

Metropolitan and Region/Division Pennant

1. Role of Side Manager and Umpire

The inclusion of a statement that the Side Manager should not be the Umpire for the day due to the potential conflict which could arise between the two roles.

2. Eligibility to play

Eligibility to play includes the requirement for a player to be recorded on the BV Bowls Connect Data Base as well as being affiliated with BV and a full member of the club.

3. Pennant Permit

Clarification that a player with a Pennant Permit may not play in the Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships at their permit club. The ability to play in other events at the permit club is at the discretion of the club conducting the event.

4. Replacement player and Substitutes

The reference to a replacement player has been removed as it is not relevant to Pennant and clarification that only one substitute is permitted per Team

5. Use of alternative venue

Removal of the requirement that an alternative venue must be used by the lowest numbered side and replaced with:

- When a Club enter more Sides than can be catered for at home the Club must nominate the Side(s) to use the alternative venue prior to the commencement of the pennant season.
- If during the pennant season it is necessary to transfer a home game to an alternative venue, the Club must obtain agreement from the opposing side. If agreement can't be reached between the clubs it will be referred to the Chair, Metropolitan Pennant Committee for resolution
- Where the home green is available, a Side will be allocated to play at the home green in order of seniority of the Sides drawn to play at home.

6. Bowlers arm

The Bowlers arm provisions have been modified to reflect the provisions of the amended BA policy:
“The bowlers arm once used in a game must be used for the remainder of the game. This does not apply to the rolling of the jack, which can be rolled either by hand or by a bowlers arm”.

7. Use of electronic devices

Provision for the use of a mobile phone under certain circumstances has been introduced.

“Should a Player have a legitimate reason (personal emergency or medical or emergency services personnel) to answer a mobile phone they must have permission from the Controlling Body and notify the Umpire of the day prior to play commencing. If approved the phone can be carried on the player but must be on silent / vibrating (only) and responded to on the bank away from play”.

8. Fixed Term Permit

The provision of a Fixed Term Pennant Permit has been removed as there is no provision in the BV Regulations for such a permit.

9. Playing of music

A guideline is provided for the playing of music during pennant.

“If music is played during a pennant game, it should not impact on the conduct of the game and be at a level acceptable to both Side Managers”.

10. Walkover

The inclusion of a statement confirming that when a walkover has been conceded it cannot be withdrawn.

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11. Allocation of points for a bye and a side withdrawing from the competition

The allocation of points in the event of BV abandoning play for the day has been revised to remove any disadvantage to a Side receiving the bye.

Bye

“No points unless the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee abandons all play on the day where the Side receiving the Bye will be awarded Ten points + 2 points per rink and 0 shots”.

Points and shots will to be awarded to a Side receiving a walkover.

Side withdrawing

Walkovers resulting from a Side withdrawal (including the withdrawal of a Side from a Metropolitan Pennant Competition after the season has commenced) will be awarded the average points scored and the average winning shots in the remaining games played in that Section.

12. Scheduling of matches

The option to commence or complete a rescheduled Friday game on the following day has been removed. This provision had the potential to provide an advantage to Sides playing on Friday which was not available to those playing on the following day.

“A Friday match not commenced or completed on the Friday cannot be rescheduled”.

13. Interruption of play due to inclement weather

The requirement to conclude an interrupted game at 6.00pm on a Saturday has been introduced. This was an oversight in last season’s provisions.

“If play has been interrupted due to inclement weather it must conclude at 4.00pm for Midweek Pennant and 6.00pm for Saturday Pennant”.

14. Pre-match practice

A defined penalty has been introduced for a breach of this condition.

“A breach in the first instance may result in a warning. A subsequent breach may result in the game being awarded to the opposition and/or loss of points”.

15. Timing of green

Reference to timing of the green 30 minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time has been removed to emphasise that it is not compulsory and that a visiting Club cannot demand that it be timed.

“Timing of the green is not compulsory, and there is no requirement that BV be informed of the speed of green on the day of play. A visiting Club cannot demand that a green be timed”.