

2019 – 2020 Summary of changes – Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play

All of the following changes apply to both Midweek and Weekend Pennant

1. The previous competition named 'Saturday Pennant' has now been changed to 'Weekend Pennant' – this acknowledges all clubs that look to play their matches in an alternate timeslot including Saturday Morning, Sundays and Friday Nights. We have also removed the restriction of matches being unable to played on Sundays (in the previous CoP of 2018-19) - By agreement clubs may play weekend pennant on a Sunday. Previously only finals games organised by BV could be played on a Sunday.

2. Introduction now includes the following statement:

No laws governing a sport can cope with every situation, and the laws governing the sport of bowls is no exception. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls have been drawn up in the spirit of true sportsmanship. So, if a situation arises that is not covered by the laws or these Conditions of Play, players and officials must use their common sense and a spirit of fair play to decide the appropriate course of action.

3. Introductions of Disciplinary Penalties:

5.1. A player, team, side or club are subject to rule 10 of the BV Constitution, Discipline of Members. Where a matter is referred to a BV Disciplinary Committee then a player, team, side or club is subject to the determinations of that Committee. The BV Disciplinary penalty of a monetary fine (not exceeding \$1,000) and/or disqualification, and/or match points penalty and/or a replay or such other penalty as they see fit.

4. Eligibility of players – Change of wording, Clubs must ensure players are registered Bowls Victoria Members i.e.: on the database before a match is played:

10.1. Clubs must ensure all players are registered BV Members prior to the commencement of the match in question. A breach of this requirement will result in forfeiture of the game to the opponent.

5.. Pennant Permit

- 11.6 A player with a Pennant Permit may not play in the Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships of a Region other than that of their Nominated Club and is not eligible to represent a Region other than that of their Nominated Club.

6. Eligibility to play finals

23. Interchanging of a player between sides in finals (in addition to previous provisions)

- 23.1 For a 16-a-side Metropolitan Pennant Competition a Club may play 2 Players in a Post-Sectional (Finals) Pennant in a lower side provided:
 - 23.1.1 The side is the club's consecutive lower side; and
 - 23.1.2 That both sides are scheduled to be played in the same round
- 23.2 For all other Metropolitan Pennant Competitions, a Club may play 1 Player in a Post-Sectional (Finals) Pennant in a lower side provided:
 - 23.2.1 The side is the club's consecutive lower side; and
 - 23.2.2 That both sides are scheduled to be played in the same round.

7. Advice of abandonment of play by Bowls Victoria

- 33.1 Updates will be provided on the BV Website, BV Facebook page and a recorded announcement will be available on the Bowls Victoria landline 9861 7100.
- 33.2 A bulk SMS will be sent to all Club Communication Officers (CCO's) when a decision has been made.

8. Number of ends that constitute a game and awarding of points

- 34.1 Regardless of the number of games completed in a Section for a round, results will be awarded.
- 34.2 When all matches scheduled for that day are abandoned by BV the points will be shared equally by the Sides
- 34.3 When play has commenced, and the game is abandoned due to Inclement Weather following;
- 60 ends being completed for a 16-player game;
 - 45 ends being completed for a 12-player game;
 - 30 ends being completed for a 6-player game;

The game will be awarded to the Side who has the higher number of total shots at the time the game is abandoned, and points allocated according to clause 27 – Side win, Team win and Team tie.

If the game is abandoned prior to the above number of ends being completed, the maximum available points will be shared equally for a tied game.

9. The provision has been removed for all games in a Section to be abandoned when more than half the games in that Section are abandoned.

The introduction of a pre-determined number of ends (Clause 34) does away with the requirement for the majority of games in a Section to be completed for results in that Section to be recognised.

10. Match abandoned by Side Manager agreement

- 35.1. Matches in Metropolitan Pennant can only be abandoned by agreement under the following conditions:
- 35.1.1. Weather/Heat as per Clause 51;
- 35.1.2. Safety of the players and/or officials;
- 35.1.3. Death of a player Clause 53;
- 35.1.4. Weather other than Heat i.e: rain, including lightning Clause 51.
- 35.2. At the time of abandonments points will be awarded as per Clause 34 and 27.
- 35.3. Any breach of this Clause may result in action under Clause 5 Infringements.

11. Condition of green

45.2. A green must be suitable for play. When a club finds that its green(s) is not suitable for play it must:

- 45.2.1. Inform visiting club(s) & Bowls Victoria (bvpennant@gmail.com) immediately;

45.2.2. Make a genuine attempt to find an alternative venue. Such attempt must be clearly documented (club(s) contacted, name of club contact person, time of contact and outcome);

45.2.3 A decision to close a green(s) must be supported by photos and documented evidence including time frame and action taken.

45.3. If a satisfactory alternative green cannot be found, the Club may be directed by the Metropolitan Pennant Executive to use an alternative venue, to forfeit games or other penalty under Clause 5 Infringements.

12. Alteration to a pennant check form

The time limit for seeking an alteration to a Pennant result is reduced from 14 days to 5 days.

13. Inclement weather – Total Fire Bans

The procedures to apply in the event of inclement weather have been rewritten to make it more easily understood.

In addition, For the 2019-20 Season, Metropolitan Clubs have the opportunity to submit whether they will be a Total Fire Ban Listed Club. Bowls Victoria have taken this stance to ensure the safety of our clubs and players (including the ability to protect their own property and livestock) and also not to unfairly impact clubs who are not in a fire risk area.

Being a Total Fire Ban Listed Club means that if a Total Fire Ban Day is announced for the Central Fire District on a day of play (by the Bureau of Meteorology www.bom.gov.au before 5pm on the day prior to play), Metropolitan Pennant Matches scheduled to be played at a club who has registered as not being available to play on TFB days, will be abandoned.

Results will not be required to be submitted and points will be shared between the club listed and their opponent for that round.

If clubs wish to be a Total Fire Ban Listed Club, they must register through this form by 4:30pm on Monday September 30, 2019.

The Total Fire Ban Listed Club will be in effect for the duration of the 2019-20 Metropolitan Pennant Season and those clubs listed will appear on 53.1.3.1 of the Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play.

51.1. 'Code red' or Total Fire Ban day scheduled on day of play

51.1.1 If a 'Code Red' Day is announced for the Central Fire District on a day of play, all Metropolitan Pennant Competitions will be abandoned, and no results will be required to be submitted.

51.1.2 If a Total Fire Ban Day is announced for the Central Fire District on a day of play (by the Bureau of Meteorology), Metropolitan Pennant Matches scheduled to be played at a club who has registered as not being available to play on TFB days, will be abandoned. Results are not required to be submitted and points will be shared between the club listed and their opponent for that round.

51.1.3 Clubs must register to be a Total Fire Ban listed Club through Bowls Victoria by 4:30pm on Monday September 30, 2019 at the following link:

<https://bowlsvictoria.wufoo.com/forms/wh9iptu1x6qsqy>

51.1.3.1 Listed Clubs: TBC (to be updated on September 30)

Changes applicable to mid-week pennant only

14. Commencement time for Mid-week Pennant

An option to enable Mid-week games to commence at a time other than 10.30am.

- 5.2 With prior agreement by both Clubs, Sectional games in all Divisions may commence at a time other than 10:30am. The home side must notify Bowls Victoria.

15. Pre-match practice - Midweek Pennant

With the option for Midweek Pennant to commence at a time other than 10.30am the opportunity for pre-match practice has been introduced.

4.1. Prior to half an hour before the commencement time, the home team may practice on any rink other than the rinks or part of the rinks allocated to them for the match including east west or on the pegs if the match is to be played north south and vice versa if the game is played east west.

Changes applicable to Weekend pennant only

16. Scheduling of matches for Sectional Play

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(Sectional matches can be scheduled for a Sunday)

7.2 With the agreement of the opposing Club, Sectional games in all Divisions can be rescheduled to a Friday evening, Saturday at other than the scheduled 1.00pm start time, or a Sunday. The home side must notify Bowls Victoria.

(Friday games that have not commenced and are abandoned must be played on Saturday at 1pm)

7.3 Friday evening games that have NOT commenced and are abandoned MUST be played at the 1.00pm the next day (Saturday).

7.4 Friday evening games that have commenced and are abandoned cannot be rescheduled for any other day and will have the points shared as per a Tied game.

7.5 Sunday games cannot be rescheduled.

7.6 A Saturday game must be commenced and completed on the Saturday. There is no provision to commence or complete a scheduled Saturday game on another day.