



METROPOLITAN CLUB FORUM

AGENDA

Morley Bowling Club – Monday 27th May from 6.00pm

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Metropolitan Pennant- Conditions of Play 2024 – 2025** Bowls WA Pg 2
 - 2.1 Metro Club Survey Results**
 - Saturday Open Gender (formerly Men's Saturday Pennant)
 - Saturday Ladies Pennant
 - Tuesday Ladies Pennant
 - Thursday Men's Pennant
- 3. Thursday Pennant – move to AM starts (lower divisions)** Belmont City Pg 3-4
Dalkeith-Nedlands
- 4. Changes to the “Challenge” process –**
1st White and 1st Blue (Saturday & Thursday) Leeming Pg 5
- 5. Extreme Weather – using the BOM Weather app** Leeming Info Attach
- 6. Alteration of Thursday Pennant Finals** Bowls WA Pg 6
- 7. Calendar 2024-2025** Bowls WA
- 8. AGM – voting procedures** Bowls WA Pg 7

MEN'S MIDWEEK PENNANT

WOMEN'S TUESDAY PENNANT

Open Gender Divisions		Open Gender Divisions	
Leave at 4th Division & below	7	Leave at 3rd Division & below	8
Increase to 3rd Division & below	28	Increase to 2nd Division & below	24
Decrease to 5th Division and Below	0	Decrease to 4th Division Only	2

Open Gender Eligibility		Open Gender Eligibility	
Leave current eligibility rules in place	8	Leave current eligibility rules in place	16
Allow Tuesday Women 2nd Division & Below	22	Decrease Eligible Men's Saturday Divisions	2
Clubs Lowest Tuesday Division Only	1	Increase Eligible Men's Saturday Divisions	15

Open Gender Restrictions		Open Gender Restrictions	
Opposite Gender may not Skip	9	Opposite Gender may not Skip	17
Maximum of 50% Opposite Gender	19	Maximum of 50% Opposite Gender	25
Use Cross Gender Substitution Rules	6	Use Cross Gender Substitution Rules	6

WOMEN'S SATURDAY PENNANT - Currently 3rd Division Only - Clubs in Competition

2024-2025 Season			
	Clubs with a Saturday Team	Clubs with No Saturday Team	
Women's Saturday Continues	24	2	
Women's Saturday is disbanded	4	2	

Open Gender Eligibility			
Leave eligibility tied to the Integrity Rule	13	2	
Put specific eligibility rules in place	11	1	

Ken Pride

From: Belmont City Bowling <belmontcitybowling@bigpond.com>
Sent: Monday, 13 May 2024 11:29 AM
To: Ken Pride
Cc: Clive Adams; Pieter Harris
Subject: Re: Metro Club Forum

Good morning

Thanks for your message. I would like to
start with 4th and 5th Divisions,
Start time 9am for 9.15 start
Playing 21 ends

Thank you for asking for the detailed.

Kind regards
Trevor Metcalf

Sent from my iPhone

On 10 May 2024, at 9:51 AM, Ken Pride <ken@bowlswa.com.au> wrote:

Good morning,

Currently we have Belmont City wishing to have an Agenda item discussed regarding
lower division Thursday pennant in the morning.

However we have no details as to which divisions, what time the games would start and finish,
the ends played etc.

If Belmont want this discussed some more detail will be needed before Monday 13th as to what
the club is proposing to other clubs.

Any queries happy to take a phone call.

Regards,

Ken Pride
Chief Executive Officer

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**Mr Pieter Harris
Bowls WA**

March 26th 2024

Dear Pieter

On behalf of the DNBC Committee, I would like to submit the following suggestions for consideration for the upcoming 2024/25 season -

Thursday Morning Pennant Selection

Following discussions with members who Midweek Pennants in the lower divisions, we are in full support of Belmont City Bowling Club's proposal to start playing earlier however, we would suggest a 10 am start to enable greenskeepers to adequately prepare greens.

Change To Length Of Pennant Season

Dalkeith Nedlands Bowling Club wish to propose that the pennant season be shortened to 14 weeks in an effort to retain players' interest. It appears that, as the season progresses, it becomes more and more difficult for many clubs to adequately fill teams.

Christmas Break

Dalkeith Nedlands would like to propose a longer break in January in an effort to retain players' interest for the second half of the season. Many people take holidays in January or have child minding duties again making it quite difficult to fill teams.

With regards

Sally Day (Secretary)



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Tuesday 23th April 2024

Change to the Challenge process – One White and One Blue

Dear Ken,

Our club has been on both sides of the challenge process between Saturday One White and Saturday One Blue over the past two seasons and we believe it is rather harsh that a club needs to finish in the top six in One White on Saturdays to be safe from relegation. This also applies to the Midweek One Blue competitions being challenged by the 2ND Division sides. Below are the changes that we would like to suggest.

Saturday:

Only the club that finishes in eighth position in One White should be challenged by the winners of a playoff between the two teams that finished second in One Blue North and One Blue South.

Thursday:

Only the club that finishes in eighth position in One Blue North should be challenged by the winners of a playoff between the two teams that finished second in 2ND Division Blue and 2ND Division Gold and only the club that finishes in eighth position in One Blue South should be challenged by the winners of a playoff between the two teams that finished second in 2ND Division Red and 2ND Division White.

Regards

Jim Newton
President
Leeming Bowling Club

Proposal

The Leeming Bowling Club requests that BowlsWA uses the BOM Weather App to measure the temperature at pennant games from 2024-25 rather than using temperature gauges in Stevenson boxes or other thermometers located elsewhere at the ground.



The BOM Weather app

Reasons for this Request

- The BOM App would provide transparency to every person playing at the location.
- The BOM App provides a digital reading.
- Many if not most temperature gauges used by bowling clubs are not digital so the readings can be variable and subjective. There is also no transparency about the readings as players are asked to stay away from the Stevenson boxes.
- If a Club abuses the rules, players could take screen shots of the temperature and rightly protest against the result with evidence.
- Although the BOM may not be localised and may be based on a reading some kilometres away, the Leeming Bowling Club is of the view it is likely to be reasonably accurate.
- The BOM App records and reports continuous observations that are available on the Bureau's website and App at 30-minute intervals.
- There have been numerous suggestions about the quality of the Stevenson Box, the location of the box, calibration of gauges and the accuracy of the temperature gauge in the box. Arguably there is some validity about these claims.
- There is now good technology available. All clubs can operate on a level playing field and clubs will no longer have to supply Stevenson boxes and temperature gauges if the technology is used.
- Bowls Australia's (BA) policy states "At all events where BA is the Controlling Body, the following methods may be used to assess and monitor the weather at the event's location:
 - Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au);
 - Any other appropriate portable measuring device".

Conclusion

- Whilst the BOM App may not be localised and may be based on a reading some kilometres away, the Leeming Bowling Club is of the view it is likely that using the BOM is reasonably accurate, would increase transparency to the bowlers and use better technology rather than using the existing measurement techniques which are often variable and subjective.

Regards

Jim Newton
President
Leeming Bowling Club

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To: Bowls WA Forum Agenda

From: Bowls WA

Proposal: Thursday Pennant 3rd Division and Below Promotion Finals Change

The current two weeks of Thursday 3rd Division and Below Promotion Finals that include 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th on each colours ladder played over 2 Thursday's, be reduced to only include 2nd and 3rd on each colours ladder.

- This will bring the Thursday Promotion Finals in line with the current Open Gender Saturday 3rd Division and Below Promotion Finals
- It will reduce the number of weeks a majority of players have to play finals to one week instead of two weeks

Pieter Harris

Bowls WA Competitions and Talent Development Manager

Election of Bowls WA Board Directors

The new Bowls WA Constitution was passed by clubs on the 9th December 2023. An outcome of this is that the Board at that time became an *interim Board*, until the next Annual General Meeting when new elections would take place as follows:

Rule 65 - Transitional arrangements

- (1) Once these rules are adopted and approved by the relevant government department, the following transitional arrangements will be undertaken to allow a new Board to be established:
 - (a) The existing Board at the time of adoption of these rules will become an interim Board until the next annual general meeting of the Association; and
 - (b) At the first annual general meeting referred to in subrule (1)(a), a new Board will be established following the processes outlined in rules 26 and 27 and in order to give effect to two year Board terms:
 - (i) Three Elected Board member positions shall be for two-year terms and
 - (ii) Three Elected Board member positions shall be for one-year terms.
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, subsequent elections shall be for two-year terms.

Voting procedure

The Constitution now states that the Board shall consist of:

- (a) Six (6) elected Board members and
- (b) Up to three (3) appointed Board members (appointed as required by the elected Board).

Clubs will therefore be asked to vote **for up to six (6) elected Board members from the nominations presented by placing a TICK next to the nominees name.**

Only place a TICK next to the nominee(s) you wish to be elected – you may choose to TICK fewer than six (6) boxes if you wish.

Election

Following the closing date all votes will be tallied and the three (3) nominees with the highest number of votes will be elected for two (2) year terms. The next three (3) highest vote recipients will be elected for a one (1) year term.

If there are further nominees outside of the highest six (6) vote recipients their nomination will not be successful.

Should there be any queries, please contact myself to ensure your vote is valid.

Ken Pride – Chief Executive Officer