

MEN'S SATURDAY & MIDWEEK PENNANT COMPETITION CONDITIONS OF PLAY

All Individual Conditions of Play are to be read in conjunction with the Metropolitan Pennant Competition – General Conditions

1. STRUCTURE

- (i) The Competitions are graded into Divisions.
- (ii) Each Division will be sub-divided into colours.
- (iii) Saturday:
Premier – 4th Division: Four (4) teams of four (4) players shall constitute a side.
5th Division: Three (3) teams of four (4) players shall constitute a side
6th Division - Two (2) teams of four (4) players shall constitute a side.
- (iv) Midweek:
Premier – 5th Division: Three (3) teams of four (4) players shall constitute a side.
6th Division - Two (2) teams of four (4) players shall constitute a side.
- (v) The Competitions are graded as follows:

Premier League				
1 st Division	White			
1 st Division	Blue North	Blue South		
2 nd Division	Red	White	Blue	Gold
3 rd Division	Red	White	Blue	Gold
4 th Division	Red	White	Blue	Gold
5 th Division	Red	White	Blue	Gold
6 th Division	Colours as Required			

- (vi) The structure of Lower Divisions is determined by the Fixtures and Events Committee.

2. REGIONAL CONSIDERATIONS OF THE DRAW

- (i) Premier League and 1st Division White will not receive regional consideration.
- (ii) Regional consideration shall be given to all other divisions.
- (iii) Where a club has more than one side in a Division, each side will be placed in a different colour if possible.

3. SATURDAY FORMAT

- (i) A Sides competition with four (4) players in each team.
- (ii) Two (2) bowls per player.
- (iii) 21 completed ends.
- (iv) The Fixtures will be scheduled as a home and away competition.
- (v) No alterations will be permitted without the prior written consent of Bowls WA.

MIDWEEK (Thursday) FORMAT

- (i) A Sides competition with four (4) players in each team.
- (ii) Two (2) bowls per player.
- (iii) Two (2) x Nine (9) ends sets with a three (3) end tiebreak (shots count) if required.
- (iv) All ends must be completed in both sets even if the losing side cannot win the set
- (v) No dead ends with the Jack placed on the "T" to complete the end
- (vi) The winner of the first set must roll the jack to begin the second set
- (vii) Teams will toss for the mat to begin the tiebreak
- (viii) The Tiebreak is to determine a winning rink only.
- (ix) If scores are equal after the tiebreak is completed extra ends will continue to be played until a rink winner is determined.
- (x) The Tiebreak is not considered a set and no set points will be awarded and shots gained will not be included if percentage or shots up is required at the end of season to determine final ladder positions
- (xi) The Fixtures will be scheduled as a home and away competition.

DETERMINING A MIDWEEK PENNANT RINK WINNER FOR EACH FIXTURE DURING THE HOME AND AWAY SEASON

- (i) Rink winners are determined by number of sets won
- (ii) If Sets won are equal, a three-end tiebreak shall be played to determine the rink winner
- (iii) There cannot be a drawn rink, if the score is equal after the tiebreak another end shall be played to determine the rink winner. Teams are required to toss for the mat again.

No alterations will be permitted without the prior written consent of Bowls WA.

4. CONSTITUTED GAME

4.1 4 Teams a Side

- (i) 56 completed ends must be played to constitute a game.

4.2 3 Teams a Side

- (i) 42 completed ends must be played to constitute a game.

4.3 2 Teams a Side

- (i) 28 completed ends must be played to constitute a game.

If the required ends are not completed the game shall be abandoned as outlined in the Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions.

5. SATURDAY STARTING TIME/TRIAL ENDS

- (i) The starting time of pennant games shall be 1.45pm.
(ii) Trial ends will commence no later than 1.30pm and must be completed before the scheduled starting time of the game.

MIDWEEK (Thursday) STARTING TIME/OPEN ROLL UP PERIOD

- (iii) The starting time of pennant games shall be 1.15pm.
(iv) Host Club Greens must be available at 12.30pm to allow both Home and Visiting Players the opportunity to roll up until pennant start time.

6. LATE APPEARANCE

- (i) Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions.
Refer Laws of the Sport of Bowls Domestic Regulations.

7. SATURDAY SCORING

Points shall be awarded as follows:

4 Teams a Side		3 Teams a Side		2 Teams a Side	
Maximum	8 points	Maximum	6 points	Maximum	4 points
For aggregate win	4 points	For aggregate win	3 points	For aggregate win	2 points
For aggregate tie	2 points each	For aggregate tie	1 ½ points	For aggregate tie	1 point each
For rink win	1 point	For rink win	1 point	For rink win	1 point
For rink tie	½ point	For rink tie	½ point	For rink tie	½ point

MIDWEEK (Thursday) SCORING

Points shall be awarded as follows:

3 Teams a Side		2 Teams a Side	
Maximum	12 points	Maximum	8 points
For a Set win	1 point	For a Set win	1 point
For a Set tie	½ point	For a Set tie	½ point
For a rink win	2 points	For a rink win	2 points

8. NOTIFICATION OF PENNANT RESULTS

Saturday and Midweek (Thursday)

- (i) It is the responsibility of the Club listed as the "Home Team" in the fixture to:
- Input the final scores into the Bowls Connect website by 6.15pm on the day of the game
 - To realign the home rinks to correspond with their direct rink opponents.
 - To input the correct rink scores against each rink skipper.
 - There is no requirement for the Home Side to forward the Pennant Result Sheet to Bowls WA.
 - The Home Side is responsible for holding onto the Pennant Result Sheet in case final results need to be confirmed at a later date
- (ii) It is the responsibility of the Club listed as the "Away Team" in the fixture to check results in the Bowls Link website are correct

NOTE: Pennant scores will be taken from the Bowls Link website by staff at 6.15pm, collated and sent to the following day's newspaper. If the West Australian Newspaper changes submission times for inclusion in the following day's newspaper club inputting times may be adjusted.

Penalty: Fine

9. PENNANT FINALS

9.1 Determining a Colour Winner

- (i) Colour Winners in each division shall be decided by the points gained by each side.
- (ii) In the event of two or more sides having the same number of points, the following shall apply:
 - SATURDAY
 - (a) The order shall be determined by the shots for divided by the shots against.
 - (b) Then if equal order shall be determined by the difference in shots for and against; and
 - (iii) ~~Aggregate score in these games shall determine the winning side.~~
 - MIDWEEK (Thursday)
 - (a) The order shall be determined by total sets won minus total sets lost.
 - (b) Then if equal order shall be determined by shots for divide by shots against%

9.2 Venues for Pennant Finals

9.2.1 General

- (i) Clubs are not permitted to use split rinks.
- (ii) Clubs are permitted to use any approved surface for Pennant Finals.

Saturday

9.2.2 Premier League and 1st Division White

- (i) The first day of Finals shall be played at the club that finishes on top of the ladder.
- (ii) The Grand Final shall be played at a neutral venue, unless extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise, as determined by the Fixtures and Events Committee.

9.2.3 1st Division Blue (North and South)

- (i) The Grand Final is to be played at a neutral venue, unless extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise, as determined by the Fixtures and Events Committee

9.2.4 2nd Division and Below

- (i) Finals shall be played at the club that finishes with the highest points in each applicable division.

Midweek (Thursday)

9.2.5 Premier League and 1st Division White

- (i) The first day of Finals shall be played at the club that finishes on top of the ladder.
- (ii) The Grand Final shall be played at the home of the highest participating club.

9.2.6 1st Division Blue (North & South)

- (i) Grand Final is to be played at a neutral venue, unless extenuating circumstances dictate otherwise, as determined by the Fixtures and Events Committee.

9.2.7 2nd Division and Below

- (i) All finals shall be played at the club that finishes with the highest points in each applicable division.
- (ii) The Grand Final will be played at the highest remaining ranked club after the first week of finals

9.2.8 Results – Midweek and Saturday

- (i) Bowls WA will advise clubs who is the “Home” and who is the “Away” team for the purpose of inputting the results into the Bowls Connect website
- (i) There is no requirement for the Home Side to forward the Pennant Result Sheet to Bowls WA.
- (ii) The Home Side is responsible for holding onto the Pennant Result Sheet in case final results need to be confirmed at a later date

9.3 Draw of Pennant Finals

9.3.1 Premier League and 1st Division White- Saturday Pennant Competition

SATURDAY AM Semi Finals	1 v 2		3 v 4
SATURDAY PM Preliminary Final	Loser (1 v 2)	v	Winner (3 v 4)
SUNDAY Grand Final	Winner (1 v 2)	v	Winner Preliminary Final

Premier League and 1st Division White - Midweek Pennant Competition

WEEK 1 PM Semi Final	1 v 4		2 v 3
WEEK 2 PM Grand Final	Winner (1 v 4)	v	Winner (2 v 3)

9.3.2 1st Division Blue – Saturday and Midweek Pennant Competition

Grand Final	Colour Winner Blue North v Colour Winner Blue South
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9.3.3 2nd Division - Saturday and Midweek Pennant Competition

- (i) Colour winners are ranked from 1 to 4 according to their points.

SATURDAY

- (c) The order shall be determined by the shots for divided by the shots against.
 (d) Then if equal order shall be determined by the difference in shots for and against;
 and

Aggregate score in these games shall determine the winning side.

MIDWEEK (Thursday)

- (e) The order shall be determined by total sets won minus total sets lost.
 (f) Then if equal order shall be determined by shots for divide by shots against%

Determining a Midweek Pennant Winner in Premier – 5th Division Finals (3 rinks)

- (i) Rink wins shall determine the winning side in Midweek Finals Play
 (ii) All ends in the First Set in Finals must be completed
 (iii) All ends in the Second Set must be completed unless the winner of the first set is also in an unlosable position in the second set
 (iv) There cannot be a drawn rink, if the score is equal after the tiebreak another end shall be played to determine the rink winner. Teams are required to toss for the mat again.

Determining a Midweek Pennant Winner in 6th Division (2 rinks)

- (i) Rink wins shall determine the winning side in Finals Play
 (ii) If equal the winner shall be determined by total sets won minus total sets lost
 (iii) Then if still equal the winner shall be determined by shots for divided by shots against %
 (iv) Then if still equal, both rinks shall play a one end tiebreak with the highest combined aggregate determining the winner.
 (v) Extra ends will continue to be played until a winner is determined.
 (vi) All ends in the First and Second Set must be completed

2nd Division and Below Saturday Pennant Competition

SATURDAY AM Semi Final	1 v 4		2 v 3
SATURDAY PM Grand Final	Winner (1 v 4)	v	Winner (2 v 3)

2nd Division and Below Midweek Pennant Competition

WEEK 1 PM Semi Final	1 v 4		2 v 3
WEEK 2 PM Grand Final	Winner (1 v 4)	v	Winner (2 v 3)

9.4 Exceptions

In the event of a Division having less than four (4) colours, the Pennant Finals will be determined as follows:

9.4.1 Three (3) Colours in a Division

- (i) The club with the highest points will be granted direct entry to the Grand Final and the remaining two (2) clubs will play off to determine who will make it to the Grand Final.

9.4.2 Two (2) Colours in a Division

- (i) The two (2) clubs will play in the Grand Final.

9.4.3 One (1) Colour in a Division

- (i) There will be no Finals and the club finishing on top of the ladder will be awarded the Pennant win.

9.4.4 **More than (4) Colours in a Division**

- (i) In the event of a Division having more than four (4) colours, the Pennant Finals will be determined at the discretion of the Fixtures and Events Committee.

NOTE: If a club who qualifies for any Pennant Final is unable to compete for any reason, the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee will determine the make up of the Finals Fixtures based on what is best for the competition

10 PROMOTION PLAYOFFS

10.1 Positions

10.1.1 Premier League and 1st Division White do not participate in Promotion Play Offs.

10.1.2 1st Division Blue North and South do not participate in Promotion Play Offs

10.1.3 2nd Division do not participate in Promotion Playoffs

10.1.4 3rd Division and Below participate in Promotion Playoffs

10.2 **General - Saturday**

- (i) Clubs that finishes in 2nd and 3rd position on the ladder in each colour at the end of the season shall participate in Promotion Play Offs.
- (ii) Clubs are required to ask Bowls WA permission to use split rinks.
- (iii) Clubs are permitted to use any approved surface for Promotion Play Offs.
- (iv) The winner of the Promotion Play Off will determine which club will have the second promotion to the next highest division
- (v) The Aggregate score shall determine the winning side

10.3 **Venue - Saturday**

- (i) The final shall be played at the club that finishes in 2nd position on the ladder in each colour at the end of the season

10.4 **General – Midweek**

- (i) Clubs that finishes in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th positions on the ladder in each colour at the end of the season shall participate in Promotion Play Offs.
- (ii) Clubs are required to ask Bowls WA permission to use split rinks.
- (iii) Clubs are permitted to use any approved surface for Promotion Play Offs.
- (iv) The winner of the Promotion Play Off will determine which club will have the second promotion to the next highest division
- (v) The Aggregate score shall determine the winning side

10.5 **Venue - Midweek**

- (i) All Semi Finals shall be played at the club that finishes in 2nd position on the ladder in each colour at the end of the season
- (ii) The Grand Final will be played at the highest remaining ranked club after the first week of finals in each colour

10.6 **Results – Midweek and Saturday**

- (i) Bowls WA will advise clubs who is the “Home” and who is the “Away” team for the purpose of inputting the results into the Bowls Connect website
- (ii) There is no requirement for the Home Side to forward the Pennant Result Sheet to Bowls WA.
- (iii) The Home Side is responsible for holding onto the Pennant Result Sheet in case final results need to be confirmed at a later date

10.7 Draw of Promotional Finals

Saturday

Saturday PM Grand Final	2 nd v 3 rd in each colour
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Midweek

Semi Finals	2 v 5		3 v 4
Grand Final	Winner (2 v 5)	v	Winner (3 v 4)

NOTE: If a club who qualifies for any Promotion Final is unable to compete for any reason, the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee will determine the make up of the Finals Fixtures based on what is best for the competition.

11 CHALLENGE PLAYOFFS

11.1 Positions

- 11.1.1 Premier League do not participate in Challenge Play Offs.
- 11.1.2 **1st Division White**
- (i) Clubs that finish in positions 7 and 8 on the ladder at the end of the season will participate in the Challenge Playoffs against 1st Division Blue North and South teams
- 11.1.3 **1st Division Blue North and 1st Division Blue South**
- (i) Clubs that finish in positions 2 and 3 on the ladder at the end of the season will participate in the Challenge Playoffs against 1st Division White teams
- (ii) Clubs that finish in positions 7 and 8 on the ladder at the end of the season will participate in the Challenge Playoffs against 2nd Division teams
- 11.1.4 **2nd Division**
- (i) Clubs that finish in positions 2 and 3 on the ladder at the end of the season in each colour will participate in the Challenge Playoffs against 1st Division Blue North and South teams.
- 11.1.5 **3rd Division and Below do not participate in Challenge Playoffs**

11.2 Venues for Challenge Play Offs

- (i) Clubs are not permitted to use split rinks.
- (ii) Clubs are permitted to use any approved surface for Challenge Play Offs.
- (iii) Neutral venues will be used whenever possible

11.3 Results – Midweek and Saturday

- (i) Bowls WA will advise clubs who is the “Home” and who is the “Away” team for the purpose of inputting the results into the Bowls Connect website
- (ii) . There is no requirement for the Home Side to forward the Pennant Result Sheet to Bowls WA.
- (iii) The Home Side is responsible for holding onto the Pennant Result Sheet in case final results need to be confirmed at a later date

The Aggregate score shall determine the winning side

11.4 Pennant Challenge Finals Draws

11.4.1 1st Division White versus 1st Division Blue Challenge for Promotion

Team 2 from 1st Division Blue South and Team 2 from 1st Division Blue North will be ranked on points collected during the season. The team with the most points will be aligned with the 8th ranked 1st Division White team with the remaining team aligned with the 7th ranked 1st Division White team

SATURDAY	MIDWEEK		
AM	Week 1	1 st Division Blue South Team 2 v 1 st Division Blue South Team 3	1 st Division Blue North Team 2 v 1 st Division Blue North Team 3
PM	Week 2	Winner 2 v 3 plays 1 st Division White Team 7 or 8	Winner 2 v3 plays 1 st Division White Team 7 or 8

Winners of both PM and Week 2 finals will play in 1st Division White the next season

All losing teams in finals will play in 1st Division Blue South/North the next season

11.4.2 1st Division Blue South versus 2nd Division Red and 2nd Division White Challenge for Promotion

Team 2 from 2nd Division Red and Team 2 from 2nd Division White will be ranked on points collected during the season. The team with the most points will be aligned with the 8th ranked 1st Division Blue South team with the remaining team aligned with the 7th ranked 1st Division South team

SATURDAY	MIDWEEK		
AM Semi Final	WEEK 1 Semi Final	2 nd Division Red Team 2 v 2 nd Division Red Team 3	2 nd Division White Team 2 v 2 nd Division White Team 3
PM Final	WEEK 2 Final	Winner 2 v 3 plays 1 st Division Blue South Team 7 or 8	Winner 2 v 3 plays 1 st Division Blue South Team 7 or 8

Winners of both PM and Week 2 finals will play in 1st Division Blue South next season

All losing teams in finals will play in 2nd Division next season

11.4.3 1st Division Blue North versus 2nd Division Blue and 2nd Division Gold Challenge for Promotion

Team 2 from 2nd Division Blue and Team 2 from 2nd Division Gold will be ranked on points collected during the season. The team with the most points will be aligned with the 8th ranked 1st Division Blue North team with the remaining team aligned with the 7th ranked 1st Division North team

SATURDAY	MIDWEEK		
AM Semi Final	WEEK 1 Semi Final	2 nd Division Blue Team 2 v 2 nd Division Blue Team 3	2 nd Division Gold Team 2 v 2 nd Division Gold Team 3
PM Final	WEEK 2 Final	Winner 2 v 3 plays 1 st Division Blue North Team 7 or 8	Winner 2 v 3 plays 1 st Division Blue North Team 7 or 8

NOTE: If a club who qualifies for any Challenge Final is unable to compete for any reason, the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee will determine the make up of the Finals Fixtures based on what is best for the competition.

12 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

12.1 Premier League

(i) The two (2) clubs with the lowest number of points will be relegated to 1st Division White subject to conditions 12.2 (iii) and (iv).

(ii) No Club will have more than one Side in Premier Division.

12.2 1st Division White

(i) The club that finishes on top of the ladder shall be promoted to Premier League.

(ii) The Pennant Finals shall determine the club who receives the second promotion. If in the event that the winner of the Pennant Finals has already achieved a promotion by finishing on top of the ladder, then the runner up of the Pennant Final shall be promoted to Premier League.

(iii) In the event that either or both of the Clubs gaining promotion already has a Side in Premier League, the next best placed Side/s after the 1st Division White Finals have been completed will be promoted to Premier League.

(iv) If all four Clubs involved in Finals already have a Side in Premier Division, no side will be promoted from 1st Division White

(v) The two (2) clubs with the lowest number of points will be automatically relegated to 1st Division Blue North or South.

(vi) The 7th and 8th placed teams will play in a Challenge Playoff against 1st Division Blue South/North for the right to play in 1st Division White the following season.

12.3 1st Division Blue North and Blue South

- (i) The club that finishes on top of the ladder in Blue North and Blue South shall be promoted to 1st Division White.
- (ii) The second promotion will be determined by the Challenge Play offs in Blue North and Blue South versus 1st Division White
- (iii) The two (2) clubs with the lowest number of points from 1st Division Blue North and Blue South will be relegated to 2nd Division.
- (iv) The 7th and 8th placed teams from 1st Division Blue North and Blue South will play in a Challenge Playoff against 2nd Division for the right to play in 1st Division Blue North/South the following season.

12.4 2nd Division

- (i) The club that finishes on top of the ladder in each colour in each division shall be promoted to 1st Blue North or South.
- (ii) The second promotion will be determined by the Challenge Play Offs in each colour versus 1st Division Blue North/South.
- (iii) The two (2) clubs with the lowest number of points from each colour in each division will be relegated to 3rd division.

12.5 3rd Division & Below

- (i) The club that finishes on top of the ladder in each colour in each division shall be promoted to the next highest division.
- (ii) The second promotion will be determined by the Promotion Play Offs in each colour in each division.
- (iii) The two (2) clubs with the lowest number of points from each colour in each division will be relegated to the next lowest division.

12 PENNANT FINALS ABANDONMENT

In the event of one or more pennant finals being abandoned, the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee reserve the right to alter the format or structure or determine a result for affected finals. However it is not envisaged for finals to be extended beyond the scheduled playing dates

The Fixtures and Events Committee shall have the power to promote or relegate any club to complete a pennant division.

13 PROCEDURE IN EXTREME WEATHER

13.1 See Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play.

13.2 Individual Club Abandonment/Interrupted Games

- (i) To be read in conjunction with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play
- (ii) Any game not commenced by 2.45pm (Saturday Pennant Only), shall be treated as abandoned in accordance with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play.
- (iii) Any game not commenced by 2.15pm (Midweek Pennant Only), shall be treated as abandoned in accordance with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play.
- (iv) Should the temperature reach 40 C, then the umpire of the day is to review the prevailing conditions and defer play in accordance with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions
- (v) A count of completed ends should be made to determine if the required number of ends to constitute a game have been completed.
- (vi) If insufficient ends have been completed refer to Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play.