

Bowls Wimmera Division Inc – Pennant Competition Rules, 2019-20.

Bowls competitions in the Wimmera Division will be played under the Laws, Rules and Regulations as defined in **Bowls Victoria 2019-20 Region & Division Pennant Competitions Conditions of Play**.

Specific Regulations may be determined by the Bowls Wimmera Division Match Committee and are listed below, along with new or important BV Conditions.

Introduction. (see BV conditions of play)

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.

2. Competition Format. (BWD)

(a) BWD Weekend Division One, Two and Three will be conducted between Sides with three Teams of four players. Division Four will be conducted between Sides with two Teams of four players. (BWD 2019-20 Annual Meeting)

(b) There will not be a bye in Weekend Divisions 1 and 2 Pennant. Bowls Wimmera match committee should use their discretionary powers to ensure an even amount of teams in a division and be able to grade/promote/relegate teams as necessary. (BWD 2018-19 Annual Meeting)

(c) If no byes are available for Clubs that hold their Annual Agricultural Show on the Saturday a Pennant Match is due to be played, the match is to be re-scheduled for the Sunday. (BWD 2014-15 Annual Meeting)

(d) BWD Midweek Pennant Division One will be conducted between Sides with three Teams of four players. (BWD 2017-18 Annual Meeting)

(e) BWD Midweek Pennant Division Two will be conducted between Sides with two Teams of four players. (BWD 2015-16 Annual Meeting)

4. Disciplinary Breaches. (see BV conditions of play)

8. Side manager on day of play. (see BV conditions of play)

8.2 Side manager must not be the umpire for the day.

9. Eligibility of Players. (see BV conditions of play)

9.1. 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.

9.2. All players must be selected on ability.

9.3. Gender cannot be used as a selection consideration.

10. Single Sex and Restrictions on positions each sex may play. (BWD)

(a) In Midweek pennant men can only play in positions of lead, second and third. (BWD 2018-19 Annual Meeting and confirmed by survey of all division members as per VCAT guidelines)

11. Selection of sides. (see BV conditions of play)

12. Interchange of a player between sides prior to finals. (see BV conditions of play)

13. Interchanging of a player between sides in finals. (see BV conditions of play)

17. Points Allocated for a Match. (BWD)

(a) For Weekend Pennant the scoring system is: - 10 points for a side shots win or forfeit win and 5 points for a side shots tie, 2 points for each team (rink) win or forfeit and 1 point for each team (rink) tie. No points for a bye.

(b) For Midweek Pennant the scoring system is: - 10 points for a side shots win or forfeit win and 5 points for a side shots tie, 2 points for each team (rink) win or forfeit and 1 point for each team (rink) tie. No points for a bye.

(c) In addition to points awarded, a side giving a forfeit will lose 15 shots and the side receiving the forfeit will gain 15 shots. (BWD 2016-17 Annual Meeting)

18. Pennant Check Form Submitted to Region/Division. (BWD)

(a) The results of all Pennant Matches are to be entered on the prescribed form and forwarded to the Divisional Match Committee Pennant Recorder no later than 6.00pm for Midweek Pennant and 9.00pm for Weekend Pennant on the day of play. (BWD 2015-16 Annual Meeting)

(b) Failure to submit results on time will be deemed to be a forfeit with no points awarded, and shot penalties to be applied, unless unforeseen circumstances can be proven.

19. Pennant check form for a side forfeit or walkover. (see BV conditions of play)

20. Pennant check form for a side with a bye. (see BV conditions of play)

22. Points when play is abandoned. (see BV conditions of play)

23. Match abandoned by agreement before play or during play before a result is obtained. (see BV conditions of play)

24. Match abandoned by agreement during play and a result is possible. (see BV conditions of play)

27. Promotion and Relegation. (BWD)

(a) There will not be a bye in Weekend Divisions 1 and 2 Pennant. Bowls Wimmera match committee should use their discretionary powers to ensure an even amount of teams in a division and be able to grade/promote/relegate teams as necessary. (BWD 2018-19 Annual Meeting)

28. Commencement time. (BWD)

(a) Commencement time for Weekend Pennant is 1.30pm and for Midweek Pennant, 10.30am. Roll up should take place before scheduled start time.

30. Draw for rinks. (see BV conditions of play)

35. Duration of match. (BWD)

(a) Each match in Weekend Pennant, Divisions One and Two and Midweek Pennant, will consist of 25 ends per rink with a break taken as defined in the Conditions of Play.

(b) Each match in Weekend Pennant, Division Three and Four, will consist of 21 ends per rink with a break taken as defined in the Conditions of Play. (BWD 2019-20 Annual Meeting)

36. Scheduled Break. (BWD)

(a) In Weekend Pennant an afternoon tea break will be taken at a time organised by the home team.

(b) In Midweek Pennant a lunch break will be taken at 12.30.

41. Inclement Weather. (BWD)

Heat

(a) If the predicted maximum heat for Nhill on the day of play is 38 degrees C or above, taken from BOM data the night before play, then all Pennant matches will be abandoned. (BWD 2016-17 Annual Meeting)

(b) If after play has commenced the temperature at Nhill reaches 38 degrees C or above, all Pennant matches will be abandoned. (BWD 2016-17 Annual Meeting)

It is up to the Pennant Managers to keep an eye on the current temperature. There is no longer the option of a voice call to check the temperature at the Nhill AWS. The current temperature can be accessed through the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) or with a Smartphone App (Weatherzone or BOM Weather are recommended). If the temperature is found to be 38 or above the Chairman of the BWD Match committee should be informed and upon confirmation of the temperature all Pennant will be abandoned.

Other Inclement Weather (excluding heat)

(c) If a decision to abandon play is made by the BWD Match Committee all Clubs will be informed promptly.

(d) Each home club should have a Greens Director or an appointed deputy for the Greens Director available when play is scheduled at their home greens.

(e) If the BWD Match Committee has not abandoned play, the Home Clubs Greens director or appointed deputy will be the sole authority for determining whether play can commence on the home green.

(f) If a decision to cancel or delay is made prior to the arrival of the Away Side(s) they will be promptly informed.

- (g)** If due to inclement weather play has not commenced 90 minutes after the designated starting time the match will be abandoned.
- (h)** If play for the day has commenced and subsequently
 - a. due to the weather one side wishes to leave the green but the other does not, neither side can leave the vicinity of the green and the Umpire will resolve the dispute, or
 - b. due to the weather has been stopped by the Controlling Body, by the Umpire, by agreement between the Managers when the Umpire or Controlling Body is not present, or if the Greens director or appointed deputy closes the greens as unfit for play, it will not be resumed if the green remains closed, But if otherwise:
 - i. the Umpire on his own observation or on appeal of the managers will decide whether or not to resume, and
 - ii. if resumed, the provisions of Law 32.2, 32.2 & 32.4 will apply.
- (i)** Despite anything contained in this rule, Managers may by mutual agreement abandon the game at any time due to prevailing weather conditions.
- (j)** If less than half the matches in the division are completed, all matches due to be played that day will be deemed to be abandoned.

Abandoned Match

See BV conditions of play 21, 22, 23, 24.

50. Umpire. (see BV conditions of play)

50.5 The umpire of the day must resolve any matter where the Skips and Side Managers can not agree.

50.6 Side manager must not be the umpire for the day.

DR 3.2 Skips duties relating to scorecards (see Bowls Australia Domestic Regulations)

For Domestic Play in Australia, all duties relating to the scorecard set out in law 40.1.7 (including, keeping and completing the scorecard) shall be performed by:

3.2.4 In Fours; the second of each team