, Bowls Division or Region Championships, any scheduled Victorian Development Squad activity or a BV event (being a Championship or Interstate Match or trial game, including Regional or Under 18 Sides trial games - one per season), a Bowls Australia Championship, World Bowls Event, or International selection, herein expressed in ascending order of grading, are scheduled to be played on the same date, no Player or official engaged in such events will be penalised in a lower graded championship by reason of absence through participation in a higher graded event. If the event cannot be rescheduled then the Player or official will decide which event, to compete in or officiate at.

The BV Victorian Open (15-22 November 2019) is a protected event. Region/Division Pennant cannot be scheduled during the running of the event and the scheduling/playing of rounds of Region State Championships and Club Championship events during Victorian Open is prohibited.

No exemptions will be given for the conduct of Region/Club Championships during this time.

Rule 2 – ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Playing Status

Clubs may enter a Side or Sides in the MPB Inc Pennant Competition. Sides will be assigned a division depending on the promotion or relegation requirements applicable from the previous season, unless otherwise determined by the MPB Match Committee.

A player must be a registered financial member of a Club as determined by the BV Board from time to time and in accordance with Rule 6 of the BV Constitution.

A player must also be recorded on the BV BowlsLink Database as eligible to represent the Club.

A player must also be a paid up member of a Club which is also a paid up member of the MPB Inc division as per Clause 6.3 of the MPB Inc Constitution (dated 21st JUNE 2017).

Notwithstanding any provision in these Rules relating to the eligibility to play in competitions including the eligibility of affiliated Players, no person will be eligible to play in any bowls event arranged by Bowls Australia (BA), any Bowls Australia State or Territory Controlling Body, Bowls Victoria (BV) or any Victorian Region/Division or Club affiliated with BV during any period in which the person is suspended from Membership of an affiliated, or member, Club. No suspended Player may be cleared or transferred to any other Club in Australia during the period of a suspension.

2.2 Pennant Permit

A player can be approved to play with another Club other than their Nominated Club by submitting a Pennant Permit Request Form to BV prior to Round 4 of Pennant Competition they wish to play in. No application will be considered after Round 4. This Form must be endorsed by both Clubs.

If approved by BV, a permit remains in place until 30 June of the following year and the player is not eligible to play for their Nominated Club until the permit expires.

A player may apply for a clearance from their Nominated Club while a permit is in place and the permit automatically expires.

A player may only apply for one permit for a Pennant Competition.

A player with a Pennant Permit may not play in the Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships at their Permit Club. The ability to play in other events is at the discretion of the Club conducting the event.

A player with a Pennant Permit may not play in the Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships of a Region/Division other than that of their Nominated Club and is not eligible to represent a Region/Division other than that of their Nominated Club.

Rule 3 - COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY

3.1 Availability for Play (*excluding Pennant*)

A Player or Team not available for play within 30 minutes (or sooner if the Controlling Body decides) of the appointed time for commencing of a game will automatically forfeit the match.

Players must not leave the venue on game day until eliminated from the competition or not required to mark a game. Game times may be moved, and/or extra games scheduled by the Controlling Body as required for the effective running of the event.

Games may be played under artificial lighting or at an alternative location.

Special conditions of play for singles events.

It is mandatory that all Singles entrants mark all games required in their section irrespective of the outcome or round results in the respective section.

If it is a knockout format, players with a BYE in round 1 and playing round 2, are required to act as markers for the games in Round 1 unless the MPB is advises otherwise.

Losing Players in round 1 are required to act as markers for the games in round 2 unless the MPB is advises otherwise.

Players when marking in a round are required to be present a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time and be in attendance at the venue until the completion of that round – players who do not fulfil their requirement may face disqualification and exclusion from future BV/MPB championships & events, a fine or other sanction.

Refer to the 'Conditions of Play' of an event for the full details.

3.2 Failure to Keep Appointment

Failure of any Player, Team or Side to keep an appointment to play will be deemed to be an infringement of the Laws, Rules and Regulations and will be dealt with under Rule 1.3 and /or 1.5 of these Rules for Competition unless suitable action has been taken to notify the Controlling Body with a satisfactory reason. The Player, Team or Side Manager will be responsible to advise the MPB Match Committee and the host Club of their withdrawal. BV will also need to be advised if the event is 'exclusively' run by BV.

3.3 Trial Ends

Two trial ends (one in each direction) will be completed prior to play commencing for the day. Refer to the 'Conditions of Play' of an event for the full details.

Rule 4 - SECTIONAL PLAY

4.1 Section Winner

The winner of a Section, in accordance with Law 27, will be the contestant with the highest number of points at completion of sectional play. 3 points will be allotted for each win. 1 point for each tie. 3 points for forfeit & walkover & net total shots equal to the average net shots scored by the winners of the other games played in all sections in the same round at the same venue. 0 points for a loss or bye.

If two or more contestants in a section have equal highest points the winner will be the one with the greatest margin of net shots.

If net total shots are equal, then the total shots for will be divided by the total shots against to calculate a percentage.

The side with the highest percentage will be ranked higher (law 27.4).

If the percentage is equal then the player or team that won the game between the player or team that are equal will be the winner of the section.

4.2 Defeats

A Player, Team or Side defeated in Sectional play but qualified for Post-Sectional play will not be regarded as having been defeated until subsequently defeated.

Rule 5 - GENERAL PLAY

5.1 Damage to Green – Delivery of a Jack or Bowl

5.1.1 If the Umpire by his own observation or on appeal by a Greens Director or their Deputy decides a player is causing damage to the green when delivering the jack or a bowl, a warning will be issued to the player's Skip and/or Side Manager advised.

If the Umpire forms the opinion that the player has repeated the same offence a second time, the Umpire will direct that the player must use a "dump mat" (a personal mat of suitable material & size at the discretion of the host Club) if available, and be deployed in front of the offenders bowls mat to prevent further damage to the green.

If a "dump mat" is not be available or the player refuses to use it, they will be a defaulting player and be removed from the game (Laws of the Sport Definition C.2). A substitute player is not permitted and the game must continue in accordance with DR 2.6.1.1, 2.6.1.2 & 2.6.1.3.

In a singles game the defaulting Player will forfeit to their Opponent. In a Team game the defaulting Team will forfeit the game to their Opponent and in a Side game Law 39.2.2.1 and 39.2.2.2 will apply.

The offending Player may also retire from the game of their own volition and an eligible substitute be made if one is available.

A "dump mat" may only be used on a green to address an identified issue as defined above. That is, for an individual player/s.

Dump Mats must not be used on all rinks by all players in a Pennant game to negate the groundsheets provisions in Rule 5.1.2 of these Rules for Competition.

5.1.2 The use of groundsheets (Laws, Definition C.12 & Law 6.1.5) for Pennant or above games will not be permitted. If the Greenkeeper, the Greens Director or the authorised Deputy, believe that groundsheets are essential to the preservation of a green and unless an alternative venue is readily available, the game will be abandoned and referred to the MPB Match Committee for the determination of a result, or for rescheduling and completion, under such conditions as the Committee decides. Rule 5.1.1 of these Rules for Competition will still apply to any individual who is dumping, in which case a dump mat will be used for that individual.

5.2 Damage to Green – Use of a Wheelchair or walking frame

If an Umpire by his own observation or on appeal by the Greens Director or their Deputy decides a player using a wheelchair or walking frame is causing damage to the green, that player must retire from the green when requested to do so by the Umpire.

If a player retires from the match a substitute player is permitted.

If a player refuses to leave the green, they will be a defaulting player and be removed from the match (Definition C.2) and no substitute player is permitted.

5.3 Delaying Play

5.3.1 State Title and other events.

If an Umpire by observation or on appeal by an opponent or the Controlling Body 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 player and the Skip in a Team game.

5.3.2 Pennant only.

If an Umpire by his 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.

5.3.3 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.

5.4 Bowlers Arm

The bowlers arm once used in a game must be used for the remainder of the game. This does not apply to the rolling of the jack, which can be rolled either by hand or by a bowlers arm.

5.5 Bowls Identification Discs

5.5.1 State Title and other events.

Players are not required to use bowls discs (adhesive labels).

If they are used, all players in the Team must use a disc of the same colour/design.

Where opponents have the same coloured discs, the players in Singles or Skips in a team game will toss a coin to determine which player/team shall remove their discs or use another colour disc if available.

5.5.2 Pennant only.

Sides are not required to use bowls discs (adhesive labels).

If they are used then all players in the Side must use a disc of the same colour/design.

Where opponents use the same coloured discs, the visiting Side shall remove theirs or use another colour disc if available.

5.5.3 Position of Disc

Only a single layer of disc is permitted on a bowl.

Bowls discs may not cover the WB Stamp/Date or the Serial Number of the bowl and they should be cut or trimmed to comply.

If bowls discs are used all bowls must have discs on both sides of the bowl. Alternatively, the dot from the set of discs may be placed over the insignia on the bias side of the bowl in lieu of the small ring provided it is from the same set of discs used by the Side.

5.6 **Photographs, Videos and Livestreaming**

5.6.1 Bowls Victoria reserves the right to use any photographs, video or live streaming during pennant for further promotional requirements.

5.6.2 Bowls Victoria encourages third party live broadcasting, however this requires prior approval from Bowls Victoria. This can be done by e-mailing media@bowlsvic.org.au.

SECTION 2

BV CHAMPIONSHIPS STATE EVENTS

Rule 6 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

6.1 Conditions of Play

All State Championship Events will be conducted by the MPB Inc on behalf of Bowls Victoria and in accordance with the BOWLS VICTORIA '2019-20 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS OF PLAY' and '2019-20 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS' as available on the Bowls Victoria website.

A copy of the Conditions will be made available at the host venue during the day of play.

6.2 Draw

6.2.1 The draw for BV Championship events will be an open draw. Seeding of entries is not permitted.

6.2.2 For State Championship events, subject to the provisions of Law 3.3 and DR 1.1 practice is allowed at the venue on the day preceding the event, or before commencement of play on the day, subject to the greens being available for practice and approval being granted by the Club or the Venue Manager.

Any additional practices on the day of play will be in accordance with Law 4.

6.3 Sectional Play

Events can be played partly in Sections and partly in knockout unless specifically nominated as 'knockout only'.

6.4 Inclement Weather

BV Championship Events conducted in the MPB Inc (Division) will be governed by the provisions of the local Inclement Weather provisions contained in Section 3 'MORNINGTON PENINSULA PENNANT COMPETITION' in these Rules for Competition.

Rule 7 – REGION SIDES

7.1 Region Sides Championship

7.1.1 Will be open to all BV Regions.

7.1.2 Each Region will nominate from affiliated Players identified with any Clubs allocated to it 12 Players and 1 emergency from whom three fours will be selected for each round.

7.1.3 A Manager (preferably non playing), whose name will be advised to all Players of the Side, will be appointed for each Side

7.1.4 Play will be conducted in accordance with the 'Special Conditions of Play' as published by BV each year.

7.2 Entries for all BV events.

- 7.2.1 Entries for all BV events will be made:-
 - 7.5.1.1 by the due date for such entries, and
 - 7.5.1.2 through the Club with which Members are identified for competition.
- 7.2.2 Bowls Victoria, BV Regions and BV Divisions and Clubs cannot accept late entries for any Championship Event.
- 7.2.3 Teams and Single entries must comply with DR 2 re. nominations, constitution and substitution....etc, of players.
- 7.2.4 Teams will finally be constituted as provided in Domestic Regulation (DR 2.3)
- 7.2.5 If after the closing date for entries and before the date of the first round a clearance to a Club within the same Region or Division is issued in respect of any entrant that Player will remain eligible to play in the Singles event as a Player identified with the Player's new Club; if to a Club outside such boundaries, eligibility to play in the respective Singles events will be forfeited.
For Team events another eligible Player, if necessary can take the place of the Member transferred. The Player receiving a clearance is eligible to join a Team from their new Club/Division/Region if a vacancy occurs.

SECTION 3

MORNINGTON PENINSULA PENNANT COMPETITION

Rule 8 - FORM OF COMPETITION

8.1 Introduction

The Board of Bowls Victoria has approved these Conditions of Play.

The Board reserves the right to amend the Region/Division Pennant Competition format of play and the Conditions of Play from season to season or as required.

The MPB Inc Pennant Competitions are conducted in accordance with the:

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8.2 Scope

Mornington Peninsula Bowls Inc will conduct pennant during season 2019/20. It shall be known as "Mornington Peninsula Pennant" and the competition will be open only to a Side or Sides from BV Member Clubs, MPB Member Clubs and other member Clubs as can be decided by the BV Board. Subject to the Bowls Australia Domestic Regulation 2 relating to replacements and substitutes, each Side will comprise of affiliated Members of the Club concerned.

8.3 Format

Pennant Sides will always be subject to the number of entries received and may be configured as desired by the MPB Match Committee as OPEN competition.

In the case of Midweek Restricted matches, men can only play Lead or Second, with a maximum of 4 men per side and at least 1 man per rink.

8.4 Divisional Play

Saturday Pennant - OPEN

Division 1 - 4 teams x 4 players = 16 per side

Division 2 - North and South - 4 teams x 4 players = 16 per side

Division 3 - North and South - 3 teams x 4 players = 12 per side

Division 4 - North and South - 3 teams x 4 players = 12 per side

Division 5 - North and South - 3 teams x 4 players = 12 per side

Division 6 - North and South - 2 teams x 4 players = 8 per side

Midweek Pennant -

OPEN

Division 1 - 3 teams x 4 players = 12 per side

Division 2 Section A - 3 teams x 4 players = 12 per side

Division 2 Section B - 3 teams x 4 players = 12 per side

Division 3 - 3 teams x 4 players = 12 per side

Division 4 - 3 teams x 4 players = 12 per side

Division 5 - 2 teams x 4 players = 8 per side

Division 6 - 2 teams x 4 players = 8 per side

RESTRICTED

Division 1 - 3 teams x 4 players = 12 per side

Division 2 - 3 teams x 4 players = 12 per side

8.5 Time for Commencement

The appointed time for commencement for all Sectional and Post Sectional pennant matches allows 30 minutes for late arrival. Refer to Clause 9.3 of these Rules for Competition if at the scheduled time for commencement of any match a team has an absent player and does not have sufficient members to form a side.

8.5.1 Saturday Matches

The time for commencement for Saturday matches is 1.00pm, trial ends (one in each direction) may commence at 12.45pm.

8.5.2 Midweek Matches

The time for commencement of Midweek matches is 10.15am, trial ends (one in each direction) may commence at 10.00am.

8.5.3 Evening Matches

The time for commencement of evening matches is 6.30pm and will be played under the same rules and regulations as if it was the scheduled fixture. Trial ends may commence at 6.15pm.

8.5.4 Matches being 'streamed live'

The time for commencement of matches scheduled for 'live streaming' is one hour after the scheduled start times noted in Rules 8.5.1 & 8.5.2 above.

Matches to be completed one hour later than the completion times stated in Rule 8.6.1.

Evening matches are not effected and will remain as stated in Rule 8.5.3 above.

Generally these matches will be played under the same rules and regulations as if it was the scheduled fixture and any changes required for these games will be circulated to the participating clubs.

Trial ends may commence 15 min before the start time.

The MPB Match Committee will provide an appendix to the pennant draws listing the matches scheduled to be 'streamed live'.

8.5.5 Change of Schedule

Refer to Rule 8.8.4.

8.6 Duration

- 8.6.1 Saturday Pennant - Each match will consist of 21 ends per rink to be completed by 6.00pm.
Midweek Pennant - Each match will consist of 21 ends per rink to be completed by 4.00pm.

Breaks will be taken as defined in Rule 8.7 of these Rules for Competition.

8.6.2 Minimum Number of Ends

When play has commenced, if the game is subsequently abandoned, and the following minimum number of ends have been completed:

- 60 ends being completed for a 16-player game (4 teams);
- 45 ends being completed for a 12-player game (3 teams);
- 30 ends being completed for an 8-player game (2 teams);

the game will be awarded to the Side who has the higher number of total shots at the time the game is abandoned, and points allocated according to Rule 8.8.5 'Scoring' of these Rules for Competition.

If the game is abandoned prior to the minimum number of ends being completed, each Side will share equally the maximum points available and no shots will be recorded.

Only the completion of 21 ends per rink will result in a completed match unless circumstances beyond the control of the players and officials prevail which force delays, suspension or abandonment of play and for which actions will be taken as described in Rule 10 of these Rules for Competition.

8.7 Scheduled Breaks

The break time is estimated to be half way through the match. A bell will be rung to commence the break and started ends are to be completed. No new ends, including the replay of dead ends, are to be commenced after the bell is rung for the break.

- A 20 minute tea break will be taken for a game commencing in the afternoon. For a 1.00 pm start, afternoon tea at 2.40pm – RESTART 3.00 pm.
- A 30 minute lunch break will be taken for a game commencing in the morning. For a 10.15 am start, lunch at 11.45am - RESTART 12.15pm.
- No break will be taken during matches played at night.
- Except in unusual and special circumstances, the scheduled break cannot be waived.

8.8 Sectional Play

- 8.8.1 Unless the MPB Match Committee decides otherwise, Sides in each Division will be drawn to play each other twice, one game on the home green of each Side. (Refer to Rule 10.3.1 'Allocation of Rinks' of these Rules for Competition should a club have insufficient rinks available)

- 8.8.2 With the advance permission of the MPB Match Committee, and the agreement of the opposing Club's scheduled home side, a club can play:-

8.8.2.1 at either the scheduled location or at an alternative location.

8.8.2.2 a Sectional Saturday Pennant competition game, in any division, on a Friday evening, Saturday or Saturday evening of that round.

- 8.8.2.3 a Sectional Midweek Pennant competition game, in any division, on a Tuesday or Tuesday evening of that round.
- 8.8.3 A Player will not play in more than one Side in the same round of Pennant of that competition.
- 8.8.4 ANY other change to a scheduled Saturday or Midweek match must be requested from the MPB Match Committee in writing (email) seven days prior to the scheduled date for play, stating round, number, date for play, competing clubs, venue and starting time.

Where clubs have agreed and been given approval by the MPB Match Committee to re-schedule a fixtured match to be played on a specific day, it must be played under the same rules as if it was the allocated fixture day.

8.8.5 **Scoring**

- 8.8.5.1 The order of Sides in each section will be determined by the total points gained:

Ten points will be awarded for each Side win, including a Side receiving a forfeit or walkover.

Five points for each Side tie.

Two points will be awarded for each Team win, including a Side receiving a forfeit or walkover.

One point for each Team tie.

No points will be awarded to a Side with a scheduled BYE as published in the Draw unless noted otherwise by the MPB Match Committee.

- 8.8.5.2 If a Side forfeits a match then the opposing side receives points as follows:
If the forfeit occurs before the completion of the match the scoring and shots up will be as per Rule 8.8.5.1 & Rule 8.8.7.3 respectively of these Rules for Competition.

If the forfeit occurs post-match then the opposing side receives points as per Rule 10.7.4 and 10.7.5 of these Rules for Competition. However, if the opposing side had already won the match then shots up will be the greater of 15 shots gained (Rule 8.8.7.3 of these Rules for Competition) or the margin recorded for the match prior to the forfeit.

- 8.8.6 If two or more Sides have the same number of points their order will be determined by net margin of shots 'for' minus shots 'against' each Side.

8.8.6.1 if net margins be equal the order will be determined by the higher proportion of 'total shots for' divided by 'total shots against'.

8.8.6.2 if there is still a tie for a position to qualify for Post-sectional play, the Sides concerned will play a deciding match.

8.8.7 **Withdrawals and Walkovers**

In accordance with Rule 3.2 of these Rules for Competition, for impending withdrawals from scheduled matches the MPB and the opposing club must immediately be notified of a withdrawal of a team or side, and a walkover will be applied.

Should a club withdraw a Pennant side after the competition draw has been published, financial penalties will also apply.

A club withdrawing a side for the remainder of the season and after the first round of the competition constitutes that a WALKOVER be recorded for opposition sides for future scheduled matches during a pennant season.

8.8.7.1 In the event of a walkover occurring for a scheduled match, a Pennant Check form must be completed by the Side receiving the walkover and sent to the Pennant Recorder on the day of the match. A forfeit or walkover will count as a completed match.

8.8.7.2 The names of the players that would have played in the Side receiving the walkover are to be listed so they may be registered for finals and the Pennant Check Form struck through on the side of the form under the name of the Club giving the walkover with the word "Walkover".

8.8.7.3 In addition to the points awarded under Rule 8.8.5.1, a Side giving a walkover will lose 15 shots and the Side receiving the walkover will gain 15 shots, unless the opponent is ahead by more than 30 shots in which case the shots up will stand.

8.8.7.5 During the season a financial penalty of \$25.00 will be invoked for each of the first and second walkovers given by clubs. For a third walkover a penalty of \$50.00 will apply and subsequent walkovers will attract a penalty of \$100.00 each.

8.8.7.6 A club that withdraws a Pennant side after the competition draw has been published may incur a \$250 fine to remove that side from the competition.

8.9 Division Winners

To determine the respective Division winners the Final series will be conducted as follows:

Home game advantage will be given in first week of finals to teams finishing 1st and 3rd in sectional play

Week 1 - Qualifying Match 1 v 2
- Elimination Match 3 v 4

Week 2 - PRELIMINARY FINAL
(Loser of Qualifying Match will play Winner of Elimination Match)

Week 3 -GRAND FINAL
(Winner of Qualifying Match will play Winner of Preliminary Final)
Saturday and Midweek - All Divisions

Week 4 - Saturday Division 2 playoff
(Winner of Grand Final North to play Winner of Grand Final South)

- Midweek Division 1 playoff to represent the Region in the Sate Pennant Finals
(Winner of Grand Final Open to play Winner of Grand Final Restricted)

8.10 Promotion and Relegation

The method to be used in deciding if a side is eligible for promotion or relegation in Pennant will be subject to the format and divisional play decided each season by the MPB. Should situations arise which fall outside the rules and regulations, good judgment will apply.

8.10.1 Promotion –

Promotion will be determined following the final series conducted under Rule 8.9 of these Rules for Competition and the order in which sides will be considered for promotion is as follows:-

Saturday Pennant - To Division 1. Only one club side will be accepted into Division 1. The winning club side in the Division 2 playoff (North v South if required) will be promoted. The playoff is not required if one or two of the clubs already have a side in Division 1. If only one of the clubs has a side already in Division 1 the winning Grand Finalist in the other Division 2 will be promoted into Division 1.

Midweek Pennant - To Division 1 – Only one club side will be accepted into Division 1. The winning Grand Final club side will be promoted from the lower Division 2 unless they already have a team in Division 1 then it would be the minor champion.

To All Other Divisions – The winning Grand Final club side will be promoted from the lower division, but subject to that club already having a side in the higher division.

8.10.2 Relegation –

Relegation will be determined following the season's sectional play and the order in which sides will be considered for relegation is that the bottom side will be relegated from the higher division, but subject to that club already having a side in the lower division.

Rule 9 – SIDES

9.1 Numbers and Composition

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:-

- 9.1.1 Sides of a Club will be numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. in **descending order of ability**.
- 9.1.2 A Club may seek approval from the MPB Match Committee to combine with another Club or Clubs to enter a side in the lowest Division available. 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.
- 9.1.3 Notwithstanding Rule 9.2 of these Rules for Competition, if a Club does not have sufficient Players to form a Side for the Club's lowest division Side, the Side can play with one or more Teams of three Members playing as Lead, Third and Skip respectively in accordance with Law 39.2.3 and DR 2.6.
- 9.1.4 Sides will be filled by available Players in descending order of ability. Subject to Rule 9.1.3 of these Rules for Competition, if there are insufficient Players available to fill all

Sides entered by the Club in the Pennant Competition the lowest ability Side will be the Side which forfeits.

A Player will not play in more than one Side in the same round of the same MPB Pennant Competition

- 9.1.5 Prior to the last three rounds of Sectional play there will be no restriction on the interchange of Players between the Sides of a Club.
- 9.1.6 For the last three rounds of Sectional play, no Side will include more than three players who have played the majority of their games, prior to the third last game, in a higher division Side or for clubs with sides in the same division, the side assigned a lower number (i.e. higher ability).
- 9.1.7 In any Post-sectional match a Side will not include any Player who, during the current season, has played less than four games for the Club in that actual competition. The Saturday Pennant competition and the Midweek Open Pennant competition and the Midweek Restricted Pennant competition are separate competitions and games played in one competition do not count towards Player eligibility in the other competitions. (Refer to Rule 8.4 'Divisional Play' of these Rules for Competition)
- 9.1.8 In any Post-sectional match, a Side will not include any Player who, during the current season, has played **more than four** games in a higher division Side or for clubs with sides in the same division, the side assigned a lower number (i.e. higher ability) unless the Player has also played in **four or more** games in the Side concerned or in a lower division Side or for clubs with sides in the same division, the side assigned a higher number (i.e. lower ability).
- 9.1.9 If any Club is uncertain of having available sufficient Members who are eligible under Rule 9.1.8 of these Rules for Competition, it can apply to the MPB Match Committee for approval to play other players from the Club, and if approval is granted such players can play in any position other than Skip.
- 9.1.10 An unaffiliated player is considered ineligible to play and any Side playing a match containing such a player will forfeit the Match.

9.2 Substitute Player during the season including finals

- 9.2.1 If a player becomes unable to play in the match for reasons arising after the commencement of the match, a substitute is permitted in accordance with DR 2.4.
- 9.2.3 Should a substitute player be available at the venue they may play out of uniform.

9.3 Incomplete Side at commencement of a match

- 9.3.1 If at the time a match is due to commence a player is absent DR 2.4 & 2.6 will apply.
- 9.3.2 The Skip of both teams carry the scorecard and updates the score at the completion of each end.
- 9.3.3 The opponents with a complete team will have their second play consecutive bowls (DR 2.6.1.1, 2.6.1.2 & 2.6.1.3).
- 9.3.4 If the absent player arrives late, they must take their original place in the team and enter the game at the completion of the end in progress.

9.4 Side Manager

9.4.1 Wherever under any of the Laws, Rules and Regulations a Side Manager is given any right of decision or choice, it will be exercised by the Side Manager who will act on behalf of the players in the Side.

9.4.2 The Side Manager shall not be the Umpire for the day.

9.5 Umpire

9.5.1 The Club who is designated as the Home Club should appoint a BA accredited Umpire to officiate.

9.5.2 The appointee will adjudicate play in accordance with all Laws, Rules and Regulations and have authority over all decisions to be made during the match, other than, and subject to the agreement of competing sides, to allow a challenge to the length of ends to be determined by the leads and skips on the rink concerned.

9.5.3 If the Home Club does not have an accredited Umpire available then a visiting accredited Umpire may be appointed to officiate. Alternatively, if no accredited Umpire is available then a BA accredited Measurer may be appointed Umpire.

9.5.4 If no accredited Umpire or Measurer is available then a competent player from the Home Club should be appointed to act as Umpire for that day.

9.5.5 An Umpires' decision is final and cannot be contested, disregarded or appealed except for matters relating to the meaning and interpretation of a Law.

9.5.6 Umpire for the day shall not be a Side Manager.

Rule 10 – MATCHES

10.1 Pre-Match Practice

For a Saturday Pennant game scheduled for commencement at 1.00pm, any visiting Player due to play in that match can practice between 11.15am and 12.15pm on the day of a match at the host club, and must be off the green at 12.15pm (time scheduled for completion of the practice).

There is no restriction placed on the practice start time for the home side, however the players in the home side must also complete their practice at 12.15pm and be off the green.

At least two rinks, preferably adjacent to each other, must be provided, solely for the visiting side for use during the pre-match practice period, on the green being used for the match.

If the green can accommodate both the match day rinks and the pre-match practice rinks, the rinks assigned for all pre-match practice must not be the rinks on which they may be drawn to play or any part of the rinks allocated for the match (including east west or on the pegs if game was to be played north south & vice versa if game was to be played east west by direction of the Host Club).

However if the green is limited in size to such an extent that it cannot accommodate both the match day rinks and any pre-match practice rinks or if matches are already in progress on the green before the start of match which is being 'streamed live', DR 1.1.4 can be used for arranging rinks for the pre-match practice.

For matches scheduled for commencement other than 1:00pm on Saturday (e.g. an 'early start') any pre-match practice undertaken and completed between one and three quarter hours (1¾ hrs) and three quarters of an hour (¾ hr) before the rescheduled commencement time

The rinks to be used during the pre-match practice period by any of the home club players on game day, across all divisions, must not be the rinks provided for the visiting side(s) for their pre-match practice.

The use of any rinks for pre-match practice other than those described above must be amicably agreed to by both sides.

10.2 Timing the Greens

10.2.1 Timing of greens is at the discretion of the home club.

Timing of the green is not compulsory, and there is no requirement that the MPB be informed of the speed of the green on the day of play.

A visiting Club cannot demand that a green be timed.

10.3 Rinks

10.3.1 Draw for Rinks

The draw for Rinks and Opponents will be conducted after the completion of the pre-match practice period and prior to the commencement of trial ends by the opposing Managers. The cards of one Side will be placed with the players' names face down by the Manager and the other Manager will then place a card with the players' names face down on each one of the opposition cards, and the Teams will play as thus drawn. Rink numbers will also be shuffled and placed face down on the cards.

Rinks allocated for Pennant play must be consecutively numbered and where possible played on the one green (splitting up Teams that are part of a Side is not permitted on the same green - i.e. incorrectly allocating rinks 1, 2, 6 & 7 for a Pennant Side). A coin toss will be used by the Managers to decide the side to commence the match (Law 5.2.2.2 allows the winner of the toss to start the play or tell the opposition to start the play).

Where more than one green is required, a Side will be play on those rinks which have been consecutively numbered for both greens.

10.3.2 Allocation of Rinks

If a Club for any reason, including inclement weather, has insufficient rinks available for the number of games scheduled to be played at home on a given day, it has to either find an alternative venue that is prepared to assist by making rinks available or deciding which of the home games are not going to be played resulting in a forfeit. In such a case the following will apply

- 10.3.1.1 Available greens at home are to be allocated to the home sides in order of seniority.
- 10.3.1.2 Those sides which cannot be catered for at home can, in order of seniority, use an alternative venue.
- 10.3.1.3 It will always be the sides in the lower Divisions which may be transferred or miss out on a game.
- 10.3.1.4 In the event that a game is transferred to an alternative venue the mutual agreement of the opposing side is to be obtained as soon as possible and the MPB Match Committee advised in writing. If agreement can't be reached between the clubs it will be referred to the Chair, MPB Match Committee for resolution.
- 10.3.1.5 When a Club enters the competition with more Sides than can be catered for at home, the Club must nominate the Side(s) to use the alternative venue prior to the commencement of the pennant season.

10.4 Inclement Weather

10.4.1 The Greens Director - Responsibilities

- 10.4.1.1 For the purpose of this Rule each Club, upon whose green a match is to be played, will appoint a nominated deputy for its Greens Director who will be present to act in the event the Greens Director is absent, and
- 10.4.1.2 If the MPB Match Committee has not determined that play be cancelled, the Greens Director or the appointed Deputy will be the sole authority for determining whether play can be commenced or the start time delayed for up to one hour **due to the conditions of the green** at the Greens Director's Club.

10.4.2 Inclement Weather - before play has begun

- 10.4.2.1 Should the weather forecast for a scheduled fixture be wet weather, lightning, excessive heat, excessive wind or dust or smoke or any other similar like weather condition that is likely to severely effect play, including the temperature being projected to be 35 degrees or over, an instruction may be issued from the MPB Match Committee for an 'early start' for the whole of the competition, including any instruction for abandonment.

The instruction to start earlier, or for an abandonment, on Saturday will be broadcast by the MPB to all MPB clubs by 7.00pm on the last Thursday prior to the Saturday games.

If an 'early start' is broadcast, the games for a Saturday match will start at 11.15am and trial ends (one in each direction) may commence at 11.00am.

If an 'early start' is broadcast, the games for a Midweek match will start at 9.45am and trial ends (one in each direction) may commence at 9.30am.

The instruction to start earlier, or for an abandonment, on Tuesday (Midweek pennant) will be broadcast by the MPB to all MPB clubs by 7.00pm on the last Sunday prior to the Midweek games.

10.4.2.2 If a decision against play for the day or for delayed commencement is reached before the arrival of the visiting Side or Sides, such decision will promptly be telephoned to the Club or Clubs concerned.

10.4.2.3 If due to inclement weather a match has not commenced one (1) hour after the scheduled start time the match will be abandoned. Each Side will share equally the maximum points available and no shots will be recorded.

10.4.3 Inclement Weather - play for the day has commenced

10.4.3.1 If the actual dry bulb temperature recorded at the venue club's TMD (Temperature Measuring Device) has reached 35 degrees Celsius then all Pennant matches in progress will be suspended until such time as the temperature falls back below 35 degrees Celsius.

10.4.3.2 The Side Managers of all divisions will make further reference to the Venue club's TMD every 20 minutes and if the temperature recorded is 35 degrees Celsius or above, all Pennant matches will stay suspended until such time as the temperature falls back below 35 degrees Celsius.

10.4.3.3 If after one (1) hr from the time of suspension of the game, the temperature has not dropped below 35 degrees Celsius the game will be abandoned. If abandoned, each Side will share equally the maximum points available and no shots will be recorded **unless the minimum number of ends has been reached** in accordance with Rule 8.6.2 'Minimum Number of Ends' of these Rules for Competition and a result must be declared.

10.4.3.4 If due to inclement weather one Side wishes to leave the green, but the other does not, neither Side can leave the vicinity of the green and the Umpire will be called to resolve the dispute.

10.4.3.5 If due to inclement weather play has been stopped because the Greens Director or the appointed deputy closes the green as unfit for play, it will not be resumed if the green remains closed, and when the green is re-opened:

- The Umpire on his own observation, or on appeal of the Side Managers, will decide whether or not to resume play, and
- If resumed, the provisions of Law 32.2, 32.3 and 32.4 will apply, along with Rule 10.5.6 of these Rules for Competition

10.4.3.6 If due to inclement weather a match in progress has been suspended by the MPB, the Controlling Body, or by the Umpire on his own observation, or on appeal of the Side Managers to the Umpire, and the match has not resumed within one (1) hour after the time of the suspension the match will be abandoned. Each Side will share equally the maximum points available and no shots will be recorded **unless the minimum number of ends has been reached** in accordance with Rule 8.6.2 and a result must be declared.

10.5 Late completion of games

- 10.5.1 If the match has progressed despite all delays but has not been completed before 4.00pm for a Midweek Match or 6.00pm for a Saturday Match, it will then be abandoned. Each Side will share equally the maximum points available and no shots will be recorded **unless the minimum number of ends has been reached** in accordance with Rule 8.6.2 and a result must be declared.
- 10.5.2 If play is in progress at 4.00pm for a Midweek Match or 6.00pm for a Saturday Match, it will be completed thereafter upon the interruption (as per Law 32) or the completion of any end or ends in play at 4.00pm for a Midweek Match or 6.00pm for a Saturday Match.
- 10.5.3 If a Sectional match in any Division is abandoned and the scores are such that one Side would win the match if all the remaining ends were played, that Side will be awarded the match with the scores as at the time of abandonment.
- 10.5.4 Every effort will be made regardless of time to complete a post-sectional (knockout) match but if such match is abandoned for the day it will be completed under such conditions as the MPB Match Committee decides.
- 10.5.5 Calculating a Restart
If the last end can be started before 6.00pm for a Saturday fixture and 4.00pm for a Midweek fixture then the game may be completed regardless of the finishing time.

The Side Managers will consult to determine when play will restart for all ends to be completed by 6.00pm or 4.00pm as required.

1. Allocate an average of ten (10) minutes to complete an end.
2. Determine the number of ends still to be played by the slowest rink.
3. Multiply the ends left by 10 minutes = the amount of time left to play.

Example:

Assume play is stopped at 3.00pm and 13 ends are left still to play by the slowest rink.

Multiply 13 by 10 minutes per end = 130 mins = 2 hours 10 mins.

To complete the game by 6.00pm RESTART must commence by 3.50 pm (Note: this is less than the one (1) hour maximum wait period after 3.00pm).

10.6 The Temperature Measuring Device (TMD)

The home team is responsible for the maintenance and placement of the TMD. If the expected temperature for the day is 30C or more the TMD shall be positioned as detailed below at least one hour prior to the scheduled time for commencement.

- 10.6.1 Side Managers in Pennant and Venue Managers for other events are responsible for reading the TMD. If there is a dispute over the reading, the Umpire's reading shall be taken as the measurement and considered a matter of fact and shall not be subject to any challenge. If more than one Division of Pennant is playing at the venue, then each of the Side Managers shall be responsible for their own divisions for taking a reading from the TMD.

10.6.2 TMD Placement

Place the TMD approximately 1.2 metres above the ground/green level within a white coloured properly ventilated wooden enclosure which is freely exposed to the sun and wind. Desirably it should not be shielded by, or close to trees, buildings, fences, walls, or other obstructions, nor should it be close to areas of extensive areas of concrete, asphalt, rock or other surfaces which may reflect heat onto the enclosure.

10.6.3 Should there be a dispute the, umpire shall determine the location. Ensure that the sun's rays cannot reach the thermometer within the wooden enclosure. If necessary, to ensure maximum ventilation, rotate the enclosure during the day or, if not able to rotate the enclosure, rotate the thermometer within the enclosure.

10.6.4 Once the play for the day has started the TMD shall not be moved to another location, and shall remain stationary for the duration of the day's play.

10.7 Death of a Player

10.7.1 If a Sectional match has commenced and a participating player passes away all games in progress at the Club will be abandoned. Each Side will share equally the maximum points available and no shots will be recorded **unless**

- the minimum number of ends has been reached in accordance with Rule 8.6.2 and a result must be declared.

or

- the scores are such that one Side must win the match if all the remaining ends were played.

In that case, the Side will be awarded the match with the scores as at the time of abandonment.

10.7.2 Post-Sectional (Finals) matches stopped because of a death of a participating player will be abandoned and re-started on the 'Reserve Day' allocated for Finals games, unless a result can be declared in accordance with Rule 10.7.1.

10.7.3 If Grand Final and Playoff matches are stopped because of a death of a participating player and the 'Reserve Days' have been expended, the matches will be resumed under such conditions as the MPB Match Committee decides with the scores carried forward as they were when play was stopped.

10.8 Playing of Music

If music is played during a pennant game, it should not impact on the conduct of the game and be at a level acceptable to both Side Managers. In the event of a dispute the Umpire will decide on the action to be taken.

10.9 Single Sex and Restrictions on positions each sex may play

The MPB in making decisions on single sex competitions and determining the positions each sex may play in, must ensure that they are in-line with equal opportunity requirements.

Rule 11 – RESULTS

11.1 Notification - Pennant Check Form

- 11.1.1 Each Club will comply with current procedure and arrange for the results of all matches played on its green to be entered on the prescribed forms and sent by email to the MPB Pennant Recorder on the day of play, whether the match is completed or abandoned. A photo of the completed prescribed form, and attached to an email, is acceptable.
- 11.1.2 For Saturday pennant fixtures, all results to reach the pennant recorder before 7.00pm on the day of the completed game and for Midweek fixtures, before 5.00pm on the day of the completed game. For Night games, within one hour of the completion of the game.'
- 11.1.3 Failure to properly notify the results in a legible manner on the prescribed forms and by the required time, will be deemed to be an infringement and fines can be applied.
- 11.1.4 Abandoned Matches – If a scheduled match in any Division is commenced and abandoned on the scheduled day and is unable to be completed, the Pennant Check Form with this information printed clearly where the WINNER would have been written with the words "Match Abandoned", and signed off by the Side Managers and the Umpire showing the time the match was abandoned.
- 11.1.5 A Form must be completed showing a BYE with the intended player's names entered to enable players who would have played in the match to qualify for Finals.

11.2 Alterations

No correction to a completed form will be permitted unless agreed to in writing by both Clubs and is lodged within 14 days of the match being completed, or such longer period as the MPB Match Committee allows, and failing such agreement the matter will be determined by the MPB.

Rule 12 - CONDITION OF GREEN

- 12.1 If a green of a Club after inspection by the BV, Region or MPB Greens Committee in the normal course of its duties or following a complaint from an opposing side is deemed unfit for the playing of Pennant matches:
- 12.1.1 the MPB Match Committee can direct the Club to make arrangements to play their remaining Pennant matches on another Club's green and if arrangements are not made:
- 12.1.1.1 order the forfeiture by such Club of all Pennant matches scheduled to be played on its green, and
- 12.1.1.2 withdraw approval to that Club for the conduct of any Open Tournaments for the remainder of that season.
- 12.1.2 the Club concerned will, after notice from the MPB, Region or Chief Executive of BV, take such steps as the Greens Committee considers necessary to bring the green to a reasonable standard and if, following such action, the Region or MPB Greens Committee subsequently certifies that the green has become fit for competition play the MPB Match Committee can authorise return to normal pennant play on the Club's green and reinstate approval for any Open Tournaments previously scheduled for that part of the season remaining.
- 12.2 If a green is deemed unfit for Pennant play by the MPB or Region Greens Committee (at the time of closing of Pennant entries) in the following season the MPB Match Committee can refuse to accept entries for the Pennant Competition from that Club.
- 12.3 BV recommended speed for greens for the conduct of Pennant is between thirteen (13) and seventeen (17) seconds. Any greens used for Pennant that are found to be repeatedly outside these tolerances must be reported to Bowls Victoria so that the Bowls Victoria Greens Committee can investigate the situation.

SECTION 4

MPB INFORMATION FOR CLUBS

1. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

To be eligible to play, all bowlers' affiliation fees must be paid annually to Bowls Victoria, to the Mornington Peninsula Bowls Inc. (Division) and to the Peninsula Casey Region.

A register of paid affiliated MPB players at each Club will be kept by the MPB. Details of each club's membership data base is required annually at 1st September at the start of the season. As changes occur during the year with new members and transfers, clubs may update the MPB register by using the official form provided by the MPB for that purpose. Affiliation fees must be paid and received into the MPB bank account by 5:00pm on the last business day prior to the event. A cash payment made to the Treasurer of the MPB is also acceptable.

2. BV STATE EVENTS

2.1 Entry Forms

All Clubs are to prominently display the BV Championship entry form and Conditions of Play for the event.

2.2 Competition Draws

The MPB Match Committee will conduct the draw as per the rules and regulations outlined in Section 2 of this document, which are subject to BV regulations.

Players who have byes will be advised of their arrival time for commencement of their first match.

Selected Host Clubs will have the opportunity to showcase their club and may expect to hold the total event, all or some rounds and finals as required.

2.3 Host Clubs

Host Clubs will unless otherwise advised by the MPB Match Committee:

- provide Event Manager, Umpire/s and Measurers.
- provide Markers.
- ensure all Greens are prepared for the day's play with correct markings.
- provide all equipment, including mats and jacks, ready for play on the rinks allotted.
- provide a TMD (Temperature Measuring Device) in working condition and accessible, should it be required.
- will collect Green Fees from each player at the current MPB rate.
- will provide tea and coffee and biscuits for the players and officials for morning/afternoon tea and lunch on each day of play. Food and Beverages may be charged as well as tea, coffee, biscuits etc. to spectators.

2.4 Manager and Umpire

- BV Regulations for Attire will apply to all players and officials. Registered Club Uniforms are to be worn.
- For morning games in a BV event, greens are to be timed at 9.00am. Play is to commence at 9.30am (Trial ends 9.15am) unless otherwise advised by the MPB Match Committee.
- The game day manager must read out the procedure to players prior to commencement of matches and have knowledge of Conditions of Play for all events.

- The Inclement Weather rules for MPB Pennant shall apply to all MPB Controlled Championships State Events. Wherever possible, the game should be completed on the same day providing time allows and if the temperature falls below 35 degrees prior to the recommencement, otherwise, the game will be continued at a time and place as determined by the MPB with the scores as they were at the time of the stoppage.
- Cards are to be collected by the Manager of the day from the Skips.
- Results are to be emailed to the MPB Match Committee – mpmatch16@gmail.com .

2.5 Host Club Game Day Manager - Procedures

- Atam/pm - Welcome all players.
- Please turn off Mobile phones.
- Advise that for Footwear and Attire - Bowls Victoria Regulations for Attire 2019-20 will apply to all rounds.
- The umpire for the day is
- Green has been timed and is running at
- Read out a summary of the "Conditions of Play". Advise the whole document is available to borrow from the Game Day Manager.
- Game play will beends AND sectional or knockout.
- Two trial ends can be played prior to the scheduled game start. Play must commence atam/pm.
- Afternoon games will commence atpm.
- Cards are to be signed by the opposing players in singles and skips in team events, and then handed in at the end of play.

3. PENNANT

3.1 Composite Sides

A composite side may be formed in the lowest division by two or three Clubs. The players are permitted to wear their respective club shirts and hat bands. However, coloured bowls discs, if used, must be consistent and the same discs must be used by all players making up the composite side.

3.2 Pennant Finals

Venue: Home game advantage will be given in the first week of finals to teams finishing 1st and 3rd in sectional play. The venue for week 2 and grand finals will be neutral greens available on the day. Should no neutral greens be available the decision of the venue will remain with the MPB Match Committee.

Host Club: The host club will provide Manager, Umpire or accredited Measurer unless otherwise advised by the MPB Match Committee, equipment, tea/coffee for the players. Catering arrangements for spectators will be provided at the discretion of the host club.

Green Fees: Clubs hosting any Final or Playoff will collect a \$5 green fee from each player.

Trophies: Grand Final winners and Runners-up will be presented with trophies at the end of play on the day of the Grand Final as determined by MPB. Pennant plaques with photo images will be presented to Winners and plain pennant plaques to the Runners-up at an MPB General meeting determined by the MPB.

3.3 Side Managers Role for Pennant (Rule 9.4 of these Rules for Competition)

Side Managers have an important role and should arrive at the designated venue 30 minutes prior to commencement of trial ends and establish that the Greens Director or an appointed Deputy is available in case the greens must be closed due to inclement weather or other circumstances.

3.3.1 Procedures

- Prepare match scorecards with the names of each of your club's players.
- On the Pennant Check Form PRINT the FULL FIRST NAME AND SURNAME of players under home and visiting side.
- Follow the steps in Rule 10 – 'MATCHES' of these Rules for Competition for:
 - (a) the Teams Draw and Allocation of Rinks ;
 - (b) Timing the Greens – NOT REQUIRED for season 2019-20.
- Hand scorecards to Seconds who will record the score and sign the card at the completion of the match.

3.3.2 Commencement

Home Side and Visiting Side Managers, ensure all players from both sides are in attendance and available to start on, or before, commencement time.

Home Side Manager may make announcements including the following:

- Welcome the visitors and name the visiting senior side manager
- Location of the amenities
- Location of the designated smoking areas
- Alcohol restrictions
- Name of the first aid officer
- Location of the Defribulator
- Location of the First Aid box.
- Name and thank umpire for the match.
- Call the speed of each Green - NOT REQUIRED for season 2019-20.
- Enjoy the match.
- Invite the visiting Side Manager or Deputy to respond (Midweek)

3.3.3 At the end of the match

3.3.3.1 Complete the Pennant Check Form and allocate points scored for both sides.

- Both side managers must sign.
- Umpire of the Day must sign and validate that the scores are correct.
- Before Side Managers leave the match venue, exchange a photocopy (if available), email with image or multi-media message with image of your form with your opponent.
- Host club - Scan and email to Pennant Recorder as indicated on the form **OR** photograph the completed sheet on your phone and send.
- If sending a photograph please check your screen to see that it is all there and readable.

3.3.3.2 Complete the BowlsLink on-line results in the BV Competition Portal.

SECTION 5

OPEN EVENTS

Note: The following Rules are extracts taken from the Bowls Victoria (BV) Rules for Competition 2016-17 which are written here for reference in the case where interpretation or additional knowledge is required by both officials and players.

Rule 16 – HANDICAP EVENTS

16.1 Proportional Competitions

16.1.1 The order of playing is modified after the first end in as much as the Player who had the nearest shot bowl will play first and not necessarily the Player with the higher score.

16.1.2 Points are awarded as follows:-

The bowl closest to the jack scores 4 points, the next one 3 points, the third 2 points and the fourth 1 point.

16.1.3 When two or more bowls are equidistant from the jack their total allotted points are divided equally between them.

16.1.4 The last end is not completed until all the bowls have been played and the points allotted, after which the Player with the greater aggregate will be the winner.

16.1.5 In the event of a tie, an additional end (or ends) will be played.

16.1.6 The number of points to be scored is optional.

16.2 Method of Drawing for Knockout Competition

16.2.1 Each competitor's name (in the case of Fours or Pairs the Skip's name) is written on a separate card or paper and placed in a suitable receptacle, and these will be drawn out one by one at random and copied on a list in the order in which they are drawn.

16.2.2 When the number of competitors is 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 or any higher power of 2, they will meet in pairs in the order of the draw and play out to a winner.

16.2.3 When the number of competitors is not a power of 2, byes will be given in the first round only. The number of byes will be equal to the difference between the number of competitors and the next higher power of 2. The competitors to play in the first round will be those first drawn and the number of them will be the difference between the number of competitors and the number of byes. The byes, if even in number, will be placed as the names are drawn with half their number above those paired to play in the first round and half below; if uneven in number, there will be one more bye at the bottom than at the top. (Thus, for example, with 75 competitors, 128 minus 75 equals 53 byes and 75 minus 53 equals 22 competitors to play in the first round. The first 22 names drawn will be paired to play in the first round in the order drawn; the next 26 names drawn will be placed in the second round above those in the first round and the remaining 27 below them).

16.3 Handicaps

All MINUS handicaps MUST be played off in full before commencing to score in any match.

Rule 17 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

17.1 Definition

A Club Open Tournament is one for which trophies/prizes are offered and formal entries are received from Members of more than one Club.

17.2 Conditions

All events will:

- 17.2.1 be open only to Members affiliated directly or indirectly with World Bowls or such Members in association with affiliated Members of a Controlling Body which is not a Member of BV;
- 17.2.2 be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, the BA Domestic Regulations and BV Rules for Competition;
- 17.2.3 have all conditions for the conducting of the event clearly stated on all advertising material and these will be announced before the commencement of play.
- 17.2.4 the draw for the events must be an open draw and seeding of Players is not permitted

17.3 Controlling Body

The Committee or person empowered to act for the 'Controlling Body' of an open event conducted by an affiliated Club or Clubs will be appointed by the Club or Clubs concerned.

17.4 Conducting Club Championship Events

- 17.4.1 In all Club Championships there must be actual matches played in order to have a Competition Champion/s.
 - 17.4.2 A match MUST started in order for a player or team to become constituted.
 - 17.4.3 In the final of the respective Championship a player/s may give a walkover or a forfeit to their opponent/s, the remaining player or team is still deemed to be Club Champion/s.
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