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2013-2014 Peninsula Bowls Division Saturday Pennant Conditions of Play

The following information outlines the various administrative procedures and Conditions of Play to be followed in regard to the conduct of the 2013-14 Peninsula Bowls Division (PBD) Saturday Pennant competition.

It is requested that a copy of these Conditions of Play be handed to each Side Manager appointed by your Club. Games will again commence no later than 1.00pm. It is permissible however to commence games prior to 1.00pm if all players are present. The two trial ends must be completed before 1.00pm. Play terminates at 6.30pm

Clubs are requested to make sure that Selectors & Officials are conversant with the Bowls Victoria Regulations and Rules for Competition, which the PBD Board, have decided will be applicable to all PBD controlled events.

Pre-Match Pennant Practice

Pre-match practice is permitted for Saturday Pennant provided it is undertaken before 12.00 noon on the day of the match, any player due to play in a match, can with the permission of the Club, otherwise play or practice on the green of any Club subject to such play or practice, (if at the Club at which the match is to be played), being on the rinks other than those allocated for the match.

Where the scheduled time of commencement of the game is other than 1.00pm the practice time should be completed thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start.

Timing of Greens

The Bowls Victoria Board has directed all greens must be timed before the start of competitive play and recorded on the Pennant Check Form. Timing of your greens must be carried out thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time by the nominated Umpire for the day in conjunction with the senior visiting side Manager. The pace must be recorded and immediately prominently displayed by the Manager of the home side.

Greens must be timed in the presence of a member of the visiting side scheduled to play on that green. Clubs are reminded of the updated procedures for the use of timing ramps and the amended speed chart.

The White Pennant Check Form must be emailed or faxed to the Division Pennant Recorder. It is important timing is carried out and reported accurately as the information is used by both the PBD Match Committee and Greens Committees. Clubs are reminded that Bowls Victoria has timing ramp kits available which are precise instruments for recording the speed of greens. Timing Ramps are not permitted to be used for the timing of Needle Punch Synthetic greens. These greens must be timed with a stopwatch over a distance of 27 metres.

Notification of No Play to Opponents

There have been many instances where players arrive at their opponents' venue only to find the greens have been closed or a walkover has been given. As a matter of common courtesy visitors should be advised the game is to be abandoned immediately the decision is made by

the host Club, thus saving unnecessary travel. Where appropriate host venues can ring visiting sides to advise of the closure of their greens. Please ensure that this practice is adhered to.

Walkovers

The PBD Match Committee is most concerned at the number of walkovers being given and a penalty will apply against a Club giving a walkover. Rule 8D(iii) states "In addition to the points awarded under Clause 8D(ii) a side giving a walkover shall lose 15 shots and the Side receiving a walkover shall gain 15 shots".

In addition to the points and shots penalties a financial penalty of \$25.00 will be invoked for each of the first and second walkovers granted by Clubs. For a third walkover a penalty of \$50.00 will apply and subsequent walkovers will attract a penalty of \$100.00 each.

A club that withdraws a Pennant Side after the competition draw has been published will incur a \$450.00 fine to remove that side from the competition.

In the event of a walkover, both sides must complete a Pennant Check form, showing which side has given the walkover.

The side that receives the walkover and it not being a home game must also send in a White team (rink) sheet to register the players that would have played in the match for registration for finals.

Scoring

The Scoring method to be used in allocating points for a Side or Team win or draw are as follows

- 10 Points for a Win for a Side or Team
- 5 Points for a Draw for a Side or Team
- 2 Points for winning rink
- 1 Point for a Draw

Substitutes

- (i) 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 (rink). Substitutes must be played in the Club's lowest graded Side unless the vacancy occurs after 12 noon on the day of the match.
- (ii) After the commencement of play in a match, a substitute can take the place of any member of the side other than play Skip 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.

Incomplete Side

If at the latest time for the commencement of a match a side does not have sufficient players to form a side,

- (i) the side will play with each defaulting team (rink) of the side playing as lead, second and Skip respectively.
- (ii) the lead will play his three bowls alternately with the opposing lead and second and the second will play his three bowls alternately with the opposing second's second bowl and the opposing third. The duty of the third in a team (rink) of three will be carried out by the second, and one fourth of the total shots scored (including decimal places) by each defaulting team (rink) will be deducted from the score after the game has finished

- (iii) Once this process (ii) above has been implemented the game must be played out to completion in this manner.

Side Manager

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.

The Side Manager should not be the Umpire of the day.

Female Participation

In accordance with the VCAT ruling, female bowlers who are affiliated members of Bowls Victoria are permitted to play in the PBD Saturday pennant and must be selected on their ability. Please ensure that any bowler selected by your Club is affiliated with Bowls Victoria as any points gained from a match will be forfeited if an ineligible player participates in any game.

Synthetic Surfaces

Where a Club has facilities available which allows it to play games on either grass or synthetic surfaces, it would be deemed a common courtesy if the Club's opponents could be advised early in the week prior to the game if a decision is made to play the games on the synthetic surface.

Please note that there is no obligation under the Rules to provide this advice and therefore no binding commitment. It is a courtesy action only.

Umpires

Venue Clubs to appoint accredited Umpires where available to officiate in matches. If Home Club does not have an accredited Umpire available they may use an umpire from a visiting Club to officiate if available. If no Umpire is available Side Manager will comply with Law 37.1.6. The Umpire of the day should not be a Side Manager.

Attire – see BV Rules for Competition Rule 1C(vii)

It is the responsibility of the **Club President** to ensure that all Members of a Club Pennant Side and above Competitions or representative Team are correctly attired at all times. 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 PBD Match Committee chairman will then take action under Rule 1C(ii) relevant to the misdemeanour which can result in either a fine, loss of points or forfeiture of the Match.

Identification Discs

Clubs may use the coloured bowls discs of their choice provided all members of the side use discs that are of the same colour. Where opponents are using the same coloured discs the visiting Side shall remove theirs or use another colour if available

Registration of Players

Please ensure that all Pennant players are correctly affiliated with Bowls Victoria. This includes players who have received clearances from other Clubs. These players must be listed on the proper registration form or the Club faces the possibility of penalties being invoked.

Composite Sides

If a side in the lowest division comprises two or three Clubs in accordance with Rule 9A(ii), the players are permitted to wear their respective club shirts and hat bands. However, if coloured

bowls discs are used they must be a constant colour and all members of the combined side will use the discs.

All Divisions

Games in all Divisions may be played on a Friday night if both competing Clubs agree and approval is obtained from the PBD Competitions Committee at least seven (7) days prior to the match involved.

Scheduling of Matches

Where clubs have agreed to schedule a fixture match to be played on a specific day/night (Friday or Saturday), in the advent of the match not being able to be commenced or completed on that scheduled day/night the following will apply:

- If a Friday match – Commence or Complete on the Saturday
- If a Saturday (scheduled to commence at any time) – match must be completed on the Saturday and cannot be continued or replayed at any other time.
- There are no provisions for Sunday Pennant matches to be conducted.

Special Conditions for Changes to Scheduled Matches

- Notification of ANY change to a scheduled match/es must be provided in writing seven days prior to the scheduled date for play to the PBD Match Committee stating round, number, date for play, competing clubs, venue and starting time.
- Where a scheduled match is delayed and due to be completed by no later than 6.30 pm, with the agreement of both competing sides the match may continue to completion beyond the scheduled 6.30pm time.

Scheduled Break:

In relation to provision of a scheduled break for all Divisions.

Where matches are scheduled at the normal 1.00 pm Saturday start:

- A 15-minute break will be taken at 2:45pm, the bell is to be rung at 2:40pm and no new ends are to be commenced after this time including ends that are made dead. Play is to resume at 3:00pm with all players expected to be back at their rink to re-commence play at that time.

The purpose of this 5 minutes “period of grace” is to allow those who have just commenced an end to complete their end and still have a 15-minute break.

- By prior mutual arrangement, the scheduled break may be waived. If side managers are not able to agree, scheduled break will be taken at stated time above.

Inclement Weather Procedure:

Club administrators and Side Managers must be fully acquainted with Rule 10E.

Code Red Fire Danger Rating Days:

On forecast Code Red Fire Danger Rating Days, PBD Pennant will be abandoned.

In regard to excessive heat, Rule 10E(a)(i) now applies, this rule reads as follows:

HEAT

For **Saturday PBD Pennant all Divisions**, if the actual dry bulb temperature recorded at the venue club's TMD (Temperature Measuring Device) has reached 36 degrees Celsius at 12.30pm on the Pennant day then commencement of the match will be suspended until such time as the temperature falls back below 36 degrees Celsius (all play will be abandoned at 6:30pm as per the provisions of Rule 10E(g)).

Following commencement of a game Side Managers will make further reference to the Venue clubs TMD every 30 minutes and if the temperature recorded is 36 degrees Celsius or above all Pennant matches in progress will be suspended until such time as the temperature falls back below 36 degrees Celsius (as stated above all play will be abandoned at 6:30pm as per the provisions of Rule 10E(g)), every effort must be made to complete the ends in progress prior to leaving the green for the suspension of play.

- (a) Unless the PBD Competitions Committee determines prior to the scheduled commencement time that all play for the day shall be abandoned, taking into consideration extreme weather forecasts including Code Red Fire Alert Warnings, White Pennant Check forms must be sent to Peter Stevens by the Home Club for every scheduled match, whether completed or not.
 - (i) **Where a match has not commenced** – {Rule for Competition 10E(e) “If due to inclement weather a match has not commenced by 3.00pm it shall be abandoned”}.
A Pennant Check form shall be forwarded showing the results as a tie, with the scores 0-0. The words “NO PLAY” should be written across the form.
 - (ii) **Where 25 ends are not played by each team (rink)** – {Rule for Competition 10E(g)} “If due to inclement weather the start of a sectional match has been delayed or play interrupted in accordance with 10E(f)(ii) and the match has not been completed before 6.30pm, it shall then be abandoned but if play is in progress at 6.30pm, it shall be abandoned thereafter upon the interruption or completion of any end or ends in play at 6.30pm, (refer Law 11)”. Points will be allotted according to Rule for Competition 10E(h).
- (b) **Advice of Abandonment of play for the day by the PBD Match Committee** will be as follows
 - (i) To PBD Board Members (These will be the first notified).
 - (ii) Updates on the PBD Bowls Victoria Website.
 - (iii) By phoning PBD Competitions Committee on ☎ Peter 0433 139 697, Trudy 0418 965 108, Pam 0409 831 110.
 - (iv) By contacting Club Officials. To avoid overloading PBD Competition Chairman's phone, it is strongly recommended Clubs appoint **one person** to ascertain the decision of the PBD Competitions Committee, and arrange for the advice to Club members in some organised manner.
- (c) **If less than half of the matches in a Division are completed**, the results for that Division will not count, except where all games in a Section are played, then the results for that Section will stand as per Rule for Competition 10E(h)(ii).
- (d) **Allocation of Rinks**
If a Club for any one of a number of reasons, including inclement weather, has insufficient rinks available for the number of games scheduled to be played at home on a given day it is put into a situation where 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.

In such a case the following will apply

- (i) Available greens are to be allocated to the home sides in order of seniority of the sides drawn to play at home.

- (ii) If an alternative venue is available that venue may be used, again in seniority, by those sides which cannot be catered for at home.
- (iii) It will always be the sides in the lower Divisions which may be transferred or miss out on a game.
- (iv) In the event that a game is to be transferred to an alternative venue the mutual agreement of the opposing side needs to be obtained as soon as possible and the Chairman of the PBD Match Committee advised.

If play for the day is abandoned by the PBD Match 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 Side previously withdrawing from the competition (not just a walkover on the day.)

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.

If a match is abandoned during play and a result is possible under Rule 10E(h)(i) then the points shall be allotted as if the match had been completed at the time of abandonment.

If in accordance with the extreme heat rule all games are abandoned at 3.00pm then points are to be awarded for matches scheduled on that day as previously described above.

White Pennant Check Forms

If Clubs desire to retain a copy of the form for each side, they should photocopy or make other arrangements. Sufficient supplies have been provided for each game of the season and NO further supplies will be issued.

- (a) 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 Manager of the Visiting Side. It is important that details and scores in particular are checked accurately, as this is the official results sheet of the Match, results will not be amended if the form is incorrect once it has been signed by both managers.

WHITE PENNANT CHECK FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR WALKOVERS & BYES TO ENABLE ROUND TO BE USED FOR FINALS QUALIFICATION PURPOSES.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT DIVISIONS OF THE RESPECTIVE SIDES ARE CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED ON ALL RETURNS AND PLAYERS PLAYING AS SUBSTITUTES ARE DESIGNATED (SUB) ON THE WHITE CHECK FORM.

- (a) The Selection Chairperson or his/her representative will retain the original completed form until after Pennant finals are completed. On the day the home Club is responsible to see that this completed form is forwarded to PBD Pennant Recorder by Email, fax or phone by 7:00pm Saturday to:-

Peter Stevens Email:- pst95795@bigpond.net.au
 Fax:- 5997 2192
 Phone:- 5997 1559

IMPORTANT NOTE: - When phoning results, please provide the information to the operator in the following order

1. DIVISION
2. HOME SIDE (Name and Side number)
3. POINTS
4. SCORE/SHOTS
5. VISITING SIDE (Name and Side number)
6. POINTS
7. SCORE/SHOTS

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P Bowman', on a light-colored rectangular background.

Peter Bowman
PBD Match Committee Chairman
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