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1. All pennant matches shall be under the control of the Association. All pennant matches, club tournaments and Association competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of Bowls SA and conform to the Bowls SA Constitution, By-Laws and Policies and the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
2. All pennant matches shall commence at the time set for each competition by the association including any trial roll-ups. Should a club side fail to appear by 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time the match shall be awarded to the side ready to play at the discretion of the Board's Disputes subcommittee.
3. The position of play of the respective teams shall be decided by unbiased drawing of cards.
4. Home clubs shall appoint accredited umpires for all pennant matches and for all Association fixtures. Emergency procedure: If no qualified umpire is present, the two team managers, or persons delegated to the job on the day, shall appoint a suitable person prior to play commencing, and that person's rulings shall be abided by.
5. Scoring for competitions shall be 20 points for a win, 10 points for a draw and 2 points for each rink win and 1 point for a drawn rink.

6. FORFEITS: / PENALTY: (For Breaches of By-Laws)

If a Member Club finds it cannot fill its sides after using the three players per team rule and substitutes, it must forfeit its lowest side.

Any pennant side forfeiting shall notify the Association Secretary as early as possible before the set day of play. The non-forfeiting side in any division shall receive the maximum available match points, plus be credited with 10 shots for. The forfeiting side shall receive nil match points and be awarded 10 shots against.

- 6.1. All sides who receive a bye in uneven rounds are required to forward a completed team sheet to the association prior to any points being allocated.
- 6.2. All sides who receive a **forfeit** are required to forward a completed team sheet to the Association prior to any points being allocated.
7. Should there be a bye in uneven rounds, the sides that have additional byes shall receive their average points for completed rounds.
8. No practice shall take place on a green allocated for pennant play within 90 minutes of the scheduled starting time.

9. PLAYER QUALIFICATION AND PERMITS:

- 9.1. All applications for permits shall be forwarded by club or facility secretaries to the Association Secretary, for the relevant match and programme subcommittee who shall be the authority to deal with all matters relating to permits.
- 9.2. Prior to the conclusion of round 15 there shall be no restrictions on the movement of players within the sides of the club in any competition. **(Subject to By-Law 9.3):**
 - 9.2.1. A player who has not played a minimum of four (4) games in a lower side shall **not** be eligible to play in any lower side after round 15.
- 9.3. A player from any side that has a **bye in any round** shall **not** be eligible to play in any **lower Division** side in that round" (Subject to exception 1)

Exception: 1 Where a player has played in a certain division and has been promoted or changed for one match only to a higher division and then regresses to the lower division into the same side in which the player has previously played.

Exception 2 If any club has multiple sides in finals a player(s) can be moved down one (1) division or to another side in the same division providing both sides are playing at the same time. Players cannot move down or to any side in the same division from a side that has been eliminated.

- 9.4. To qualify to play in finals a player must have played a minimum of three games in the relevant competition for their club in the current season (It follows that substitutes will also have played a minimum of three games in the current season, subject to By-Law 9.5 below).
- 9.5. Any unqualified player who through no fault of the player or the club has played less than three (3) games shall be eligible to obtain a permit to play in finals. Such permit would only be issued to the player to play in the Division they last played in.
- 9.6. The playing of an unqualified player or player requiring a permit without the approval of the Relevant Match and Programme Committee shall be penalised by the disqualification of the side for that match with penalties as set out in By-Law 6.

10. TEMPORARY PLAYERS & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 10.1. Where there are insufficient bowlers to field a side, that club may play a non-registrant which allows them to play a maximum of three games. TEMP is to be written alongside the name on the result sheet.
- 10.2. All players who are available for selection shall be selected on merit and compatibility, as determined by their club selectors.
- 10.3. The use of two players, aged or infirmed, may share a position in the lowest division of the club. Each player must be recorded on the team sheet, one as a substitute, and must play a minimum of 10 consecutive ends.
- 10.4. No player who plays in Division 1 Saturday Pennant competition shall be eligible to play in Division 2 Wednesday AM competitions.
- 10.5. Any male player playing in the Wednesday AM competition shall only play as a lead or second. Refer to 9.6 Penalty.

11. GENERAL

- 11.1. No member club shall conduct any open tournament commencing before 4.00pm without prior permission of the Board. The member club shall apply in writing for permission and set out there-in the nature of, and dates of, the proposed tournament.
- 11.2. All sides are to comply with the Bowls Australia logo policy and the Bowls SA Uniform Policy. A clubs lowest side will have clothing code tolerance for first year players only; however, appropriate footwear must be worn.

- 11.3. Member club secretaries shall send to the Association Secretary a list in alphabetical order of all registered players together with the registration fees prior to the scheduled date of the first pennant round.
- 11.4. Alternate start and completion times for Divisions in all competitions may be approved by the Board or Match and Programme Committee upon request of both competing clubs.
- 11.5. Greens are to remain dressed until all Matches have finished, with nothing being removed including score boards until the last bowl in all rinks on that Green has been played.
- 11.6. Any club(s) side(s) found guilty of Breaches of the By-Laws of the Association shall be disqualified for that round and points awarded as per By-Law 6 unless both clubs are at fault where no points will be awarded to either side for that round.

12. MISCONDUCT

The Board shall have the power to deal with any misconduct in accordance with the Bowls Riverland Rules and Regulations and the Bowls SA Constitution, By-Laws and Policies.

13. CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - (C OF C)

- 13.1. The clubs of the Association shall conduct single gender championship events in fours, pairs, singles and (triples in ladies). The Association shall then conduct competitions to determine C of C in accordance with conditions set for each competition. Any replacement or substitutes shall be in accordance with the laws of the game. (Notice of all events will be sent to all clubs prior to the event)
- 13.2. Venues for these playoffs shall be as set by the Board or Match & Programme Committee(s) in an alphabetical rotation including all clubs (subject to By-Law 14.2).

14. FINALS

- 14.1. All competition finals to be played in a format as determined by the club delegates.
- 14.2. Venues for Finals, Association Matches, and C of C play-offs.

Should the Board believe a designated green is of an unsatisfactory standard it may convene an inspection of the green in question, using a minimum of three persons to conduct the inspection. Following their recommendation to the Board, it may convene a Board meeting if necessary to resolve the issue including selection of a new venue for the events or matches. (For guidance, an 'unsatisfactory' green could be one that is playing extremely slowly less than 13 seconds regularly on match days, or has a surface so irregular as to seriously affect the traverse of a bowl).

- 14.3. In all Divisions in all Pennant competitions the side that finishes top at end of the minor round shall have choice of venue for their first final, provided that this choice does not preclude another Club from playing a home final.
- 14.4. All other finals matches shall be played at different neutral venues as selected by the Board or Match and Program Committee.

14.5. The Match & Program Committee(s) shall have the right to alter playing times for finals if required to ensure that all finals in all competitions shall have a full game result wherever possible.

15. DISPUTES SUB-COMMITTEE

15.1. A Disputes subcommittee of the Association shall normally consist of the Secretary or an appointed substitute plus any two Association members, not necessarily Board members.

15.2. In the event of a club successfully protesting against another club, all points shall be awarded as per By-Law 6.

16. MATCH RESULTS

All scores and team sheets are to be forwarded as per programme book as soon as possible after completion of play by the home team.

17. COMPETITION CONDITIONS OF PLAY

17.1. Wednesday AM Pennants

- 17.1.1. Pennant matches to start at 9.15am (rollup 9.00am), 21 ends must be played (subject to By-Law 18.1) a 10 min break to be taken after playing 11 ends, or as arranged by competing team managers to cater for inclement weather.
- 17.1.2. Any male player playing in the Wednesday AM competition shall only play as a lead or second. Refer to 9.6 Penalty
- 17.1.3. INCLEMENT WEATHER – Refer to By-Law 19.
- 17.1.4. TEMPERATURE –Refer By-Law 18.1

17.2. Saturday Pennants

- 17.2.1. Start time for Saturday pennant competition shall be 1.00pm or such other time as may be set by the Match & Programme Committee (subject to the provisions of By-Law 18.2).
A mid-game break shall be taken after 11 ends or as arranged by competing team managers to cater for inclement weather.
- 17.2.2. A cut off time for play shall be 6.30pm (subject to By-Law 11.4).
- 17.2.3. Saturday pennant competition shall have a voluntary promotion and relegation system in place whereby the highest placed side at the end of the minor round can ask to be promoted which will result in the lowest ranked side from the higher division being demoted except for Division 1 where no demotion will take place until there are 10 sides in that competition. No club shall have more than 2 sides in any division except the Association lowest division.
- 17.2.4. INCLEMENT WEATHER – Refer to By-Law 19.
- 17.2.5. TEMPERATURE - Refer By-Law 18.2.

17.3. Midweek Triples

- 17.3.1. GAMES — Triples: 4 x 3 bowls, 21 ends, one roll-up, 1.30pm start. No Dead ends, Jack to be replaced on centre 2 metre mark. A mid-game break shall be taken after 11 ends or as arranged by competing team managers to cater for inclement weather
- 17.3.2. DELAYED START — Should the commencement of play be delayed through inclement weather, the match may commence at any time prior to 2.30pm. If the delay extends beyond this time then the match shall be abandoned.
- 17.3.3. A cut of time for play shall be 6.30pm.
- 17.3.4. INCLEMENT WEATHER – Refer to By-Law 19.
- 17.3.5. TEMPERATURE — Refer By-Law 18.5.
- 17.3.6. PLAYERS — No restrictions on players positions.

18. TEMPERATURE

All matches played by Bowls Riverland shall be subject to the temperature rules of the competition including Duty of Care Policy and Statement.

Wednesday AM Pennants

18.1. If the temperature is forecast for Renmark by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology at 5.00 pm on Monday at 36°C or over for the day of play, then MATCHES ARE TO BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 8.00am. The Umpire will monitor the temp, and halt play at **36°C immediately and declare any end in play dead.**

18.1.1. If the temperature for Wednesday is forecast to be **43°C or over** then **all matches will be cancelled.**

Saturday Pennants

18.2. If the temperature forecast for Renmark by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology at 5.00pm on the Thursday night before the programmed Saturday game is expected to be 40°C or over the pennant matches will commence at 8.00am.

18.3. If on the day at the venue the temperature reaches 40°C on Saturday the umpire will stop the game **immediately and declare any end in play dead.**

18.4. If temperature is forecast to be **43°C or over 2 days prior** to the Saturday pennant competition, then **all matches will be cancelled.**

Midweek Triples

18.5. If the Monday forecast at 5.00pm for Wednesday at Renmark by the Adelaide Bureau of Meteorology is 40°C or over the round will commence at 8.30am. If the Monday forecast (as above) is to be **43°C or over**, then **all matches will be cancelled**

18.6. If on the day at the venue the temperature reaches 40°C, the umpire will stop play and refer to By-Law 19.3.

19. INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- 19.1. Prior to the commencement of play the host club's greens manager or their deputy shall decide if a green should close due to inclement weather.
- 19.2. The greens' manager or their deputy shall notify the Association Board Secretary as early as possible prior to the start of play if the greens are unplayable or closed. Club secretaries to be advised as soon as possible.
- 19.3. Should conditions deteriorate after play has commenced, either side's manager may appeal to the umpire to stop play (for that side's match only). The umpire in consultation with the greens manager or their deputy if present shall consider the appeal and is empowered to stop play, as well as give permission for play to resume if conditions improve. Play will be cancelled for the day if it is not possible to resume after 30 minutes from the time of the last stoppage.
- 19.4. If all pennant matches of the Association are cancelled by Bowls Riverland prior to commencement on any one day, no catch-up matches shall be played and no points shall be allocated to any side for this round, including any side with a bye that round.
- 19.5. **For Saturday and Wednesday AM Pennants and Midweek Triples** In a round, should less than half of the programmed matches in a division achieve a result with an aggregate of two thirds of the ends played, then the round shall be abandoned for that division. If a round is abandoned, no catch-up matches will be played and no points allocated to any side for this round.
- 19.6. **For Saturday and Wednesday AM Pennants and Midweek Triples** In a round where half or more of the programmed matches in a division achieve a result with an aggregate of two thirds of the ends played, then the results of these matches will stand with all other teams to each receive half of the maximum points with no shots up or down to be allocated.
- 19.7. After commencement of play on any day the umpire shall monitor the temperature and **halt play immediately and declare any end in play dead** when the temperature reaches the 36 degrees for Wednesday AM pennants and related events and 40 degrees for Wednesday PM events and Saturday Pennants and related events.

All Matches shall be played to their maximum allocated number of ends or until the cut off temperature is reached whichever occurs first.

20. PLAYER SAFETY – Duty of Care

Any player who considers that the forecast temperature of the day on which they have been selected to represent their club will have an adverse effect on their health, safety and well-being can withdraw from the selected side without penalty. Such withdrawal may also occur during the course of play where the heat temperature is at a level that the player considers places them at risk. (Rule 51 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls shall apply).

21. MINIMUM NUMBER OF ENDS TO CONSTITUTE A GAME:**Saturday Pennants**

Division 1 42 ends

Division 2 42 ends

Division 3 42 ends

Division 4 28 ends

Wednesday AM Pennants

Division 1 42 ends

Division 2 28 ends

Wednesday Triples 56 ends**TEMPERATURE CHART for SEASON 2021-22**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Forecast Temperatures for Remark</u>	<u>Games Underway</u>
WED PENNANTS AM	<u>Monday 5PM</u> 36°C or over: 8am Start 43°C or over: Cancelled	Play stops at 36°C
WED TRIPLES	<u>Monday 5PM</u> 40°C or over: 8.30am Start 43°C or over: Cancelled	Play stops at 40°C
SAT PENNANTS	<u>Thursday 5PM</u> 40°C or over: 8am Start 43°C or over: Cancelled	Play stops at 40°C