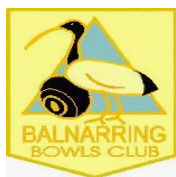


FLINDERS BOWLS DIVISION

PENNANT PROCEDURES

2014 - 2015



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The following information outlines the various administrative procedures to be followed in regard to the conduct of the FBD Pennant competition for season 2014/2015.

It is requested that a copy of these guidelines be handed to each Side Manager appointed by your club and that Selectors and Officials are conversant with the Bowls Victoria Regulations and Rules for Competitions.

A. COMPOSITION OF SIDES

A Club can field one or more Sides in Pennant Competitions.

If more than one Side is fielded by a Club in Pennant Competition/s comprising Sides from one or more Divisions, or in Division/Region Competition/s associated with that of one or more Divisions the following will apply:

1. the second and subsequent Sides of the Club will be graded in numerical sequence as 2,3,4 etc. in descending order of their ability.
2. Sides will be filled by available players in descending order of ability. If there are insufficient players available to fill all Sides entered by the Club in the Pennant competition the lowest numbered Side will be the Side which forfeits;
3. Prior to the last four rounds of Sectional play there will be no restriction on the interchange of players between the Sides of a Club.
4. For the last four rounds of Sectional 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 numbered Side.
5. In any Post-sectional knockout 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 Pennant competition are separate competitions and games played in one competition do not count towards player eligibility in the other competition).

6. In any Post-sectional match a Side will not include any player who during the current season has played more than four games in any of the higher numbered Sides unless the player has also played in four or more games in the Side concerned and/or any lower numbered Sides. (being considered as such whether completed or not and including byes) If any Club is uncertain of having available sufficient Members who are eligible it can apply to the FBD Match Committee for permission to play if necessary other nominated Members and if permission is granted such members can play in any position other than Skip.

7. Female Participation. In accordance with the VCAT ruling, female bowlers who are affiliated with BV and the FBD are permitted to play in Saturday Pennant.

8. Male Participation. In accordance with Equal Opportunity Legislation, and exemptions granted under that legislation male bowlers who are affiliated members of BV and the FBD are permitted to play in Mid Week Pennant competition under the following rules:

- a. Can only play Lead or Second and only 1 man per rink, plus 1 man per side, meaning a maximum of 4 men per side.
- b. Men can only play in the same or a higher Midweek Division than they play in Saturday Pennant during the current playing season.

All players must be correctly affiliated with BV and the FBD, as any points gained from a match could be forfeited if an ineligible player participates in any game. This includes players who have received clearances from other clubs. A reminder that no clearance will be issued by BV after 31 Dec unless special circumstances exist. These players must be listed on the proper registration form or the club faces the possibility of penalties.

B. SUBSTITUTES

Where a Club has insufficient of its own members to field a complete side affiliated members from other Clubs may be used as substitutes to make up the number. However in any Side, only one substitute may be allowed in each team.

Substitutes must be played in the Club's lowest graded Side unless the vacancy occurs after 9:30 am for Mid week pennant and 12 noon for Saturday Pennant.

After the commencement of play in a match, an **eligible** substitute can take the place of any member of the side in accordance with Law 51.2 and Domestic Regulation 4.7 only if such member becomes unable to continue to play in the match by reason of circumstances arising after the commencement of the match.

C. INCOMPLETE SIDE

If a side does not have sufficient players to form a side, either at the latest time for commencement of the match or at any time during the match due to injury or illness of a player, and if no substitute is used then:-

1. the side will play with each defaulting team of the side playing as lead, second and skip respectively.
2. the lead will play their three bowls alternately with the opposing lead and second and the second will play their three bowls alternately with the opposing second's second bowl and the opposing third. The duty of the third in a team of three will be carried out by the second, and one fourth of the total shots scored (including decimal places) by each defaulting team will be deducted from the score after the game has finished.
3. Once this process above has been implemented the game must be played out to completion in this manner.

D. PRE-MATCH PENNANT PRACTICE

1. Pre-match practice is not permitted for Mid week Pennant.
2. Pre match practice is permitted for Saturday pennant provided it is undertaken before 12 noon on the day of a match. Any player due to play in that match can with the permission of the Venue Club practice on any rink other than the rinks on which they are scheduled 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).

E. DRAW FOR RINKS

1. The draw for rinks and opponents will be conducted prior the commencement of trial ends by the opposing Managers who will exchange cards and shuffle them, after which the cards of one Side will be placed name face down by one of the Managers and the other Manager will then place a card face down on each and the Teams will play as thus drawn.
2. 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. allocating rinks 1, 2, 6 & 7 for a Pennant Side).

F. COMMENCEMENT OF GAMES

1. Mid week Pennant Games will commence no later than 10.30 am. The two trial ends must be completed before 10.30 am.
2. Saturday Pennant Games will commence no later than 1.00 pm. The two trial ends must be completed before 1.00 pm.

G. DURATION

1. Mid week Pennant will consist of 21 ends for each match.
2. Saturday Pennant will consist of 25 ends for each match.

H. SCHEDULED BREAK

1. Mid week Pennant: A 30 minute break is to be taken at 12 noon, the bell is to be rung at 11:55 am and no new ends are to be commenced after this time including ends that are made dead. Play is to resume at 12:30 pm with all players expected to be back at their rink to re-commence play at that time.
2. Saturday Pennant: An afternoon tea break will be taken at a time determined by the host club.

I. NOTIFICATION OF NO PLAY TO OPPONENTS.

If a decision is made by the Home Club to close their greens before the scheduled start time then the Opposition Clubs who are scheduled to play at the home club and the applicable FBD Match Committee Chairperson shall be advised immediately.

J. SCORING

1. For both Mid Week and Saturday Pennant, 2 points a team/rink win and 10 points a side win. Points are halved for a draw. For a walkover, all points are awarded to the side receiving the walkover plus 15 shots, and no points and -15 shots for the side giving the walkover.

K. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

1. The method to be used in deciding if a Side is to be promoted or relegated in all Divisions of the Mid week and Saturday Pennant Competition will be decided by the applicable FBD Match Committees, except no club shall have more than one side in Division 1.

L. DEATH OF A PLAYER

1. If after the commencement of any sectional Pennant match the death of any participating player occurs at the Club, all matches in progress at the Club will be abandoned and the matches deemed a tie.
2. If, after the commencement of any Post-Sectional Pennant finals match in which the death of any participating player occurs, play will be abandoned for the day and it will be resumed at the discretion of the FBD Match Committee with the scores carried forward as they were when play was abandoned.

M. SIDE MANAGER

1. Wherever under any of the Laws, Rules and Regulations a Side is given any right of decision or choice, it will be exercised by the Side Manager who will act on behalf of the Side. Side Managers are not to be appointed as Umpire or Measurer for the day.

N. PENNANT CHECK FORM.

1. A form will be provided by the Home Side in every instance. It must be completed and signed by the Home Side Manager and checked and counter-signed by the Side Manager of the Visiting Side. It is important that details and scores are checked accurately, as this is the official results sheet of the Match.
2. It is imperative that Divisions of the respective sides are correctly identified on all returns and any player substitutes are designated on the Pennant Check Form.
3. Mid Week and Saturday Pennant. The Secretary or representative on the day, of the Home Club is responsible to forward the completed form to:
Ros Couacaud
123 Elizabeth Drive
Rosebud VIC 3939
Within three business days following the match.
4. If the game is not completed due to inclement weather, a bye or forfeit the Pennant Check Form with the teams completed in full MUST be forwarded in the normal manner

O. SUBMISSIONS OF RESULTS FOR MEDIA

1. Mid week Home Clubs, immediately after the completion of play must email results of all games played on their green that afternoon to rosnbob3@bigpond.com.au and njoborne@bigpond.net.au
2. Saturday Home Clubs, immediately after the completion of play must email results of all games played on their greens to: jwaugh@westnet.com.au and rosnbob3@bigpond.com.au by 7:30 pm Saturday.
3. Results will be available on the following website:
www.flindersbowlsdivision.bowls.com.au or
www.peninsulacasey.vic.bowls.net.au

P. RAIN OR OTHER WEATHER CONDITIONS

1. For the purposes of this regulation, each Club upon whose green a match is to be played shall appoint a nominated deputy for its Greens Director, who will be present to act in the event of the absence of such Greens Director. A match may be interrupted by the following scenarios:
 - a) If, due to inclement weather, the greens are closed by the Greens Director or his deputy.
 - b) If both sides wish to leave the green after agreement between the respective Side Managers.
 - c) If only one side wishes to leave and the Side Manager asks the Umpire to adjudicate on interrupting the match, and the umpire agrees.
 - d) Despite anything contained in Rule P and Q the Side Managers may by mutual agreement abandon the game at any time due to the prevailing weather conditions if a resumption of play is unlikely.

Q. HEAT.

1. All playing venues within the FBD have been issued with a Temp Measuring Device (TMD). When the temperature as measured on the TMD reaches 34 degrees Celsius or more, all play at that venue shall cease forthwith UNTIL the temperature falls below 34 degrees. (Also see Annex A re the Heat Rule)
2. Any match where the start of play is delayed due to inclement weather and not commenced within 2 hours of the scheduled starting time shall be abandoned.
3. If play has commenced in a match and it is later delayed due to inclement weather, then unless the match can be completed within five and a half hours of the scheduled commencement time, it shall be abandoned.
4. Every effort shall be made regardless of time to complete a post-sectional (knockout) match but if such a match is abandoned for the day it will be completed under such conditions as the FBD Competition Committee decides.
5. If less than 50% of the games in a Division are completed due to inclement weather, the round will be considered as abandoned and all points shared.
6. If play for the day is abandoned by the FBD Competitions Committee prior to the scheduled commencement time then points will be shared for matches scheduled on that day. This includes walkovers where the walkover has resulted from a team previously withdrawing from the competition. (Not just a walkover on the day)
7. If a match is abandoned by mutual agreement before or during play before a result is obtained then each side shall share equally the maximum points available for the game.
8. If a match is abandoned during play and a result is possible then the points shall be allotted as if the match had been completed at the time of abandonment.

ANNEX A

APPLICATIONS BY CLUBS OF THE HEAT RULE

Scope

This rule shall apply to FBD Pennant Competitions (and should apply to all club events).

Rule

All playing venues within the FBD have been issued with an approved Temperature measuring Device, (TMD). When the temperature as measured on the TMD reads 34 degrees Celsius or more, all play at that venue shall cease until the temperature falls below 34 deg. Celsius.

If due to weather forecasts, the Match Committee is of the opinion that the forthcoming round of Pennant play may not be completed due to the implementation of the Heat Rule, the Match Committee may declare a Heat Rule Day (HRD), and any such declaration must be made and advised to clubs by 12 noon on the Friday preceding the round. Play on a HRD (**Saturday Pennant only**) will commence at 10:00 am with no planned break before the conclusion of play. Trial ends are to be completed by 10.00am, lunch refreshments will be taken at completion of play. During play on a HRD, the heat rule shall apply.

Penalty

Any team, side or individual who continues to play when the temperature as measured on the TMD exceeds the above stated limits shall be liable to a loss of points, disqualification and or a fine.

Suspension of Play

If play commences at the normal scheduled time and is interrupted due to the heat the Side Managers, or the umpire on appeal, failing agreement, shall decide whether or not to resume and if resumed, the provision of Law 50 shall apply, it being understood that 'mutual agreement' means agreement between the Side Managers.

Responsibilities

The home team is responsible for the maintenance and placement of the TMD. If the forecasted expected temperature for the day is over 30 deg. C, the TMD shall be positioned as detailed below for a least one hour prior to scheduled play.

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 subjected to any challenge. If more than one Division of pennant is playing at the venue, the Side Managers of the highest division shall be jointly responsible for taking a reading on the TMD. If the reading invokes the Heat Rule they shall immediately inform all other Side Managers at the venue.

Placement of the Approved TMD:

Place the TMD approximately 1.2 metres above ground/green level freely exposed to sun and wind. It shall not be shielded by or close to trees, buildings, fences walls or other obstructions. Also it should not be close to extensive areas of concrete, asphalt, rock or other surfaces that may reflect heat.