



MORETON BAY DISTRICT BOWLS ASSOCIATION Inc.
CONDITIONS OF PLAY – PENNANTS 2024.

ELIGIBILITY / ENTRIES

Open to all male members both Senior and Junior of Clubs, which are affiliated with the Moreton Bay District Bowls Association Inc. [M.B.D.B.A.] and subject to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 4th Edition, M.B.D.B.A. By-Laws and these Conditions of Play governing Pennants.

A player must be a financial member of the Club he represents for a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of commencement of play. Club Secretaries are to update the BQ membership data base prior to the player playing.

A Member of two or more clubs - Pennant Permit. A player may be approved by their District to play Pennant with another Club, other than their registered Club by submitting an intra club Pennant Permit Request Form. The form is to be submitted to their District prior to the Pennant Competition in which they wish to play. No application will be considered after commencement of a Pennant competition unless agreed by the District. This Form must be endorsed by both Clubs (Pennant Permit form located on M.B.D.B.A. website).

The Match Committee will disallow any player from playing Pennants if he is: -
 Unfinancial in his Club/s.
 Is currently under suspension or expulsion in any Club within the District.

Where a player has become unfinancial with his Club, he will immediately be ineligible to be selected, compete or continue in the Pennant Competition. Any period for which the player is unfinancial shall not become an eligible period by virtue of the subsequent liquidation of liability.

CONTROLLING BODY

The Match Committee of the M.B.D.B.A. shall be known as the Controlling Body. They shall have full control of the conduct of the Pennant Competition as detailed in this document.

For Rounds 1 to 10, the 'Host Club' shall act on behalf of the Controlling Body – See Appendix "A" .

Subject to these Conditions of Play, the Controlling Body shall have the power to inquire into and adjudicate any disputes or interruptions as they occur.

DECLARATION OF CLUB FOR THE YEAR

No member can play Pennants for more than one [1] Club in any one calendar year in Queensland. In the event of any member so playing, he will be disqualified from Pennants for that calendar year he plays.

DURATION OF COMPETITION

Divisions will play ten [10] rounds, playing each Club within a Division twice on a Home and Away format, as set out in the Official Draw, followed by Preliminary Finals and Finals. While not being mandatory, the Controlling Body shall endeavour to schedule one [1] game each week for each side during the Round Robin. Extra games on weekends may have to be played, especially as a consequence of the clause relating to Inclement Weather / Failing Light.

Where a Division has five [5] or less sides competing, byes will be allocated so as to allow the last Round Robin game to coincide with the other Divisions. [This clause is used if there is a bye].

Where a Division has seven [7] or more sides competing, each team will play another team once. Byes will be allocated so as to allow the last Round Robin game to coincide with the other Divisions. [This clause is used if there is a bye].

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. **Number of Divisions** – The number of divisions will be dependant on the number of entries are received.
2. **Number of Sides** – Each Division, will be made up of six [6] Sides per Division. Clubs are not permitted to have more than one [1] Side per Division. Due to extenuating circumstances, two [2] or more Clubs can form a **composite Side** in any Division. A Club that already has a **Side** in a Division cannot participate in a composite **Side** within that Division as well.

In Divisions 1 to 4, the Match Committee will promote a club to a higher Division to fill a vacancy in a Division so that there are six [6] sides competing without any byes. Clubs who refuse to be promoted may have all nominated sides withdrawn from that year's competition.

In Divisions 5 and below, the Match Committee may promote a club to a higher Division to avoid any byes.

3. **a. Number of Players in a Side** – The number of players in a Side will be as follows: Divisions 1 and 2 - twelve players [12] per side made up of three [3] teams of four [4] players in each team.

Division 1 - will play under BQ State Conditions of Play in Group 4 and State Final playoffs.

Divisions 3 and below – eight players [8] per side made up of two [2] teams of four [4] players in each team.

b. Optional Substitute/Reserve Player (I have changed this around a little – pl)
Clubs may nominate one Substitute/Reserve player for each Divisional side each week.

The Reserve player must:

- be in Club uniform and be listed on the Match/Result Sheet.
- be present at the start of the match and remain present throughout the entire match.

Once Team Managers from both Clubs sign the Result Sheet, the Reserve player's availability to play will then count that match towards their 'finals qualification' requirement.

The Reserve player can replace a genuinely injured/ill player at any stage of the match and must play in the same position as that player other than Skip (DR 2.4.5); when authorised by the Host Club's Controlling Body Representative - the Umpire and both Team Managers to be advised.

4. **Promotion of Sides** – The side that **wins the Pennant** in a Division, except for the highest Division, will be promoted if eligible to the next higher Division for the next Pennant season. If not eligible, the next side in order that is eligible will be promoted to the next highest Division. Eligible means the Club has no side in the higher Division. Depending on the Domino effect more than one side may be promoted.

5. **Demotion of Sides** – The side that finishes on the bottom of a Division, except for the lowest Division, will be demoted if eligible to the next lowest Division. Should that Club have a side in that lower Division, that side will be demoted with a Domino effect on all Divisions until a vacant Division occurs.

6. **Player Promotion / Demotion**

To maximise player participation and enjoyment, the M.B.D.B.A Committee is committed to ensuring that the standard of play across all Divisions is fair and equitable. Players should be selected by their Clubs in Divisions that reflect their respective standard of play “in the spirit of the game”.

- a. **Promotion** – A player may be promoted to any higher Division in which a Club has a side. Having played there once he may be demoted to any Division his Club has a side, but no lower than the Division he was originally promoted from. If he plays in the promoted Division for **two [2] or more consecutive** games, he can only be demoted to the next lowest Division his Club has a Side.
- b. **Demotion** – A player who has not been promoted during the Pennant season can only be demoted to the **next lowest Division** in which his Club has a Side.
7. **Qualification of a Player** – A player must play a minimum of five [5] games in a Side or Division to qualify for the Preliminary Finals and/or Finals.

Where a Side has qualified to reach the Preliminary Finals and/or Finals and through some unexpected reason a qualified player is not available and no other players have qualified, a player may be used from a lower Division, after consultation and agreement from the Controlling Body, but can only play as a **lead, second or third**.

A Player can only play in the same division in the Preliminary Final and Final even if qualified to play in two divisions. (I reworded Peter's suggestion – don't mind if it is changed – pl)

The number of games to qualify may be varied should a Division have fewer than six [6] sides in that Division. Should there be no lower Division in a Club, consultation and agreement from the Controlling Body is essential.

Special dispensation will be given to Clubs with only one [1] Division in Pennants. In this instance a player must play a minimum of four [4] games in that Division, to qualify for the Preliminary Finals and/or Finals.

8. **Incomplete Team or Side** – Play may proceed as set out in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark 4th Edition. DR 2.6.
9. **Scoring** – The positions of the Sides in each Division will be determined as follows:
- Determination of Game Winner – The Side scoring the higher number of shots **FOR** will be the winner and awarded two [2] points. In the case of a drawn game, each side will be awarded one [1] point each. These will be known as **Match Points**.
 - Margins will be recorded by the Match Committee.
 - The Match Committee will at the conclusion of each round record the progressive points, margins 'for' and 'against' and the proportional result.
 - There will NOT be any points scored for rink wins.
10. **Finals** –
- The side finishing on top of the ladder [after the Round Robin] in each Division will automatically proceed to the Final of that Division.
 - The side finishing second [2nd] on the ladder [after the Round Robin] in each Division will play the side finishing third [3rd] in that Division in the Preliminary Final.
 - The winners of each Preliminary Final above will contest the final.

- d. The winners of the Preliminary Finals and Finals will be the Side scoring the greatest number of shots.
- e. In the event of a tie, at the completion of the game [Preliminary Final and Final] each team in a Side will play an extra end or ends, as required, until a decision is reached.
Law 28.
- f. All Preliminary Final and Final teams shall be submitted to the District by the Tuesday before the Saturday Final. The C.B. will then check the qualification status of the players in terms of Clause 7.

11. **PLAYER MOVEMENTS DURING PLAY**

Players will only be allowed to walk up to the head as follows: -

- a. The Leads & Seconds: after both the Seconds have delivered their second bowl.
- b. The Thirds: after both the Thirds have delivered their second bowl.
- c. The Skips: May go to the head after either Skip's first bowl.
- d. Restricting the movement of players does not prohibit a player being called to the head by the Skip however care should be taken not to delay play.
- e. Delaying Play: No player, excluding Skips, is permitted to remain at the head whilst their opposite number is delivering their bowl. Any Skip that remains at the head shall stand behind the last bowl of the head or retire to the bank.

Position of Players – Possession of the Rink

- (i) Players at the mat end of the rink not delivering a bowl should stand a minimum of one [1] metre behind the mat. (Law 12.1.1)
- (ii) Players at the head end of the rink must abide as per the **Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 4th Edition**. (Law 12.1.2)

12. **Penalties and / or Forfeits** – The penalty for a breach of any conditions relating to Promotion and Demotion of Players will be:
- a. During the Round Robin – the loss of maximum points.
 - b. In the Preliminary Finals and Finals – disqualification of the Side.

Any infringement of any Law, M.B.D.B.A. By-Laws or Conditions of Play for the Competition will involve either disqualification or replay as the Match Committee may determine.

In the case of a forfeiture or disqualification, the Side which has forfeited or was disqualified, will receive **no match points and the loss** of the average marginal points lost by the losing Sides in that round, in that Division. The Side receiving the **forfeit** or a **win through disqualification** will receive **two [2] match points** and the average marginal points gained by the winning Sides in that round, in that Division.

13. **Inclement Weather / Failing Light**

- a. In the event of all games in the District being called off on the day, the sequence of the draw as set out will be continued. A decision to play or otherwise will be made **no later than 11:30am** on the day of play by the Match Committee. **Clubs** are responsible to **contact** a member of the **Match Committee** regarding information as to the likelihood of play. **Players** should **contact their own Club** for information.
- b. If during the Round Robin any matches in Divisions 1 and 2 where 63 ends have not been played, a minimum of 80% of ends [50] completed will constitute a completed round. In the event that fewer than 50 ends were played the match will be considered abandoned, not replayed and such games will be declared drawn and each Side will be allocated one [1] game point.
- c. If during the Round Robin any matches in Divisions 3 and below where 42 ends have not been played, a minimum of 80% of ends [34] completed will constitute a completed round. In the event that fewer than 34 ends were played the match will be considered abandoned, not replayed and such games will be declared drawn and each Side will be allocated one [1] game point.
- d. Should any matches be impossible to commence due to inclement weather or an unplayable green at a particular Club or Clubs, **and the balance of the remaining**

matches of that round are able to be completed, then the matches not commenced will be played prior to the Finals if the result of that particular game or games have a bearing on the overall competition results.

- e. If seven [7] or more rounds have been completed and the remainder abandoned, the Round Robin will be regarded as having been completed.
 - a. In the event of inclement weather during the Preliminary Finals and Final, and they cannot be completed on the day, the unfinished match will be completed at a time and venue to be determined by the Match Committee.
 - b. Lights may be used if necessary.

Umpires, Officials and Bowlers should make themselves aware of the Extreme Weather Policy as detailed on the BQ Website.

14. **Cards and Rinks** – Cards and Rinks **must be drawn** in the presence of the respective Side Manager of both Clubs competing **by 12:30pm** on the day of **play**. *It is the responsibility of each Club to supply their own scorecards. Teams are **not** to be changed after the draw.*

15. **Practice / Trial Ends** – The preparation of the greens at the Host Club will be completed by 11:45am. Players may practice from 11:45am to 12:30pm on any rink and in the same direction of play that has been allocated for play. The Home club shall ring a bell at 12.30 pm for Practice to cease.

After the call of the cards at 12:30pm, players may then have two [2] trial ends on their allocated rink.

Once the trial ends have been completed, the game can commence earlier than the prescribed time of 1 pm.[e.g.,12.50pm] when the Side Managers agree.

16. **Inspection of Bowls and Temporary Markings [Decals] [Law 52.1.8](16A &B)**

The Umpire of the day will inspect the bowls prior to the start of each Round. Inspection will take place between 12:30pm and 12:55pm. Clubs are requested where possible to provide their players with distinguishing Temporary Markings [Decals]. Players in a side may use markings that are of different sizes but must be of the same design and colour, and when used must be adhered in the same manner to both sides of the bowl: On the bias side-players may use the small ring or the dot as long as the decal does not cover the World Bowls stamp or serial number. (Remember that all bowls in a side must be marked the same). It is allowable for the small rings to be cut in sections to achieve the outcome of not covering the WB stamp and serial number.

17. **Deemed Division of Play** – For the purpose of Promotion and Demotion of a Player, the Division in which a player initially plays determines that player's promotion / demotion path. (Byes are relevant).
18. **Commencement of Match** – The schedule starting time for the match will be **1:00pm**, however may be commenced earlier if trial ends have been completed and the Umpire has inspected the bowls. No play shall start later than 1:45pm. [refer clause 13 – inclement weather].
19. **Green Fees** – During the Round Robin, green fees will be paid at the players Home Club, at the Club's ruling rate. For the Preliminary Finals and Finals, green fees will be paid to the host Club and shall be **\$12.00** per player [**\$144.00 per side – Divisions 1 and 2**] and [**\$96.00 per side – Divisions 5 and below**]. Clubs wishing to charge more than \$12.00 per player are ineligible to host Finals.
20. **Greens** - The Controlling Body will allocate the greens to be used for the Preliminary Finals and Finals and where possible the allocation will be on neutral greens. However, the

Controlling Body has the authority to use non-neutral greens should circumstances warrant such a decision.

21. **Scorecards** – Each Club will supply their own scorecards. The respective Club Secretaries must retain Scorecards of all games for the duration of the Pennant season. Seconds must complete the scorecards during Pennants. [DR 3.2.4]. The finishing time of each rink must be recorded on the score card and signed by the Seconds. [Law 40.1.7.5 & DR 3.2.4]
22. **Afternoon Tea** – Afternoon Tea is mandatory. Clubs are to provide refreshments during (without interruption to) the game or at the end of the match. This includes clubs hosting Finals.
23. **Ends to be played** – Matches for **Divisions 1 and 2** will be sixty-three [63] ends, that is 21 ends per team within a Side, except where provision is made under Clause 13, Inclement Weather / Failing Light. Matches for **Divisions 3 and below** will be forty-two [42] ends, that is 21 ends per team within a Side, except where provision is made under Clause 13, Inclement Weather / Failing Light.
24. **Pennant Colours** -

Division 1 - Purple	Division 2 - Navy	Division 3 – Red
Division 4 - Green	Division 5 - Gold	Division 6 – Light Blue
Division 7 - Camel	Division 8 – Black	Division 9 – Brown
Division 10 - Orange		
25. **Pennant Flags & Badges** – The winning Club of each Division will be presented with a Pennant Flag and fifteen [15] Pennant Badges for Divisions 1 and 2 and twelve [12] Pennant Badges for Divisions 3 and below in the colours as set out in Clause 24. It will be the responsibility of the winning Club to purchase more badges if required. Orders should be placed with the Secretary of the M.B.D.B.A.
26. **Attire** – Sides shall wear their Club coloured attire as registered with the M.B.D.B.A.

Tailored Trousers / Shorts / Drawstring Pants - [cream, white or the Club registered colour] will be permitted. If tailored shorts, short socks or long hose will be permitted. We understand that some Clubs have registered coloured trousers and or draw string pants. Should any player within a side not have the registered long pants and or draw string pants, he will be permitted to wear traditional bowls attire.

Jackets - Jackets worn during Pennants must display the BA Logo. No other jackets can be worn.

Incorrectly Attired - Where a player is incorrectly attired, he shall not be permitted to participate until he becomes correctly attired. [Period of Grace – refer clause 27]. The Controlling Body shall exercise discretion where there are extenuating circumstances such as a player replacing an ill payer. It should be noted that sponsors logos or other advertising is only allowed from official sponsors of the Club or District.

Logos and Advertising - Clubs are requested not to allow advertising that conflicts with a Pennant sponsor.

Footwear – as per BA Policy on Website

At no time will thongs be permitted during any District organised games due to the danger of injury, [e.g., work place health and safety]. Exception by way of a Medical certificate provided to and acknowledged by the District Match Committee and for a brand listed as per BA Policy. **A copy of the M.B.D.B.A approval is to be carried by the player and presented to the Umpire of the day before the start of play. (I have added this – PL)**

27. **Period of Grace** – Any Side or team who fails to be in place within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time of 1:00pm shall be regarded as having forfeited. The penalty – Loss of all game points. (See **incorrectly attired above.**)
28. **Electronic Communication Devices.** No electronic communication devices [switched on] are to be within six [6] metres of the green whilst a game is in progress. [e.g.] mobile phones, transistor radios, etc. Special dispensation may be given but only after consultation with the Controlling Body.
29. **Bowling Aids/Artificial Devices** – Only BA approved bowling arms can be used. If used, it must be used for entire game which including upshots and driving. Rolling of the Jack may be by hand or bowling arm.
30. **Provision of Umpires** – The Host Club is responsible for the provision of a National Umpire. Should a Club not be able to provide an Umpire, they should contact the District Umpires' Committee for guidance and assistance. [Note, some clubs do not have an umpire. The Controlling Body (Home Club) may choose a competent neutral person to act as the umpire. Law 40.1.6 refers]. It is the responsibility of Umpires to ensure that all players conduct themselves during the playing of Pennants in accordance with these Conditions of Play, and Host Clubs are to ensure the Umpires are fully conversant with these Conditions of Play.
31. **Side Manager's Duties** – Each Side shall have a Manager who shall be at the venue in sufficient time, but no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start time, to complete all pre-match formalities, including the draw for opponents, toss for the mat ~~on behalf of his Side~~ and obtaining Umpire's approval for ~~any substitutes~~, coaches or use of electronic devices.

At the conclusion of the match, both Managers must sign the completed Pennant result sheets ensuring all information is recorded on both sheets. The signed result sheets must be clear and legible. Managers are to ensure that the players details are correctly recorded (no nick names).

Both teams shall submit their Pennant Result Sheet to the MBDBA Match Committee as soon as practical after the completion of the game. Side Managers are responsible for initiating any protest or appeals during or following the game.

Side Managers are responsible to ensure that all members of their respective Division are conversant with these Conditions of Play [~~Attire~~ – refer clause 26 and Player Movements – refer clause 11] and are entitled to correctly adjust the Master Scoreboard as is necessary.

32. **Allocation of Clubs** – During the period at the conclusion of a Pennant season and the commencement of the next Pennant season, Clubs shall be informed of their allocated positions as per clauses 4 (Promotion) & 5 (Demotion) by the Match Committee. Clubs that are unable to accept the offered positions should do so in writing to the Secretary of the M.B.D.B.A. If a Club wishes to withdraw a side it must be from their lowest division.

33. **Results** – The Host Club will be responsible to SMS or **Email** the results of the day’s play on the **official Pennant Result Sheet** to the M.B.D.B.A. no later than **5:30pm Saturday, the day of play**. Upon receipt, the Match Committee will collate and Email the results to all Club prior to the next round.
34. **Failure to Comply** – Failure to comply with these Pennant Conditions of Play could result in loss of competition points and / or a \$100.00 fine. Fines will be made payable to the **Moreton Bay District Bowls Association** and paid before the next round of Pennants.
35. **SMOKING REGULATIONS** [as per Host Club]

Unsportsmanlike like behaviour will not be tolerated.

A player or team that believes unsportsmanlike like behaviour is being displayed by another player or team is to be reported in the first instance to his Side Manager, who will discuss this with the opposing Side Manager. If it cannot be resolved, the Umpire must be advised, who will if considered necessary, give a formal warning to the offending player or team. Further, the Umpire may lodge an official report to the Controlling Body, who will investigate the complaint, and if warranted may deduct points from the offending team.

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Controlling Body Representatives, Players, Side Managers, Umpires and Club Officials are advised to acquaint themselves with the Conditions of Play governing Pennants.

***** See Appendix A on page 9 ******

M.B.D.B.A. Conditions of Play.

Appendix "A"

HOST CLUB ACTS AS CONTROLLING BODY

The MBDBA Men's Match Committee shall exercise full control of the conduct of all MBDBA Men's Pennants competitions conducted within the District.

The Pennants Controlling Body for matters arising on the day of play is the Host Club (except for Finals). Each Host Club must appoint a responsible person and inform players of who is acting for the club as the Controlling Body. This person must not be the umpire or side manager of the day. For finals, MBDBA is the controlling body on the day of play.

The following is a general guideline for those who perform the duties of the Controlling Body.

Before the commencement of play on any day the name(s) of the person(s) representing the Controlling Body and the Umpire(s) of the day should be announced.

The Controlling Body:

- must be familiar with and ensure that Men's Pennants are played in accordance with the Conditions of Play.
- must always be present during the match, plus for a reasonable time prior to the start of play and after play finishes.
- ensure that the players and umpires are aware of any non-standard playing conditions.
- ensure that an umpire (who must be an accredited umpire if available) has been appointed to officiate for the matches being played.
- if there is no umpire, what arrangements are to be applied when a call is made for an umpire
- advise players of their eligibility for pre-match practice and the availability of rink space for that practice.
- determine that a player is physically incapable or unable to take any further part in a competition for a reason accepted by the Controlling Body and can then authorise an eligible **substitute/reserve** to join that team as a Replacement player.
- authorise one (or more) team(s) in a side to play one player short if there is no eligible player or substitute available.
- decide when to suspend, restart or abandon play if affected by inclement weather or for any other valid reason.
- award the match to the opponent if a player, team or side fails to show or otherwise forfeits its match.
- warn a player if they are causing damage to the green, then they can ask them to retire from the green and take no further part in the match (the Umpire may also do this).
- take action to have spectators refrain from disturbing, advising or interfering with players.
- award the match to the opponent if advised by the umpire that there has been an infringement of a law that requires a penalty.
- are the official to whom an appellant gives their written appeal and to whom the umpire hands the deposit and their written report if there has been an appeal against the umpire's application of the Laws.
- ensure that any necessary closing announcements are made