

E.G.B.D. Midweek and Saturday Pennant Rules. 2017-2018.

Rules relating to Midweek Pennant exclusively will be in RED.

It should be appreciated that no code of Laws governing game of bowls has yet achieved such perfection as to cope with every situation.

It is well therefore to remember that the Laws & By-Laws have been framed in the belief that TRUE SPORTSMANSHIP will prevail.

FORMAT OF COMPETITION

- 1/a) Composition: to be played in Four Divisions. **Composition: to be played in Three Divisions.**
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| Division 1: 8 Teams 12 players per Side. | Division 1 6 Teams 12 players per Side. |
| Division 2: 8 Teams 12 players per Side. | Division 2 8 Teams 12 players per Side. |
| Division 3: 8 Teams 8 players per Side. | Division 3 8 Teams 8 Players per Side. |
| Division 4: 8 Teams 8 players per Side. | Midweek Pennant: Ends: 21 straight through |
- Saturday Pennant: Ends: 25 with 15 Minute Comfort Break.

Men & Women *may* play in any position in Saturday & Midweek Pennant on ability.

That the Winner of the Pennant Flag be promoted to the next highest Division.
The Club with the lowest points obtained in the home and away series shall be relegated to the Division below.

Midweek Pennant: Promotion and Relegation does not apply.

- b) At the March Delegates meeting each Club shall notify the Division of their Pennant Teams for the next Season.
Clubs adding or withdrawing teams must withdraw or add from the lowest Division.
- c) Withdrawal of Sides after 31st July will incur a Penalty.
- 2/ a) Matches to commence at: 1.00pm. - **10am.** (With 30 minutes grace) following the official welcome to players and roll-up or earlier if the Managers agree.
- b) All Sectional and Post Sectional (Finals) Matches are to be played over 25 Live ends **(21 Live ends)** for each team in each Section, with each team taking a break in play of 15 minutes duration at 2.55pm pm for team comfort, health and safety with the bell ringing again at 3.15pm.
(Unless Managers of Saturday Pennant between them decide to play 25 ends straight through)
- a) Ends in progress prior to the bell which subsequently become dead ends shall be replayed after the break.
- b) If due to inclement weather a Match has not commenced by 3.00pm it shall be abandoned.
Any game not commenced by 11am shall be abandoned. (1 hour Total)
- c) If start of a Sectional Match has been delayed or play interrupted and the Match has not been completed before 6.30pm **3.30pm** it shall be abandoned, but if play is in progress at 6.30pm **3.30pm** it shall be abandoned upon the interruption or completion of any end or ends in play at 6.30pm. **3.30pm.**
3. Roll- up one end in each direction shall be allowed but must be completed prior to 1.00pm **10am** unless caused by a delay in Match commencement time due to inclement weather.
4. Pennant Players arriving later than 1.00pm **10am** shall forfeit the two ends roll-up.

5. The home Club is to notify the visiting President or Secretary if green is unfit for play. This must be advised by 11.00am **8.30am** at the latest to enable visiting Clubs to notify players accordingly.
6. if home Clubs green is deemed unfit for play every effort shall be made to transfer the Match to the visiting Clubs green if available and time permits, or to another Venue. If Match played on visiting Clubs greens and there is a return Match it will be played on the reverse green, otherwise return Match shall be played as per draw.
7. **FINALS: -**
 - a) Semi Finals will be played between the top four sides in each Division, as follows:
1 v 2 and 3 v 4.
 - b) The Winners of 1 v 2 in each Division shall proceed straight to the Grand Final to decide the Pennant Winner.
The team that has finished on top of the ladder, after the completion of the home and away games, goes straight into the Grand Final. **(Only where there are 6 teams in a Division)**
 - c) The loser of 1 v 2 shall play the winner of 3 v 4 in a Preliminary Final.
The Winner of the Preliminary Final shall proceed to the Grand Final.
The teams that finished in 2nd and 3rd playoff.
The winner of 2 v's 3 will play the team that finished on top of the ladder in the Grand Final.
(Only where there are 6 teams in a Division)
 - d) Where the overall scores of the Sides are level at the completion of the required number of ends in a Post Sectional (Final) Match an additional end or ends shall be played by all teams to affect a result.
 - e) If any Post Sectional (Finals) Matches are interrupted, and resumed on that day, every effort shall be made to complete the Match on that day.
No time limit shall apply to Post Sectional (Finals) Matches.
 - f) If play in a Saturday/**Midweek** Post Sectional (Finals) Match is not possible to completion of the number of ends due to inclement weather and is resumed on the Sunday of that weekend, **Nominated Day/s** it shall be resumed with the scores as at completion of play on Saturday. **(Nominated Day/s)**
 - g)(1) if play in any Semi / Preliminary Final or Grand Final Match is not possible due to inclement weather on the Saturday / **Midweek** such Match shall be played or resumed on the Sunday of that weekend **(Nominated Day/s)**
 - 2) If winners cannot be determined by play to completion on either the designated Saturday or Sunday, **(Nominated Day/s)** the Side in each Division which finished above their opponents in Sectional Matches shall be the Semi/Preliminary or Grand Final Winners.
 - 3) Subject to suitable green conditions at the time Semi / Preliminary Finals to be played on neutral greens.
 - 4) All Grand Finals for all Divisions shall be played at the one Venue to be selected by the Competitions and Greens Committee.

8. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS.

a) Club Secretaries must keep their BOWLS VICTORIA IMG WEBSITE for affiliated players page up to date at all times.

Points will be deducted for playing unaffiliated Players

- b) Eligibility of players is controlled by Bowls Vic Rule 13 in Section 4 – Country Pennant Competition – and reference to a higher numbered Side in the Bowls Vic Rule is to be interpreted as a Senior Side by Division or by Nomination in a Division in the E.G.B.D. Competition.
- c) *Prior to the last Four- Three (Only where there are 6 teams in a Division)* rounds of home and away Matches there shall be no restrictions on the interchange of players between Sides of the Club.
For the *last Four - Three(Only where there are 6 teams in a Division)* rounds of home and away Matches no Side shall include more than three players who have played the majority of their games during the season in the higher numbered side, unless the players have already qualified to play in the Finals.
- d) In a Final Match, a Side shall not include any player who during the current Season has played *Four - Three (Only where there are 6 teams in a Division)* or more games in any of the higher numbered Sides unless they have played *Four - Three (Only where there are 6 teams in a Division)* or more games in the Side concerned, and considered as such whether Completed or not.
- e) If a Club is uncertain of having available sufficient members who are eligible under Rule (d) it may apply to the Competitions Committee of the E.G.B.D. Controlling the Match for permission to play if necessary other nominated bowlers and if permission is granted such players may play in any position other than Skip.
- f) In any Final Match a Side shall not include any player who during the current season has played less than *Four- Three (Only when there are 6 teams in a Division)* games for the Club (in the same Competition).

9. SCORING –

- a) (i) Scoring for results of Sectional Matches to be 8 points for a Side win, 4 points for a Side tie, 2 points for each rink win, if tied 1 point each.
- (ii) A team receiving a Walkover shall be credited with a margin of 10 shots. The team giving the Walkover shall be debited with a margin of 10 shots.

NB. Sides receiving a Walkover/Forfeit must submit completed Pennant result sheets listing of intended players for that round in that Division. The stated intention to play will count to determine the eligibility qualifications of players in subsequent rounds.

- b) Should equal points be scored by two or more teams in any Division shots up shall decide position on the ladder.
- c) In any Final, if the total scores of the Sides are level at the completion of the required number of ends, a further end or ends shall be played by all teams in the Side until a result is achieved.

10. PENNANT ON DAYS OF INCLEMENT WEATHER.

(A) EXTREME HEAT-

- (a) All E.G.B.D. Pennant Matches shall be abandoned on a day when a *Total Fire Ban* has been declared for East Gippsland Fire District of Victoria.
- b) Pennant Matches at a Venue shall be stopped if the actual dry bulb temperature recorded at the Venue has reached 36 degrees Celsius.
Midweek 34 degrees Celsius.

The Match should be completed on the same day providing time allows and the temperature falls below 36 degrees Celsius.

Midweek 34 degrees Celsius at the Venue prior to recommencement.

- (c) This policy recognises that the powers of the Side Managers and appointed Umpires remain unchanged where they apply to stoppage of play due to inclement weather.

(B) WET WEATHER:

Inclement Weather: In this Rule "weather" means wet weather, lightning, excessive heat, excessive wind or dust.

- (a) Prior to 90 minutes before the appointed time for commencing play, the Saturday - **Midweek** Pennant Competitions Committee will decide whether or not all play for the day will be abandoned.
- (b) On days of Pennant play when there is a likelihood of play being abandoned due to wet weather all clubs shall:-
 - (i) Have appointed a responsible Representative to advise the Saturday - **Midweek** Pennant Competitions Committee of the state of the green/s and weather conditions and be contact for further consultation if required.
 - (ii) Have their responsible Representative in attendance at the Bowls Club at least between 10.30 - 11.00 am. **9.15 am -10am.**
 - (iii) Have their responsible Representative report to the Saturday- **Midweek** Pennant Competitions Committee by phone in the period 10.30 – 11.00am **9.15am -10am** on the state of the green/s and the likelihood of green closure if rain persists.
Chairman of Competitions Committee:
John Lewis: Ph: 5156 2392. Mobile: 0458 562 828
 - (iv) Have their responsible Representative report subsequent green closure to the Saturday- **Midweek** Pennant Competitions Committee until 12noon **8am.**
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- c) The Saturday - **Midweek** Pennant Competitions Committee shall make a decision as to whether or not all play for the day will be abandoned at 11.00am **8am** and advise the responsible Club Representatives by phone.
If play has been abandoned and there is further rain and green closures prior to 12 noon **8am**, the Saturday - **Midweek** Pennant Competitions Committee will review its decision and advise Club of its decision immediately.

(C) OTHER

- a) The Saturday-**Midweek** Pennant Competitions Committee will decide whether or not play will be abandoned for Social or Environmental Reasons (e.g. fire, flood). Clubs will be advised soon as a decision to abandon play has been made.
- b) Side Managers may abandon a Match by agreement at any time.

11. The Green Director or their Deputy may stop play if they considers the green is unfit for play, but otherwise the Side Managers shall decide.
Failing agreement, the decision shall rest with the Umpire.

12. INTERRUPTIONS: - (OTHER INCLEMENT WEATHER excluding heat).

- a) If a game has as not commenced or stopped or abandoned by the closure of the greens by the Green Director or their appointed Deputy, or by Inclement weather, those games in the Division affected shall be credited 50% of available points each.
- b) All games completed in the Division affected shall be credited accordingly with points won.
But if more than 50%of Matches in the Division are abandoned due to inclement weather all Matches in that Division will be deemed to be *not* completed and will be credited with 50% of available points each.
- c) In all games 75 live ends in Saturday Pennant Division 1 & 2, and 50 ends in Division 3 & 4 must be completed to gain a result,
In all Midweek Pennant games 63 live ends in Division 1 & 2 and 42 live ends in Division 3 unless when a game is abandoned a team is *in such a position where it cannot be beaten*, that Side will be awarded the Match with the scores at the abandonment.
- d) Every effort will be made regardless of time to complete a Post–Sectional (Knockout) Match but if such Match is abandoned for the day it will be completed under such conditions as the E.G.B.D. Pennant Committee decides.
- e) Despite anything contained in this Rule 10. Side Managers may by mutual agreement abandon the game at anytime due to the prevailing weather conditions if a resumption of play is unlikely.

13. **Death of a Player.**

- a) If at the commencement of any Sectional Pennant Match the death of any participating Player occurs at the Club, all Matches in progress at the Club will be abandoned and all Matches deemed a tie.
- b) If after the commencement of any Post-Sectional Pennant Finals Match in which the death of any participating Player occurs, play will be abandoned for the day and it will be resumed under such conditions as the E.G.B.D. Pennant Committee decides with the scores carried forward as they were when play was abandoned.

14. **UMPIRE AND EQUIPMENT.**

The home Club must appoint an Umpire prior to play.

If no qualified Umpire is available a suitable person may be appointed or a qualified Umpire from the opposing team if one is available and is willing to act.

(Note: no person may act in more than one position during a Pennant game, e.g.

Manager cannot be the Umpire or Green Director etc.

Each Club must have measuring equipment available for use by the Umpire as laid down in B.A. By Law 10 and up to date copy of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Crystal Mark 3 Edition, the BA Domestic Regulations and BV Rules for Competition.

15. **Pre-Match Pennant Practice.**

Pre-Match practice is permitted for Saturday Pennant provided it is undertaken before 12.00 noon on the day of the Match.

Any player due to play in a Match, can with the permission of the Club, at which the Match is to be played, being on the rinks **OTHER** than those allocated for the Match .

16. **Identification Discs:-**

Clubs may use the coloured bowls disks that are of the same colour/design.

Where opponents are using the same coloured disks the visiting side shall remove theirs or use another colour if available.

These disks *must not* be placed on top of the other old disks as only a single layer is permitted on a bowl.

17. **Timing of Greens:-**

- a) The Bowls Victoria Board has directed all greens *may* be timed before the start of competitive play and recorded on the Yellow BV Pennant Check form in the area provided (Top right corner).
- b) Timing of the greens *may* be carried out thirty minutes prior to the scheduled starting time by the nominated Umpire of the day in conjunction with the senior visiting Manager or their nominee.
- c) The pace *may* be recorded and immediately prominently displayed by the manager of the home side.

18. Substitutes: - BV Domestic Rule 2.3

- a) Where a Club has insufficient of its own eligible members to field a complete Side, affiliated member from other Cubs may be used as substitutes to make up the number.

(I.e. 15 Minute Comfort Break)

- b) However in any Side, only one substitute may be allowed in each team (Rink). Substitutes must be played in the Clubs lowest graded side UNLESS the vacancy occurs after 12 noon **9am**. On the day of the Match.

Constituted Players: - BV Domestic Rule 2.

- c) Law: 33.1 a player must not delay play by leaving the rink of play or their team unless their opponent agrees, and then only no more than 10 minutes.
- d) Law: 32.4.2 Players must not be transferred from one team to another. If players are transferred from one team to another, the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponents.
- e) Law 33.6.1 If no eligible substitute is available:
In a team game, the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponents
- f) Law 39.2.3 for domestic play, Member National Authorities can approve Regulations which are different from those mentioned in Law 39.2.2.

Bowls Victoria Rules for Competition: 15 Minute Comfort Break

Rule 14 -General Conditions, In addition to any other Rules adopted for Pennant Competitions, the following will apply in all Division/ Region Pennant Competitions: (Unless Managers of Saturday Pennant between them decide to play straight through)

14.1: Incomplete Side:

- 14.1.1: A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player as per Law 9.3.1; the Skips of the respective teams carry the scorecard and update the score at the completion of each end.
- 14.1.2: The order of play shall be maintained by the second of the complete playing consecutive bowls: Law 9.3.2:
- 14.1.3: If a player has commenced the game, however is unable to continue the game and no eligible substitute or replacement is available or allowed, play will continue as if one player is absent as per Rule 14.1.1. & 14.1.2
- 9.3.4: If an absent player arrives late, they must take their original place in the team when they arrive and enter the game at the completion of the end in progress.
- 9.1.8: In any Post-sectional match a Side will not include any Player who, during the current season, has played more than Four games of the higher numbered Sides unless the Player has also played in Four or more games in the Side concerned and/or lower numbered Sides.

19. **RESULTS.**

It is the responsibility of the home Club to forward by fax properly completed result sheets.

Whether the Match be completed or not.

NB Clubs receiving a Walkover/Forfeit/ Total Fire Ban Days and other abandoned days must submit all completed Pennant result sheets listing intended players for that round in that Division.

The stated intention to play will count to determine the eligibility qualifications of players in subsequent rounds.

Result sheets are to be in legible writing.

Fax Result sheets on Match Day To:

Pennant Recorder

JOHN KOOL

Ph/Fax: 5155 2656

Pennant Sheets to be in no later than

Midweek: 4pm

Saturday: 6.30pm

