

2022/2023 season amendments endorsed by the Bowls WA Presidents Forum

<p><u>Topic:Extreme Weather</u></p> <p><u>AREA</u></p> <p>Metropolitan Pennant Competition – General Conditions</p>	<p><u>Amendment</u></p> <p>6. SELECTION RULES FOR A GRADED PENNANT COMPETITIONS</p> <p>Open Gender Divisions Selection</p> <p>All players should be considered on an equal basis when selecting Open Gender Pennant Sides and chosen on a skill level basis and not on gender. However, players coming from a higher division in their own gender competitions need to be at an appropriate skill level to play in the available Open Gender Divisions. If a player is considered to be at a significantly higher skill level than Open Gender Division selection allows, they should not be selected.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>8. ABANDONMENT</p> <p>8.1 General Abandonment of a Metropolitan Pennant Fixture by Bowls WA</p> <p>8.1.1 Equal points shall be awarded for the General Abandonment of a fixture</p> <p>8.1.2 Abandonment due to Extreme Weather conditions;</p> <p>(i) In the case of extreme weather conditions or other extreme circumstances the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee may cancel all games scheduled prior to the scheduled starting time.</p> <p>(ii) Should the abandonment of a fixture be on the day of play, notification of the General Abandonment of a fixture shall be posted on the Bowls WA website and through social media wherever possible.</p> <p>8.2 Individual Abandonment, Delayed or Interrupted Games</p> <p>When no general abandonment of a fixture has been made by Bowls WA and a club is experiencing extreme weather or other extreme conditions at their location.</p> <p>8.2.1 If host clubs green or greens have been closed for the day before the start of play due to the inclement conditions;</p> <p>(i) The game is abandoned, and the allocated points are equally shared.</p> <p>(ii) The Bowls WA Umpire of the Day Cancellation of Play Report must be completed by the Umpire of the Day and forwarded to Bowls WA.</p> <p>(iii) Home Clubs are required to inform visiting clubs as soon as possible.</p>	<p><u>Clarification of Changes</u></p> <p>Clarification on Open Gender Pennant Divisions Selection Requirements</p> <p>Confirming what has been common practice where social media is used to inform players</p>

	<p>8.2.2 If the game is delayed at or after the scheduled start of play:</p> <p>(i) Whether the game has commenced at the scheduled start time or has been delayed, the game may not be abandoned until ninety (90) minutes cumulative time has elapsed unless extreme conditions continue to interrupt play and it is highly unlikely play will be able to continue. The Umpire of the Day shall consult with all Team Managers, and as sole arbiter, make the decision to abandon or continue play for all sides at the venue. If a manager disagrees with the decision not to continue before the required 90 minutes has elapsed, this needs to be noted on the Umpires report, in case of a protest, and forwarded to Bowls WA.</p> <p>(ii) If trial ends cannot be played or completed before the scheduled start time then all remaining trial ends will be considered completed and the start of the game is to commence as soon as the Umpire of the Day decides.</p> <p>(iii) If after the full ninety (90) minutes cumulative time is reached and play has not commenced or recommenced or is again delayed, the game must be abandoned by the Umpire of the Day.</p> <p>(iv) If the prescribed number of ends has been played to constitute a game prior to the abandonment of play the game shall be considered as completed.</p> <p>(v) If the prescribed number of ends have NOT been played to constitute a game prior to the abandonment of play it is an incomplete game and points shall be shared equally.</p> <p>(vi) The Bowls WA Umpire of Day Cancellation of Play Report must be completed by the Umpire of the Day, noting any objections and forwarded to Bowls WA headquarters within 48 hours of the abandonment.</p> <hr/> <p>9. OPEN GENDER PENNANT IN SPECIFIC METROPOLITAN PENNANT COMPETITIONS AND DIVISIONS</p> <p>Open Gender Rules are accessible to any Club whose Pennant Side/s are in any of the following Pennant Competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Tuesday Pennant 3rd Division and Below • Men's Thursday Pennant 4th Division and Below • Men's Saturday Pennant 3rd Division and Below • Women's Saturday Pennant 3rd Division Only <hr/> <p>13. CROSS GENDER SUBSTITUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Tuesday Pennant 2nd Division and Above • Men's Thursday Pennant 3rd Division and Above • Men's Saturday Pennant 2nd Division and Above • Women's Saturday Pennant 2nd Division and Above • Women's Friday Night Pennant <hr/>	<p>Last season's minimum time of sixty minutes and a further 30 minutes may be added has been replaced by a standard 90 minutes</p> <p>Confirmation of the procedure the Umpire of the Day must use to make a decision</p> <p>Requirement to note any objections by either manager has been added to the Umpires report</p> <p>Open Gender Pennant in Men's Saturday has been extended to 3rd Division and Below. All other competitions remain the same as the previous season</p> <p>Cross Gender Rules in Men's Saturday now relates to 2nd Division and Above for all those clubs who do not have a 3rd Division and Below Team</p>
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Men's Saturday & Midweek Competition Conditions of Play

MIDWEEK (Thursday) STARTING TIME/TRIAL ENDS

- (i) The starting time of pennant games shall be 1.30pm (excluding February fixtures, see below).
- (ii) Trial ends will commence no later than 1.15pm and must be completed before the scheduled starting time of the game
- (iii) Fixtures to be played during February 2023 will have a 4.00pm start time with 3.45pm trial ends.
- (iv) It is understood some clubs may have circumstances that may not allow them to host the February start time. With agreeance between competing clubs, start times may be adjusted to suit both clubs.

13.1 General Abandonment

To be read in conjunction with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play.

(i) If the temperature forecast is 41° C or over, all pennant games shall be cancelled at 5.00pm the day before the scheduled pennant fixture.

(ii) Notification of a General Abandonment will be placed on the Bowls WA Website only

Bowls WA reserves the right to call a General Abandonment in circumstances where lead up and ongoing conditions are considered extreme e.g., Multiple extreme weather days in a row (heatwave)

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 3.15pm (Saturday Pennant Only), shall be treated as abandoned in accordance with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play.

(iii) Any game not commenced by 3.00pm (Midweek Pennant Only), shall be treated as abandoned in accordance with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play.

(iv) Should the temperature reach 38C, 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.

There will be a trial of a 4.00pm start time for Midweek Pennant games in February.

(iv) allows some discretion between agreeing clubs

A temperature that allows a General Abandonment has been included

The game commenced time before an individual abandonment can be called has been brought in line with the mandatory 90 minutes.

The temperature for play to begin or for players to leave the green has been reduced from 40°C to 38°C to make all Pennant Competitions the same

<p><u>AREA</u></p> <p>Women's Tuesday & Saturday Competition Conditions of Play</p>	<p>5. STARTING TIME/TRIAL ENDS</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>(i) The starting time of pennant games shall be 9.15am.</p> <p>(ii) Trial ends may commence at 9.00am and must be completed before the scheduled starting time.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>15. PROCEDURE IN EXTREME WEATHER</p> <p>15.1 General Abandonment To be read in conjunction with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play</p> <p>General Abandonment- Heat (Saturday Pennant Only)</p> <p>(i) If the temperature forecast is 41° C or over all pennant games shall be cancelled at 5.00pm the day before the scheduled pennant fixture.</p> <p>(ii) Notification of a General Abandonment will be placed on the Bowls WA Website only</p> <p>Bowls WA reserves the right to call a General Abandonment in circumstances where lead up and ongoing conditions are considered extreme e.g., Multiple extreme weather days in a row (heatwave)</p> <p>15.2 Individual Club Abandonment/Interrupted Games To be read in conjunction with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play</p> <p>(i) Any game not commenced by 10.45am (Tuesday) or 3.15pm (Saturday), shall be treated as abandoned in accordance with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions.</p> <p>(ii) Should the temperature reach 38° C, then the umpire of the day is to review the prevailing conditions and defer play in accordance with Metropolitan Pennant Competition – General Conditions</p> <p>(iii) If play is still in progress at 2.30pm (Tuesday) all ends in play shall be completed.</p> <p>(iv) A count of completed ends should be made to determine if the required number of ends to constitute a game have been completed.</p> <p>(v) If insufficient ends have been completed refer to Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>The start time for Women's Tuesday Pennant has been changed to 9.15am with trial ends at 9.00am. This change was made to help finish games or at least play enough ends before the heat of the day</p> <p>The day before abandonment rule for Tuesday Pennant has been scrapped due to the early start time. A General Abandonment may still be called under specific conditions mentioned</p> <p>In line with the Men's Saturday Pennant, an abandonment time for Women's Saturday has been added</p> <p>The game commenced time before an individual abandonment can be called has been brought in line with the mandatory 90 minutes.</p> <p>The temperature for play to begin or for players to leave the green has been increased from 37°C to 38°C to make all Pennant Competitions the same</p>
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<p><u>Topic:Extreme Weather</u></p> <p><u>AREA</u></p> <p>All Bowls WA Events Conditions of Play</p>	<p><u>Heat Rule – Men’s and Women’s State Events</u></p> <p>In the best interest of the competition continuing, whilst bearing in mind the risk associated with heat stress, the following principles shall apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is understood that the temperature will not be 38°C at the start of play, therefore play will commence with the first game of the days play. • If the temperature reaches 38°C, the Umpire of the Day shall call the players off the green at the completion of each rinks specific end for a designated 10-minute rest period. The rest period will not begin until the last rink has left the green. • After 10 minutes, play will recommence for a further 30 minutes. • If the temperature is still above 38°C, then the Umpire of the Day will continue the process of 10 minutes rest and 30 minutes play until the temperature drops below 38°C • Any player can appeal to the Umpire of the Day at any time. Refer to the Bowls WA Extreme Weather Policy. 	<p>As per Pennant play, the temperature for Men and Women will be set the at 38°C</p> <p>To allow State Events to continue but also bearing in mind players safety, rest periods have been introduced to give each event the best opportunity to continue.</p>
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