



## **STATE PENNANTS 2016**

**Pennants are conducted By District Match Committees for and on behalf of WBNSW and any decisions made by the State Match Committee will be final.**

There are four grades of Pennants, namely No. 1, 2, 3, and 4. Any further grades will be at District level only that is 5, 6, or 7. The District Match Committee places clubs in a section. Where one club has more than 1 side entered in the same grade and there are 2 or more sections in that grade, a side is placed in each section.

A Moratorium every four (4) years –2018, 2022 etc., - Pennant playing Clubs will be able to submit any number of sides in any Grades of Pennant run by their District **in those moratorium years**. For the following 3 years, till the next Moratorium year approaches, all other aspects of elevations, regressions and Pennant play would remain unchanged.

### **CONDITIONS OF PLAY:**

The District Match Committee has control of all matches within the District. All Clubs must conform to the following conditions to be eligible to compete in the State Finals Playoffs.

1. All affiliated Clubs of District Associations are eligible to enter on forms supplied by the District and pay the current entry fee to the District.
2. (a) Clubs **MUST** enter the same number of sides in the same grade as the previous season, **unless elevated or regressed**. This does not restrict the number of sides Clubs may enter in each grade. If wishing to drop a side it **MUST** be in the **LOWEST GRADE**.

(b) Pennant sides, which must be Club selected, shall comprise 2 teams of 4 players.

(c) **COMBINING CLUBS:** If 2 Clubs within the same District **who do not have a pennant side in any grade**, may combine to form 1 pennant side only, to allow them to compete, provided that they mutually agree on the home ground. Combined Clubs are to have both Club names in the title. **Each player would wear their own Club uniform**. Each Club must have 25 active members or less and permission to combine must be obtained, in writing, from WBNSW Match Committee before entries are submitted each year.

(d) **COMBINING DISTRICTS:** Two Districts within the same Region may combine together **for all grades**, provided that they comply with the following,

- (i) In each District a majority of Clubs must agree.
- (ii) The Club winning the combined grade would receive the award, if any, from its own District.
- (iii) No composite teams between Districts are permitted.
- (iv) Districts wishing to combine must obtain permission, in writing, from the WBNSW Match Committee before entries are submitted each year.

3. Players and their positions may be changed each match **at District or Regional level.**

(a) If any Club has 2 or more sides in any 1 grade of Pennant such sides shall be separate entities and no players shall be interchanged between those sides at District or Regional Level.

(b) A player may be elevated to a higher grade at any time. She may play twice only in a higher grade and return to a lower grade without penalty.

(c) A player may play once only in any grade of Pennant in any one round.

(d) In a side if the required 8 members are not present at the scheduled starting time, a substitute/replacement player from their Club may be used. If the side is playing away, the match may be played with an affiliated player as a substitute. If the original player should arrive late then they may take their place in the team at the commencement of the next end.

(e) If during the course of a side game a player is unable to continue owing to illness or other reasonable cause, the player may leave the green and the Controlling Body may permit the side to continue to play with that team playing 1 player short subject to DR 2.5, or the players place may be filled by a substitute.

(f) The Controlling Body shall be the sole judge of "reasonable cause". In the absence of reasonable cause the opposing team shall be entitled to claim the game.

4. (a) No member of an affiliated Club shall play in any Association Event during the season for more than one Club unless that member is used as an affiliated substitute or **has transferred for the pennant season.**

(b) **Any player may transfer to another Club for the playing of Pennants at a cost of \$20 out and \$20 return. The player is not eligible to enter or play in any Club or District Championship during the period of transfer.**

5. **A copy of the entries** (not the draw) for each Pennant Grade must be forwarded by the District Secretary to the WBNSW Match Committee at least **2 months** prior to the commencement of play, FOR APPROVAL. Results of each District Pennant, in all grades, **must be** forwarded to State Match Office prior to Regional playoffs.

6. All deferred matches may be played after the last scheduled round or earlier by mutual agreement, to determine winners and to allow regression of the Clubs.
- (a) Where there are 3 or more sections in a District, section winners will play off in a Round Robin, open draw, to determine District winners.
- (b) The Club finishing last in the grade must be regressed to the next lowest grade, by WBNSW.
- (c) The Club winning the District Pennant in any grade must field a side in the next higher grade in the next Pennant Season irrespective of whether the Club has a side already entered into that higher grade.
- (d) If defeated, in Regional/State playoffs, or after notification of elevation or regression by WBNSW, a Club may apply to the WBNSW Match Committee for a review for the following season, only 1 grade may be reviewed per Club per year. Any appeal received by the WBNSW Match Committee is reviewed on an individual basis and on the information presented.
7. (a) Where there are only 2 sides in a District Pennant competition, the 2 Clubs shall play one home and one away to determine a winner to progress to Regional Playoff. If there is not a result one match shall be played on a neutral green. Any Club not playing according to WBNSW Conditions of Play will not be eligible to contest the State Finals Playoffs.
- If the District decides that more rounds are to be played than the designated Home and Away games, to extend the playing season, (other than a deciding game if necessary), no further points will be added to the points scored after two rounds.
- (b) In the event of there being only 2 Sides in any Grade, these players are ineligible to play in a lower grade in that Season.
- (c) Permission must be obtained from the WBNSW Match Committee if replacement players are required for State Finals Playoffs.
- (d) A player is ineligible to be a replacement player if she has played 3 Pennant matches or more in a higher grade. **The importation of players specifically to be used as substitutes or replacement players for Regional playoffs and State Finals Playoffs is not permitted.**
8. **Stand Alone Sides**
- (a) In the event of there being no opponent in the grade, that side shall progress to play in the Regional playoffs in the grade for the next season.
- (b) Prior to the commencement of play in the District Pennant Season the Club must nominate, to WBNSW Match Committee, the 8 players who will be the members of the stand-

alone side to compete at Regional level. These nominated players are ineligible to play in a Pennant round in a lower grade during that season.

## **DISTRICT PENNANTS**

1. All Pennants are to be played within the current year, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December, on the home and away principle, **unless there is a majority vote agreement by Pennant Clubs in the District to commence earlier.**
2. a) All matches will be played on the green of the first named Club in the draw but if not available, and with the consent of the District Match Committee, will be played on the opponents or a neutral green.  
  
(b) Play is on a HOME and AWAY principle or on a CENTRAL GREEN if the District Match Committee deems it necessary. More than 1 match may be set down in the one week in the same grade. Where distances are great, matches may be played on a CENTRAL GREEN and 2 matches played on the 1 day.
3. Matches are to consist of 21 ends per team. NO extra ends to be played. If necessary 2 matches per day may be played. In the event of inclement weather and following appeal, 36 ends may constitute a game. The final decision will rest with the venue Controlling Body, not the players.
4. One score card only to be kept by each **second** in each Pennant team during a match.
5. **PENNANT SCORING AT ALL LEVELS:**  
  
The total amount of points awarded for each match shall be 5 in the following order.  
  
(i) A team win shall be awarded 1 point.  
  
(ii) A team draw shall be awarded ½ point.  
  
(iii) A side win shall be awarded 3 points.  
  
(iv) A side draw shall be awarded 1½ points.
6. **DETERMINATION OF A WINNER:**  
  
(a) The side scoring the highest number of points shall be the winner.

(b) If points are equal, the side with the greatest margin of Net shots shall be the winner. (Total shots for minus total shots against equals Net shots).

(c) If the Net shots are also equal, the side with the lowest total of shots against will be the winner.

(d) Forfeits are credited as a side win, with the average of marginal shots in the round. Byes have no score. A disqualification will result in the points earned by the side being disqualified being **deducted from their result**.

(e) If a team is in a position where it cannot possibly win it may concede the match without playing the required number of ends. The team concedes to the opposing team the number of remaining available shots to be added to the aggregate total. The word "conceded" shall be written on the score card and the number of shots claimed shall be recorded. The Umpires permission is not required. (This only applies in Pennants).

## **METHOD OF SCORING FOR SECTIONAL PLAY**

Section winners shall play off to determine the winner of the District Pennant. When Post-Sectional play is completed the side with the highest score is the Grade winner.

### **DUTIES OF PENNANT SIDE MANAGERS:**

1. All Pennant Side Managers must be affiliated members of WBNSW.
2. The HOME side shall supply the Pennant Result Sheet. The HOME side is the side on whose green the match is being played, or if on a neutral green, the Home side is the first named on the draw. Scoreboard and Pennant Result Sheet show the HOME SIDE on the LEFT SIDE and the visiting side on the right side. **Each Side is recorded first on their own cards.**
3. Managers will toss a coin on behalf of the sides Law 5.2.
4. Managers **shall** draw for rinks and opposing teams prior to the commencement of every match at all levels and will ensure that teams as drawn must play each other.
5. When a match is completed, the Manager sees that the score cards are correctly filled in with the correct score recorded in the appropriate place, the **seconds** have signed the cards in the appropriate place and the time of the match completion has been recorded by the **seconds** before recording the correct information onto the Pennant Result Sheet. Both Side Managers sign the Pennant Result Sheet after its completion.
6. **The winning side is to keep 2 cards at their Club; the other 2 cards are attached to the Pennant Result Sheet and forwarded to the District Match Chairman by the HOME side manager. If a match is drawn, the 2 cards are kept at the HOME side club.**

7. If a mistake is detected on the Pennant Result Sheet it shall be altered to agree with the cards as the cards duly signed will be taken as the correct score.
8. The Manager of the WINNING SIDE shall inform by telephone the results to the District Match Chairman or her deputised delegate, no later than 7pm on the day of play. In the event of a drawn game the HOME SIDE shall inform the results.
9. Inclement weather: The Manager must contact the Club concerned not later than 1 hour before the game is due to commence and make arrangements for the players to contact her for information. Play must commence within 1½ hours of the original starting time.
10. Incomplete match: If a match is abandoned for the day, all 4 cards are to be kept at the HOME Club and duplicates of all 4 cards are to be sent to the District Match Chairman by the HOME Club (photo copies are acceptable). At the end of the Pennant Season the Clubs concerned will be notified by the District Match Chairman when and if the game is to be completed. The same personnel must finalise the match with only 1 substitute being permitted in each team.  
If a game is not started then no players have been constituted in the teams and when the game is rescheduled, the players can be changed.
11. Any appeal to the umpire made for inclement weather shall be made by the Manager on behalf of the side. After an appeal the Venue Controlling Body (not the players) may decide 36 ends will constitute a Pennant Game.

### **REGIONAL PENNANT PLAYOFFS**

The host District Match Committee is the Controlling Body.

All District winners will play off at Regional level on a **Round Robin principle** on greens that have been declared neutral by the District Match Committee. If in any grade only 2 Districts are competing they shall play 1 match on a neutral green. If drawn an extra end/ends will be played until a winner is determined.

On completion of Regional playoffs the Regional Representative **or delegated District Official** shall organise the forwarding of the completed State Finals Playoffs entry form with the appropriate entry fee together with the Regional Result Sheet. Both documents must include the FULL names and the State/BA affiliation numbers of all players who are the intended players to contest the State Playoffs.

### **STATE FINALS**

The WBNSW Match Committee shall be in control of all State Finals.

1. Sectional play will be conducted if 10 (ten) or more sides have entered in any grade of the State Finals Playoffs. Then a knockout for section winners to achieve a winner.

2. (a) The State Finals Playoffs will be conducted on either a Round Robin principle or sectional play (depending on the number of entries), with 2 matches each day consisting of 21 ends each team.
- (b) Permission must be obtained from the WBNSW Match Committee if replacement players are required prior to the commencement of play in all State Finals.
- (c) Each member of a team shall become a constituted player in that team immediately that the jack is delivered on the first end. **Playing positions amongst the 8 constituted players may be interchanged during the State Finals before the start of the next game.**
- (d) In each team a substitute shall be permitted on 1 occasion only **for any 1 player**. Only in extreme circumstances (accepted by WBNSW Match Committee) will further substitutes be permitted. A substitute may play in any position except that of Skip and the other players may re arrange their positions as desired.
- (e) All players or replacements may not have played more than twice in a higher grade.
- (f) The importation of players specifically to be used as replacements or substitutes for Regional Playoffs and State Finals Playoffs is not permitted.
- (g) Side Managers may be required to act as board turners at State Finals Playoffs.
- (h) State Match Committee will supply all score cards for State Final Playoffs.
- (i) Home team is the first named on the draw.
- (j) When play is completed the side with the highest number of points shall be declared the section winner and proceed to the next level. Post sectional play will be determined by the WBNSW Match Committee.

### **PLAYING LEVY**

**A** playing levy payable to Venue Clubs covers Morning Tea, Lunch and Green Fees. This amount is specified in the Pennant playoff information sheet sent out with the draw. Lunch provided by the venue is to be paid for whether the lunch is eaten or not, which for all State Playoffs is a Condition of Play. Any **special dietary** requests should be made to the venue Club before the event commences to allow reasonable time for a change to organised catering. For teams that have a bye in the morning round, arrangements need to be made with the venue whether lunch will be required, but green fees in the amount specified on the entry form will need to be paid to the venue for the afternoon game.

*The State Pennant competition is made up of three stages of competition, i.e. District, Regional and State. If a Club does not wish to proceed to the end scenario of this State event, as it is presently conducted, then they should consider not entering. It is not fair to Clubs defeated in the process by a Club that does not intend to go further in the competition, either from District or Regional level.*

*To award the position in further playoffs to the runner up does not seem an acceptable option, as the concept of the winner of the State Pennant Flag, is the winner of the District, Regional and State event. In the opinion of the Board, if a successful team declines to proceed, it could create bad feeling amongst defeated Clubs, who were only too willing to fulfill the commitment to the end.*

**TROPHIES- STATE PENNANTS GRADES 1, 2, 3, 4:**

**Winners:** Club shall receive a Certificate and State Pennant.  
Eight players shall receive a State Pennant Badge.

**Runners Up:** Club shall receive a Certificate and Runners up Pennant.  
Eight players will each receive a Certificate.

**STATE PENNANT FLAG COLOURS:**

**GRADE 1:** Royal Blue with Gold Lettering

**GRADE 2:** Gold with Royal Blue Lettering

**GRADE 3 :** Green with Gold Lettering

**GRADE 4:** Pale Blue with Crimson Lettering

District Association Pennants MUST differ in Colour from those of WBNSW.

It is at the discretion of each District to award any flags, badges, certificates or any awards to winners and/or runners up at District level.

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