

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Fines, Penalties and Lodgement Fees schedule, is to serve as an incentive for Member Clubs and Members to comply with the administrative requirements of the Metropolitan Bowls Association (MBA).

Lodgement Fees are payable when submitting a protest, dispute or appeal to the MBA for resolution.

The Executive Committee has the power to fine, suspend, disqualify, or otherwise penalise, any party found in breach of any Law of the Sport, Rule or Condition of Play, or of having brought the sport of bowls into disrepute.

All fines and penalties shall be applied at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

1. WITHDRAWALS

1.1 Metropolitan Bowls Association Pennants - Withdrawal of Sides

Any Member Club withdrawing a nominated side from the MBA Pennant competition after 30 September may incur a fine of **\$110.00**

2. MBA - LATE RESULTS & FORFEITS

2.1 Late Results

2.1.1 Failure by a Member Club to submit pennant results within the time frame, as set down in the MBA Pennant Rules & Conditions of Play, without an acceptable explanation to the MBA may incur a fine of **\$55.00**

2.1.2 Second and subsequent failures to submit pennant results within the time frame, as set down in the MBA Pennant Rules & Conditions of Play, without an acceptable explanation to the MBA may incur a fine of **\$110.00**

2.2 Forfeits

A metropolitan Member Club intending to forfeit a game must endeavour to advise the opposing club by 5.00pm on the day prior to the day scheduled for the game, and must forward an email or facsimile to that effect to the MBA Match and Programme Committee as confirmation of the forfeit.

Clubs forced by extenuating circumstances to forfeit the following competitions, on the morning of the game should advise the opposing Member Club:

Thursdays: not later than 9.00am

Saturdays & Wednesdays: not later than 10.30am

Heat Policy early start: not later than 9.00am

Where a club forfeits more than 30 minutes after the above times that Member Club may be liable for a fine of **\$110.00**

If the metropolitan Member Club receiving the forfeit is the Home side, that Member Club will receive an allocation of 50% of the fine imposed.

3. LATE LODGEMENT OR NO LODGEMENT OF RETURNS

3.1 Temporary Registrant Returns

Any Member Club that plays a Temporary Registrant and fails to include the player's name on the Temporary Registrations Return, and/or fails to lodge such Return within the prescribed timeframe, and include the appropriate temporary registration fee, may incur a fine of **\$55.00**

4. REGISTRATION

In accordance with the Laws of the Sport, the Bowls SA Constitution and Rules and Conditions of Play an unregistered player is ineligible to compete in any MBA, Bowls SA, Bowls Australia or Member Club conducted competitions.

4.1 Ineligible Player – Pennants

Any Member Club playing an unregistered player in an MBA pennant game will lose all points won for each and every game in which the ineligible player participated.

The game will be recorded as a forfeit with full points and shots awarded to the opposition side.

4.2 Ineligible Player – MBA Events

Any game of an MBA conducted event in which an unregistered player competes will be declared a forfeit with the game awarded to the opposition.

The unregistered player will be not be eligible to receive any prize money and will also be liable for a fine of **\$27.50**

5. CLEARANCES

A member with Full, Junior, Student or Associate registration shall be ineligible to play pennants, Bowls SA, Bowls Australia or MBA events or tournaments of other Member Clubs until the Clearance process outlined in the Bowls SA By-Laws has been completed.

5.1 Incomplete Clearance - Pennants

Any Member Club playing an ineligible player will lose all points won for each and every pennant game in which the ineligible player participated while the Clearance process was incomplete.

The game will be recorded as a forfeit with full points and shots awarded to the opposition side.

5.2 Incomplete Clearance – MBA Events

Any game of an MBA conducted event in which a player is deemed ineligible, due to the Clearance process being incomplete, will be declared a forfeit with the game awarded to the opposition.

The ineligible player will be not be eligible to receive any prize money and will also be liable for a fine of **\$27.50**

6. PENNANT PERMIT

6.1 Pennant Permit – not completed

Any registered member being selected and playing in a pennant competition for a Member Club other than their nominated Member Club, without first obtaining a Bowls SA Pennant Permit will, on each and every occasion, be liable for a fine of

\$27.50

7. MEMBER CLUB OR AFFILIATED CLUB

7.1 Failure to Comply with an Administrative Requirement of the MBA Constitution and / or By-Laws

Any deliberate and serious failure by any Member Club or Affiliated Club to comply with an administrative requirement or any direction given by the MBA, in accordance with the MBA Constitution and or By-Laws, and or the conditions of their accepted membership of the MBA, may, unless otherwise specifically covered by another Section in this schedule, incur a fine of

Minimum \$220.00

Such minimum fine shall apply regardless of any other penalty or disciplinary action applied under the MBA Constitution and By-Laws.

The MBA Executive Committee may determine that the amount of the fine for non-compliance may be greater than the minimum specified depending on the nature of the non-compliance.

8. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

8.1 Non-compliance or breaches of the MBA Constitution, By-Laws, Policies, Rules & Conditions of Membership, Laws of the Sport of Bowls

In addition to any other penalty or disciplinary action imposed on a member of the MBA for non-compliance with or a breach of the MBA Constitution, By-Laws, Policies, Rules & Conditions of membership, unless otherwise specifically covered by another Section in this schedule, the Member may incur a fine of

Minimum \$110.00

The MBA Executive Committee may determine that the amount of the fine for non-compliance or breach may be greater than the minimum specified depending on the nature of the non-compliance or breach.

9. DISPUTES, PROTESTS, HEARINGS & APPEALS LODGEMENT FEES

Protests and Disputes

9.1 Disputes with the MBA

Notification of a dispute with the MBA must be accompanied by a lodgement fee of **\$220.00**

9.2 Disputes – Metropolitan Bowls Association Pennants – Minor Rounds

Any dispute between Member Clubs or Members of a Member Club or Affiliated Club and the MBA Match and Program Committee in regard to the MBA pennant minor rounds and eligibility of players must be addressed to the MBA in writing in accordance with the MBA By- accompanied by the required lodgement fee of **\$220.00**

9.3 Disputes – Metropolitan Bowls Association – Finals Series

Any dispute or protest between Member Clubs or Members of a Member Club or Affiliated Club and the MBA Match and Program Committee in regard to the MBA pennant elimination and final rounds and eligibility of players must be lodged on the appropriate form with the Manager of the day within 15 minutes of the end of the game and accompanied by the required lodgement fee of **\$110.00**

Appeals

9.4 Disputes with the Metropolitan Bowls Association

A complainant or a respondent may appeal on the appropriate form defining the grounds for the appeal of a decision of the Hearing Panel, in accordance with the MBA and Bowls SA By-Laws, and must be accompanied by a lodgement fee of **\$550.00**

9.5 Disputes between Memberships

A complainant or a respondent may appeal in writing a decision of the Hearing Panel, in accordance with the MBA By-Laws and must be accompanied by a lodgement fee of **\$550.00**

9.6 Appeals – MBA Pennants – Minor Rounds

The decision of the Hearing Panel may be appealed on the appropriate form, in accordance with the MBA By-Laws, and must be accompanied by payment of a non-refundable lodgement fee of **\$550.00**

9.7 Appeals – MBA Pennants – Finals Series

The decision of the Hearing Panel may be appealed on the appropriate form, in accordance with the MBA By-Laws, and must be accompanied by payment of a non-refundable lodgement fee of **\$550.00**