

# **NORTH WESTERN BOWLING ASSOCIATION Inc.**

## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR ALL PENNANT COMPETITIONS Season 2024-2025**

The “Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 3rd Edition Version 3.1” shall govern all matches. It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure their correspondence has been received by the relevant party. Pennant Rules Excluded

### **1. PENNANT COMPETITIONS:**

- a) All Pennant matches and North Western Bowling Association (NWBA) events shall be under the control of the NWBA Executive Committee.
- b) The Pennant programs for each season shall be prepared by the Match and Program Committee or as directed by the NWBA Executive Committee
- c) Separate Pennant competitions shall be programmed for Saturday Open Bowls (referred to hereinafter as Saturday Pennants) and for Thursday Women’s Opposite Gender Pennants (referred to hereinafter as Thursday Pennants) and for Wednesday Men’s Opposite Gender Pennants (referred to hereinafter as Wednesday Pennants)

### **2. COMPETITION DIVISIONS:**

- a) Saturday - Three Divisions named Division 1 Boucher, Division 2 O’Shaughnessy, Division 3 Mahood.  
  
Thursday - Two Divisions named NW Division 1 and NW Division 2.  
  
Wednesday - Two Divisions Blieschke East and Blieschke West.
- b) Saturday Pennants shall consist of four teams of four players in Boucher and O’Shaughnessy Divisions, three teams of four players in Mahood Division.
- c) Thursday Pennants shall consist of two teams of four players in each Division. Wednesday Pennants shall consist of two teams of four players in each Division.
- d) Division One will have an even number of players.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY:**

- a) All players must be registered players with Bowls SA and NWBA by the start of the season. Names of additional members subsequent to the initial list of members shall be forwarded to NWBA on acceptance to membership by the member club.
- b) RP (Restricted Player) is a person who has not been a full financial member of a member club for the previous 2 years. RP’s can play 3 matches for the club they are aligned to, with an annual payment as determined by NWBA Inc, subject to compliance with BSA By-Law 4.3. A Restricted Player.
- c) No player is permitted to play Pennant matches, except as a substitute or as a permit player in the single gender mid-week competitions for other than the club with which he/she is registered with Bowls SA unless a Bowls SA clearance has been obtained.

- d) In any competition, two clubs may form a composite side with the approval of the NWBA Executive.

#### **4. CONDITIONS OF PLAY:**

- a) Unless authorized, otherwise by the delegates at the Annual General Meeting or a Special Meeting of the NWBA; - all Saturday Pennant matches shall be played on a Saturday commencing at 1.30pm and shall be of twenty-five (25) ends, for Division 1 Boucher and Division 2 O'Shaughnessy 21 ends for Division 3 Mahood.  
Thursday Pennant matches shall commence at 9-30a.m. and shall be of twenty-one (21) ends.  
Wednesday Pennant matches shall commence at 1.30pm and shall be of twenty-one (21) ends.
- b) Games may be played earlier only by mutual agreement of the clubs involved and are to be played on the day shown on the original draw.
- c) Should a side fail to appear at the appointed time, or within 30 minutes thereof, the opposing side, if ready to commence play, will be awarded the match with points and shots applicable to a forfeit.
- d) Pennant matches shall be on the basis of home and away games to be played on a green of the first named club, as indicated in the program.
- e) Two (2) trial ends, with the number of bowls to be used by each player is permitted before the scheduled starting time of the match, but shall not commence more than twenty minutes before the scheduled starting time.
- f) Promotion and relegation shall apply in all Divisions of Saturday Pennants, and in the Thursday Women's competitions.

The NWBA Executive may consider requests from clubs where mitigating circumstances may exist.

#### **5. ALLOCATION OF RINKS:**

In all pennant matches the draw for rinks shall be made by the opposing Team Managers who shall exchange cards (without any rink numbers shown there-on) and shall shuffle them, after which the cards shall be placed separately (with the names facing downwards) by one of the Team Managers, the other Team Manager shall then place the cards with the name facing downwards and while the cards are still in position, the rink numbers shall thereupon be allotted. The teams are thus drawn. The Team Managers shall toss to determine who shall play first and such decision shall be binding on all teams in the side.

#### **6. UMPIRE / MEASURER:**

The official umpire *shall be shown on the home clubs notice board* on the day of every pennant match.

If no official umpire is available, clubs shall designate one person to act accordingly.

## **7. SCORE CARDS / BOWLSLINK**

Clubs are to institute use of Bowls Link

- A] All teams are to be entered on Bowlslink by 9:30 am on the day of playing.
- B] All results are to be confirmed on Bowlslink on ***the day of play.***
- C) Immediately at the completion of the match, all results. including the nominated sides when a match is abandoned after the scheduled starting time are to be recorded on Bowlslink.
- D) Score cards must show given name and family name of all players. If opposite gender players, Substitutes or restricted Players are used, this must be noted on the score cards and Bowlslink by writing 'OG', Sub or RP along side the name.

The score card and scoreboard shall be the responsibility of the Second

- E) When a round of matches is cancelled, names are to be submitted on Bowlslink for qualification purposes.

Failure to comply with the above may result in penalties and loss of points.

- F] Substitute's ,Social/Restricted players whose names do not appear on Bowlslink, are to have their names sent to the recorder Trevor McKay and Ian Pomerence,

## **8. PENNANT POINTS:**

- 1. No Club shall be awarded any Pennant points until it is a Financial Member of the NWBA
- 2 For ALL Pennant matches, Match points shall be of 20 points for a win and two (2) points for each winning team in a side. Half points shall be awarded for a drawn team or side. No points shall be awarded to a side receiving a bye.
- 3. The position on the premiership table shall be decided by match points scored. In the event of two sides having equal number of match points the number of shots up or down shall determine the position. If the sides are still equal the result will be decided by percentage.

## **9. FORFEITS AND BYES:**

- a) A side not being able to meet the programmed match for Saturday Pennants shall notify an official of the opposing side and the Association Secretary not later than 9.00am on the morning of the game, and for Wednesday and Thursday pennants, 7.30pm on the night before the game.
- b) Should one side fail to appear at the appointed time or within 30 minutes thereof, the opposing side, if ready to play, may be awarded the match on forfeit.
- c) In the event the side receiving the forfeit shall be credited with full points in accordance with rule 8b) i.e. Points for a win plus all the points that would have been scored if all teams had played and won, plus 5 shots for each team. The side receiving the forfeit must forward a completed result sheet to claim the forfeit.
- d] 1) If an away team forfeits a game in the first round, then they lose the benefit of a home game in the second round, and will be required to play at that same Club's venue in the second round, and forfeit their home ground advantage.

2) If a Club's green is not playable prior to the start of a game, every effort is to be made to play at the away Club's venue if playable and available, or at another suitable neutral venue irrespective of which round is being played. If it is in the first round, and the venue is changed to the away team, then the venue is to be swapped in the second round.

- e) If it is possible to play the match at the away venue or another suitable neutral venue and the home team refuses to play, then that home team forfeits the game, and points will be allocated to the away team.
- f) If a club has two or more sides in the pennant competition and finds it necessary to forfeit, the forfeit must be made in the lowest division and lowest ranked side in that Division in which the club entered. Thus maintaining the status quo in higher sides. If a club has two sides in one Division, the lower ranked side shall forfeit. The latest premiership table is to be used to determine the lowest ranked side.
- g) No points shall be awarded to a side receiving a bye.
- h) For Wednesday and Thursday Pennants, when one side in a club (with multiple sides) has a bye, or receives a forfeit, the side must choose spare same gender players from the bye and/or side giving a forfeit before using opposite gender players.

#### **10. OPPOSITE GENDER**

In single gender Pennant competitions (Wednesday and Thursday), the following rules apply to opposite gender players

- a) No Opposite Gender Player shall be selected for a Member Club if there is sufficient registered same gender players available.
- b) If a Member Club has insufficient same gender players available, then any eligible member of that Member Club may be used provided that;
  - 1.) Players are used from the lowest ranked side to fill in higher sides.
  - 2.) The OG player then fills in, in the lowest side on the premiership table.
  - 3.) they can only play lead or second,
  - 4.) a maximum of 3 (three) per side .

#### **11. OPEN GENDER POLICY:**

In the Saturday open bowls pennant competition, Bowls SA's Open Gender policy must be strictly adhered to .

## **12. INCLEMENT WEATHER: ADVERSE OR UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

- a) When a Pennant Match has commenced and has subsequently stopped on account of inclement weather, it shall not resume if the Umpire, or Greens Manager declares the green unfit for play. The Umpire, in consultation with the team managers, will make the decision to either proceed with play or declare the match completed or abandoned.
- b) If a match cannot be resumed within one hour of the interruption, the umpire will make the decision that the match is either complete or abandoned.
- c) In the event of any pennant match being abandoned or interrupted owing to inclement weather, adverse or unforeseen circumstances, it shall be deemed to be completed with the score at the time of abandonment, if a total of Fifty Percent (50%) or more of the scheduled ends have been played.
- d) Should a club's green be deemed unplayable due to weather conditions or any other reason, the club must notify the Match & Program Secretary and an Official of their opponent/s, as soon as the decision to close the green is made.
- e) A pennant match abandoned owing to inclement weather, adverse or unforeseen circumstances, either before the scheduled starting time, or during the game before sufficient ends have been played for a result, the match shall be declared a drawn game with match points shared equally.
- f) If a final is abandoned due to inclement weather, adverse or unforeseen circumstances, it shall be postponed and the game must be continued, either on the same day or on a different day. The scores will be as they were when the game stopped. All finals must constitute a complete match.
- g) The NWBA Executive shall call all matches off for that Division only, if more than 50% of matches in each Division are abandoned due to inclement weather, adverse or unforeseen circumstances.
- i) Any player having played in a completed game is not eligible to compete in a replayed abandoned game.

## **13 HEAT RULE:**

### **Saturday Pennants**

- a) No play on a declared catastrophic fire danger day, in either the Flinders or Mid North Region.
- b) For all Pennant Competitions and Association matches, if the predicted temperature for Jamestown as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) at 4-25 pm on the day prior to the match is 38°C or over, matches are to commence at 9-30 am or earlier by mutual agreement. The Umpire, in consultation with the Team Managers, will abandon the match, at the completion of the end when the temperature reaches 38°C during the game.

*If a match cannot be resumed within one hour of the interruption, the umpire will make the decision that the match is either complete or abandoned.*

c) For all competitions, The Umpire, in consultation with the team managers, are responsible for calling a match off. The Umpire shall monitor the temperature every half an hour.

d) if the predicted temperature for Jamestown as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) at 4-25 pm on the day prior to the match is 41°C or over, all matches will be abandoned.

e) Clubs are to be aware of their duty of care as outlined in their policy and the current BSA Heat & Inclement Weather Policy.

f) The NWBA Executive shall have the authority to abandon all matches prior to play commencing due to the heat rule when deemed necessary.

### **Wednesday Pennants**

a) No play on a declared catastrophic fire danger day, in either the Flinders or Mid North Region.

b) For all Pennant Competitions and Association matches, if the predicted temperature for Jamestown or Port Pirie as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) at 4-25 pm on the day prior to the match is 38°C or over, matches are to commence at 9-30 am or earlier by mutual agreement. The Umpire, in consultation with the Team Managers, will abandon the match, at the completion of the end when the temperature reaches 38°C during the game.

c) For all competitions, The Umpire, in consultation with the team managers, are responsible for calling a match off. The Umpire shall monitor the temperature every half an hour.

*If a match cannot be resumed within one hour of the interruption, the umpire will make the decision that the match is either complete or abandoned.*

d) if the predicted temperature for Pt Pirie as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) at 4-25 pm on the day prior to the match is 41°C or over, all matches will be abandoned.

e) Clubs are to be aware of their duty of care as outlined in their policy and the current BSA Heat & Inclement Weather Policy.

f) The NWBA Executive shall have the authority to abandon all matches prior to play commencing due to the heat rule when deemed necessary.

### **Thursday Pennants**

a) No play on a declared catastrophic fire danger day, in either the Flinders or Mid North Region.

b) For all Pennant Competitions and Association matches, if the predicted temperature for Port Pirie. as issued by the [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) at 4.25 pm on the day prior to the match is 36°C or over matches are to commence at 9 am start.

The Umpire, in consultation with the Team Managers, will abandon the match, at the completion of the end when the temperature reaches 38°C

- c) For all competitions, The Umpire, in consultation with the team managers, are responsible for calling a match off. The Umpire shall monitor the temperature every half an hour.
- d) *If a match cannot be resumed within one hour of the interruption, the umpire will make the decision that the match is either complete or abandoned.*

E) If the predicted temperature for Pt Pirie as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) at 4-25 pm on the day prior to the match is 40°C or over, all matches will be abandoned.

e) Clubs are to be aware of their duty of care as outlined in their policy and the current BSA Heat & Inclement Weather Policy.

f) The NWBA Executive shall have the authority to abandon all matches prior to play commencing due to the heat rule when deemed necessary.

#### **14. REFRESHMENT BREAK:**

- a) Saturday and Wednesday Pennants are to take a 10-minute break after enough ends to constitute a game have been played. [32 ends for 21 end/ 3 rinks and 51 ends for a 25 end /4 rinks,] Managers are to enforce the 10 minutes time limit.
- b) Pennant matches commencing at 9-30 am. will be played straight through, with refreshments taken at the completion of the match.

#### **5. FINALS:**

- a) Finals shall be played in all Divisions in all Pennant Competitions and will be determined by the Match and Program Committee.
- b) To be eligible to play for a Club in any final a player must have represented their Club in not less than three (3) minor round matches in the Division concerned, or a lower one.
- c) If a club has all teams contesting finals, on the same day, a player can be able to play in the next lower division from which the player is eligible. When the higher ranked team is not playing, the normal qualification applies.
- d) The first four (4) Sides in all Divisions will play for the pennant.

The Side finishing first shall play the Side finishing second (2nd Semi-Final), with the winner going straight to the Grand Final, third shall play fourth (1st Semi-Final) with the winner to play the loser of the Second Semi-Final and the loser eliminated.

e) All Finals will be on neutral greens or greens agreed to by the NWBA Executive, including both grass and synthetic surfaces.

f) All Finals are to be played on the usual day of play for that Pennant competition.

The NWBA Executive may need to determine an alternative day and/or time in extenuating circumstances .

g) Clubs hosting all finals are to provide Umpires.

h) Finals shall be decided by rule 26.1 of the Bowls Australia Laws of the Sport of Bowls. Finals being an eliminating competition, there must be no further play in a match, if, at any stage it becomes impossible for the opponent to win the match given the number of ends left to play.

i) In any final, if the scores are equal when all of the ends have been played, Bowls Australia Law 28 will apply.

#### **16 CLUB / COLOUR QUALIFICATION:**

a) A member of a club shall be permitted to play Pennant bowls for only one club in any one season except when a clearance from one club to another has been granted by Bowls SA excluding the use of substitutes or NWBA approved permit players.

b) All bowlers shall be selected on merit.

6 c) Where a club has two or more colour sides in the same division, a player is not constituted in a colour until after the end of the Fourteenth round, A player must then play for the same colour in that Division in rounds 15, 16, 17 and 18 and finals. This rule applies to the Thirds and Skippers only.

d) Prior to the commencement of Round 15, all clubs that have two or more colour sides in the same Division shall furnish the NWBA Secretary with a list of names of the Thirds and Skippers aligned to each of those coloured sides to confirm this requirement.

e) If both coloured sides are in finals, all players MUST play for the colour they are constituted in. If only one colour remains in the finals and they have insufficient constituted same gender players available, they may substitute a player from only the leads or seconds from the other colour. f) In Opposite Gender competitions, (Wednesday and Thursday) Rule 10a will apply in relation to e) above when insufficient same gender players are not available .

g) For Pennants, the NWBA Secretary and Recorder are to receive a list of all of each clubs registered players at the commencement of the Pennant season .

#### **17 IDENTIFYING DISCS:**

a) Clubs shall use identifying Discs on their bowls as registered with the Secretary of the NWBA. The Umpire may instruct a player to replace worn discs with new ones.

b) Where a club has two or more sides in the same Division, when they play each other the highest ranked side shall use bowls with coloured discs, with the other side with a different coloured dot.

#### **18 NWBA RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

All Clubs shall conform to the NWBA Rules and Regulations, By-laws of Bowls Australia and the rules and regulations of Bowls S.A. and any infringement of these conditions may result in a penalty being imposed on the club or clubs.



## **19 INFRINGEMENTS**

1. **Should a club infringe on any of these rules**, the Chairperson/Secretary of the Match and Program committee shall immediately remove any points scored by the side that has infringed the rules and will be subject to review by the Match and Program committee. The club concerned, Match and Program committee and NWBA Executives will also be informed.
2. The Match & Program Committee will then decide should the penalty apply or be reversed.
3. **The club has seven (7) days** in which to appeal the decision in front of the NWBA Executive.

## **20 MISCONDUCT:**

- a) Misconduct, including swearing and abusive language, bullying or harassment or any bad behaviour will not be tolerated within the NWBA or member Clubs.
- b) In accordance with item 22 of the NWBA Rules & Regulations an appropriate process will be initiated to investigate any such alleged breach of this rule.
- c) The NWBA Executive, following appropriate investigation shall have the power to take whatever action deemed necessary, and to impose any suspension or expulsion of a member or member Club. d) The member or member Club shall have a right of appeal as outlined in item 22.2 of the NWBA Rules & Regulations.

## **21 DEATH OF A PLAYER:**

In the event of the death of player either on the green or within the club premises, the match shall be abandoned and the conditions of play applicable to inclement weather, adverse or unforeseen circumstances shall apply. Refer to Rule No 12.

## **22 RULE CHANGES:**

These rules may only be altered at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the NWBA.

**23 COPY OF RULES:** A copy of the Conditions of Play for all Pennants is to be exhibited in each member club and the NWBA website, for the information and guidance of all players.

## **24 DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS:**

In the event of a dispute of the above rules, the NWBA Executive will make a decision on a ruling without redress.

## **ADDENDUM**

### **Player pool for Saturday Competitions**

Each Chairman of selectors advise Secretary of their email address prior to the first match of the season.,

The group of emails then be distributed to the Club's secretaries of those clubs who are participating In the Pool.

They then advise their Chairman of Selectors to include the group on their devices, to send spare or requiring players by 5-00p.m. Friday evenings.

If no spare players, no email sent to pool. Clubs then make contact with any player required.

### **MAHOOD SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Mahood will be able to play with 8-12 players per side.

The club with the most players is asked alleviate any forfeits by matching the club with the lesser amount of players, thus making it a fairer competition for all.

*The club without a full side is to ask their opponent for any spare players by 9;30 on the morning of play. They are to advise their opponents of how many players they do have so numbers can be matched.*

If three [3] players are in a team, play shall be with 3 bowls for the lead and seconds and the skips having the final 2 bowls. A total of 8 bowls per team. Rule as per Bowls SA

No 25% loss of points will apply

*These Conditions of Play were amended at the Special Delegates meeting of the NWBA delegates held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024*

*Anthony Beyer*

*President.*

## **INDEX**

1;	Pennant Competitions	page 1
2;	Competition Divisions	page 1
3;	Eligibility	page 1-2
4;	Conditions of Play	page 2
5;	Allocation of Rinks	page 2
6;	Umpire/ Measurer	page 2
7;	Score cards& Bowlslink	page 3
8;	Pennant Points	page 3
9;	Forfeits and Byes	page 3-4
10;	Opposite Gender	page 4
11;	Open Gender Policy	page 4
12;	Inclement weather	page 5
13;	Heat Rule	Saturday page 5-6
		Wednesday page 6
		Thursday page 6 -7
14;	Refreshment Break	page 7
15;	Finals	page 7
16;	Club/colour qualification	page 8
17;	Identifying Discs	page 8
18;	N W B A Rules & regulations	page 8
19;	Infringements	page 9
20;	Misconduct	page 9
21;	Death of a player	page 9
22;	Rule Changes	page 9
23;	Copy of Rules	page 9
24;	Dispute Resolutions	page 9
Addendum		
	Player Pool	page 10
	Mahood Special Conditions	page 10
	Index	page 11