

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	North*	South*		
1st Division	White**			
1st Division	Blue North	Blue South		
2nd Division	Red	White	Blue	Gold
3rd Division	Red	White	Blue	Gold
4th Division	Red	White	Blue	Gold
5th Division	Colours as required			
6th Division	Colours as required			

* Premier League Midweek only is split North/South ** No midweek 1st Division White

- (vi) The structure of Lower Divisions is determined by the Game Development Committee.

2. REGIONAL CONSIDERATIONS OF THE DRAW

Saturday

- (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.

Midweek

- (iv) Regional consideration shall be given to all divisions.
- (v) Where a club has more than one side in a Division, each side will be placed in a different colour if possible.

3. SATURDAY AND MIDWEEK FORMAT

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

4. CONSTITUTED GAME

4.1 4 Teams per side

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

4.2 3 Teams per side

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

4.3 2 Teams per side

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

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

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5. STARTING TIME/TRIAL ENDS

5.1 Saturday

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

5.2 Midweek (Thursday)

- (i) The starting time of pennant games shall be 1.30pm.
- (ii) Trial ends may commence no later than 1.15pm and must be completed before the scheduled starting time of the game.

6. LATE APPEARANCE

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

7. SCORING

Points shall be awarded as follows:

4 Teams per Side		3 Teams per Side		2 Teams per 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	1.5 points each	For aggregate tie	1 point each
For rink win	1 point	For rink win	1 point	For rink win	1 point
For rink tie	0.5 points each	For rink tie	0.5 points each	For rink tie	0.5 points each

8. NOTIFICATION OF PENNANT RESULTS (for both 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 Link website by 6.15pm on the day of the competition.
 - ▶ 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 responsibility of the Club listed as the 'Away Team' in the fixture to check results in the Bowls Connect website are correct.

Note: Pennant scores will be taken from the Bowls Connect website by staff at 6.15pm, collated and sent to the following days newspaper. If the West Australian/ Sunday Times newspapers 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:
 - (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.

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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.

9.2.2 SATURDAY 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 Game Development Committee.
- (iii) In each Finals Fixture, the team that finished higher on the Home and Away ladder will use stickers.

9.2.3 SATURDAY 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 Game Development Committee.

9.2.4 SATURDAY 2nd Division and below

- (i) Finals shall be played at the club that finishes with the highest points in each applicable division.
- (ii) Bowls WA Game Development Committee will predetermine which teams will use stickers in Finals Fixtures.

9.2.5 MIDWEEK (Thursday) Premier League North and Premier League South

- (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 MIDWEEK (Thursday) 1st Division Blue (North and South)

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

9.2.7 MIDWEEK (Thursday) 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 Link 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

9.3 Draw of Pennant Finals

9.3.1 SATURDAY - Premier League and 1st Division White

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

MIDWEEK (Thursday) - Premier League North and Premier League South

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

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9.3.2 1st Division Blue (Saturday and Midweek Pennant Competitions)

Grand Final	Colour Winner Blue North v Colour Winner Blue South
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9.3.3 2nd Division and below (Saturday and Midweek Pennant Competitions)

- (i) Colour winners are ranked from 1 to 4 according to their points. If these are equal:
- (ii) (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.
Aggregate score in these games shall determine the winning side.

SATURDAY - 2nd Division and below

SAT (AM) Semi-Finals	1 v 4	2 v 3
SAT (PM) Grand Final	Winner (1 v 4) v Winner (2 v 3)	

MIDWEEK (Thursday) - 2nd Division and below

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

9.4 Exceptions - Division with a number other than 4 colours

In the event of a Division having a number other 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) The club finishing on top of the ladder will play the club finishing second on the ladder in the Grand Final.

9.4.4 More than (4) Colours in a Divisions

- (i) In the event of a Division having more than Four (4) colours, the Pennant Finals will be determined at the discretion of the Game Development Committee.

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

10. PROMOTIONAL PLAYOFFS

10.1 Positions

- 10.1.1 Premier League North and Premier League South do not participate in Promotion Play Offs
- 10.1.2 1st Division Blue North and South 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 finish in 2nd and 3rd position on the ladder in 1st Division North and South and in each colour in 3rd Division and below at the end of the season shall participate in Promotional Playoffs.
- (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 Promotional 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.

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10.3 Venue - Saturday

- (i) The Promotion Playoff will 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 finish in 2nd and 3rd position on the ladder in 1st Division Blue North and Blue South at the end of the season shall participate in Promotion Play Offs.
- (ii) Clubs that finish in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th positions on the ladder in 3rd Division and below at the end of the season shall participate in Promotion Playoffs.
- (iii) Clubs are required to ask Bowls WA permission to use split rinks.
- (iv) Clubs are permitted to use any approved surface for Promotion Play Offs.
- (v) The winner of the Promotion Play Off will determine which club will have the second promotion to the next highest division.
- (vi) 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 Link 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	2nd v 3rd in each colour
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Midweek - 1st Division Blue North and Blue South

WEEK 1 (PM) Grand Final	2nd v 3rd in each region
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3rd Division and Below (Saturday and Midweek)

WEEK 1 (PM) Semi Finals	2 v 5	3 v 4
WEEK 2 (PM) 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 Game Development 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 Saturday and Midweek Premier League do not participate in Challenge Play Offs.

11.1.2 1st Division White (Saturday Only)

- (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

Saturday

- (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.

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Midweek

- (iii) 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 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 Playoffs

- (i) The team in the higher division will host both AM and PM finals.
- (ii) The same green must be used for AM and PM finals.
- (iii) Clubs are not permitted to use split rinks.
- (iv) Clubs are permitted to use any approved surface for Challenge Playoffs.

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 Link 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.
- (iv) 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 (Saturday Only)

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

AM Semi-Finals	1st Division Blue South Team 2 v 1st Division Blue South Team 3	1st Division Blue North Team 2 v 1st Division Blue North Team 3
PM Grand Finals	Winner (2 v 3) v 1st Division White Team 7 or 8	Winner (2 v 3) v 1st Division White Team 7 or 8

Winners of PM finals will play in 1st Division White next season.
All losing teams in finals will play in 1st Division Blue South/North 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 Blue South team.

SATURDAY	MIDWEEK		
AM Semi-Finals	WEEK 1 Semi-Finals	2nd Division Red Team 2 v 2nd Division Red Team 3	2nd Division White Team 2 v 2nd Division White Team 3
PM Grand Finals	WEEK 2 Grand Finals	Winner (2 v 3) v 1st Division Blue South Team 7 or 8	Winner (2 v 3) v 1st Division Blue South Team 7 or 8

Winners of 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.

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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 Blue North team.

SATURDAY	MIDWEEK		
AM Semi-Finals	WEEK 1 Semi-Finals	2nd Division Blue Team 2 v 2nd Division Blue Team 3	2nd Division Gold Team 2 v 2nd Division Gold Team 3
PM Grand Finals	WEEK 2 Grand Finals	Winner (2 v 3) v 1st Division Blue North Team 7 or 8	Winner (2 v 3) v 1st Division Blue North Team 7 or 8

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

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

Note: If a club who qualifies for any Challenge Final is unable to compete for any reason, the Bowls WA Game Development 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

Saturday

- (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 League.

Midweek

- (iii) The two (2) clubs with the lowest number of points in each of Premier League North and South will be relegated to 1st Division Blue North and South.

12.2 1st Division White (Saturday)

- (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 League, no side will be promoted from 1st 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

Saturday

- (i) The club that finishes on top of the ladder in 1st Division 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.

Midweek

- (v) The club that finishes on top of the ladder in 1st Division Blue North and Blue South shall be promoted to Premier League North or South.
- (vi) The second promotion will be determined by the Promotion Play Offs in Blue North and Blue South.
- (vii) The two (2) clubs with the lowest number of points from 1st Division Blue North and Blue South will be relegated to 2nd division.
- (viii) 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.

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12.4 2nd Division

- (i) The club that finishes on top of the ladder in each colour shall be promoted to 1st Division 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 will be automatically relegated to 3rd Division.

12.5 3rd Division and below

- (i) The club that finishes on top of the ladder in each colour of 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.

13. PENNANT FINALS ABANDONMENT

In the event of one or more pennant finals being abandoned, the Bowls WA Game Development Committee reserves 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 Bowls WA Game Development Committee shall have the power to promote or relegate any club to complete a pennant division.

14. PROCEDURE IN EXTREME WEATHER

14.1 General Abandonment

- (i) To be read in conjunction with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) Notification of a General Abandonment will be placed on the Bowls WA Website only
- (iv) The Bowls WA Game Development Committee 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).

14.2 Individual Club Abandonment/Interrupted Games

If the temperature is less than 38°C at the start of play, the Umpire of the Day should check the temperature periodically to determine if the following instructions are required.

- (i) To be read in conjunction with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play
- (ii) If a game has commenced and the temperature reaches 38°C or above, these procedures apply even if enough ends have been completed to constitute a game.
- (iii) Should the temperature reach 38°C at the start of play or during play, then the umpire of the day is to refer to 14.3 in these conditions of play.
- (iv) Should the temperature reach 40°C at the start of play or during play, then the umpire of the day is to refer to 14.4 in these conditions of play.
- (v) If play is still in progress at 2.30pm (Tuesday) all ends in play shall be completed. 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.

14.3 Umpire of The Day Procedures when the Temperature has reached 38°C but not exceeded 40°C

If the temperature has reached 38°C but not exceeded 40°C at the designated rollout time, players will commence the roll up and start the game as scheduled. The following procedures will apply after 30 minutes of play, not including the rollout.

- (i) After commencement of play, when the temperature is 38°C or above, the Umpire of the Day shall call the players off the green at the completion of each rinks current end for a designated 10-minute rest period. The rest period will not begin until the last rink has left all greens in use at the venue. If a dead end occurs, players will still leave the green.
- (ii) The Umpire of the Day is not required to check the temperature until after 30 minutes have taken place OR they feel the temperature may have risen to 40°C or above (see 14.4)
- (iii) After 10 minutes, play will recommence for a further 30 minutes.

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- (iv) 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.
- (v) Any player can appeal to the Umpire of the Day at any time. Refer to the Bowls WA Extreme Weather Policy.
- (vi) If a Side refuses to leave the green or refuses to return to the green when requested by the Umpire of the Day, they should be given a warning. If they still refuse to comply with the Umpires directions, they should be forfeited. This is the case even if enough ends have been played to be considered a constituted game.

14.4 Umpire of The Day Procedures when the Temperature is 40°C and above

- (i) Should the temperature reach 40°C, then the umpire of the day is required to defer play in accordance with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions
- (ii) Any game not commenced within sixty (60) minutes of the agreed start time shall be treated as abandoned in accordance with Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play.
- (iii) If after sixty (60) 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.
- (iv) A count of completed ends should be made to determine if the required number of ends to constitute a game have been completed.
- (v) If insufficient ends have been completed refer to Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions of Play.