

Summary of Amendments for the 2017/2018 season



Following are a summary of amendments to the various Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play.

Area: Metropolitan Pennant Competition General Conditions

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Clarification of Changes</u>
<p>6. Selection Rules For a Graded Pennant Competition</p>	<p>Throughout the season all clubs shall act with integrity towards the graded pennant competition and shall adhere to the Integrity Rule when selecting players. For the complete policy refer to the Integrity of Graded Pennants Policy available on the Bowls WA website.</p> <p style="color: red;">During the home and away season Player's selection movements will be monitored via the Bowls Connect Pennant Portal.</p> <p style="color: red;">Where there appears to be an attempt to strengthen a Lower Division at the expense of a Higher Division, the onus will be on the Club to mount a defence, rather than on the relevant Committee to prove that the Rule has been transgressed.</p> <p>6.1 Selection Restrictions for all Pennant Finals</p> <p>(i) A player must have played a minimum of four (4) pennant games in that colour and/or division to be eligible for finals.</p> <p style="color: red;">(ii) Where a Club has two or more teams in the same colour a player must have played a minimum of four (4) pennant games in that side to be eligible for finals.</p> <p style="color: red;">(iii) A club may promote a player to play finals in a colour and/or division higher than their regular colour and/or division if they have played a minimum of four (4) pennant games in a lower division.</p> <p>(iv) A club may apply to the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee in writing to demote a player to play finals in a colour and/or division lower than their regular colour and/or division if they have not played a minimum of four (4) pennant games in the lower division only if not enough eligible players for that division are available and there are not enough players available from a lower division to be promoted.</p> <p>Any club that believes a violation of the Graded Pennant Competition has occurred should put in writing their concerns to the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee via their club secretary. Bowls WA will investigate the potential violation to deem if a club has a case to answer</p> <p>Bowls WA have the grounds to declare a forfeit against the team of a Club where Bowls WA deems that the Club, without a satisfactory explanation to Bowls WA, is deemed to have played any number of regular player/s from a higher ranked team in a lower ranked team at any time during the pennant season, in a manner likely to gain an unfair advantage or to distort the rankings of the lower ranked grade.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Removal of the term "No Restriction on player selection through out the season." This term was confusing clubs on what they could and could not do in selection and was against the intent of the Integrity of graded pennant policy.</p> <p>Clarification on the rules of selecting players in finals.</p>

<p>7. Scheduling and Rescheduling of Fixtures</p>	<p>(i) Fixtures may be rescheduled for player protection according to conditions outlined in Metropolitan Pennant General Conditions Rule. Player Protection.</p> <p>(ii) After the seasons pennant fixtures have been finalized but before the first pennant fixture date is played, all clubs, in all divisions may apply on the “Alteration to Pennant Fixture” form to reschedule a pennant fixture for promotional reasons under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women’s Tuesday, Friday and Men’s Midweek Pennant: If a pennant side wishes to change the date/time of a pennant fixture, it may only bring the fixture date up to one (1) day forward or push the fixture date one (1) day back ➤ Men’s and Women’s Saturday Pennant: Due to the commitment of results to the Sunday Times newspaper any change of date/time of Men’s and Women’s Saturday Pennant must see the fixture completed no later than 6.30pm on the original Saturday Pennant Date ➤ All changes must be agreed upon by both sides involved with the promotional reasons noted on the “Alteration to Pennant Fixture” form and must be approved by Bowls WA before the first pennant fixture of the season ➤ No Pennant fixture changes, excepting player protection, will be approved after the first pennant fixture has commenced ➤ No Pennant fixture venue may be changed at any time due to inclement weather at the scheduled home venue ➤ No Pennant fixture change will be approved for the last round of any Specific Pennant Competition <p>Note: Bowls WA reserves the right to reschedule a Pennant Fixture for promotional reasons</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Removal of restrictions for the number of home games that may be moved by a single side.</p> <p>It is important for the continuation of the Sunday Times that all results are available each week</p> <p>Due to the term “promotional reason” required for change of a fixture, individual pennant sides should be aware that there will not be automatic approval given without sufficient reason.</p>
<p>12. Cross Gender Substitution</p>	<p>All Players who play any Pennant Competition under Cross Gender Rules must do so under the following General Conditions:</p> <p>(i) Must conform to the rules for side dress in accordance with Bowls WA Field of Play Rules.</p> <p>(ii) Must play under the Specific Pennant Conditions of Play e.g. Extreme Weather Rules.</p> <p>12.1 Women Substituting in Men’s Saturday Pennant Competition 4th Division and Below</p> <p>Women who do not play in the Women’s Tuesday Pennant Competition and their club does not enter a side in the Women’s Saturday Pennant Competition are eligible to play in Men’s Saturday 4th Division and Below under the following conditions:</p> <p>(i) Will not be regarded as substitutes and therefore may be selected in any position.</p> <p>(ii) Clubs will be required to submit a list of eligible Women to the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee before the first Pennant game of the season.</p>	<p>Removal of the term “substitute” for Women to play Men’s Saturday 4th Division and below Pennant if they do not play Women’s Tuesday Pennant and their home club does not enter a side in Women’s Saturday Pennant.</p>

	<p>(iii) When a club wishes to change the eligibility of a woman to play Women's Tuesday Pennant or Men's Saturday Pennant during the season, permission must be sought from Bowls WA prior to them playing a fixture in the relevant competition.</p> <p>(iv) During the season clubs may add or subtract names to the previously submitted list by providing notification to Bowls WA via email from the club secretary if a woman becomes eligible or ineligible for the Women's Tuesday Pennant or Men's Saturday Pennant Competitions.</p> <p>(v) Where Clubs have multiple teams in 4th Division and below, women may be chosen in any of those teams under 12.1 conditions</p> <p>12.2 Women Tuesday Pennant and Women's Saturday Pennant Players Substituting in Men's Pennant</p> <p>Women from the club's lowest division playing in the Women's Tuesday/Saturday Pennant Competition may play in the opposite gender's pennant competition with the following conditions:</p> <p>(i) Cannot be selected if eligible players of the opposite gender are available.</p> <p>(ii) May only play in the club's lowest division and are regarded as substitutes. Laws of the Sport of Bowls.</p> <p>(iii) Substitute/s must be identified on the Pennant Result Sheet.</p> <p>If a Woman is found to be playing both Men's Saturday and Women's Tuesday Pennant concurrently under 12.1, the Bowls WA Fixtures and Events Committee may forfeit all fixtures involved.</p> <p>12.3 Women Substituting in Men's Saturday Pennant Competition 3rd Division and Above</p> <p>When a Club's lowest division is 3rd Division or above, women from the club's lowest division playing in the Women's Tuesday Pennant Competition or where there is no Women's Pennant team may play in the opposite gender's pennant competition with the following conditions:</p> <p>(ii) Cannot be selected if eligible players of the opposite gender are available.</p> <p>(iii) May only play in the club's lowest division and are regarded as substitutes. Laws of the Sport of Bowls.</p> <p>(iv) Substitute/s must be identified on the Pennant Result Sheet.</p> <p>12.4 Men Substituting in Women's Pennant</p> <p>Men from the club's lowest division playing in the Men's Saturday/Midweek Pennant Competitions may play in the opposite gender's pennant competition with the following conditions:</p> <p>(i) Cannot be selected if eligible players of the opposite gender are available.</p> <p>(ii) May only play in the club's lowest division and are regarded as substitutes. Laws of the Sport of Bowls.</p> <p>(iii) Substitute/s must be identified on the Pennant Result Sheet.</p>	<p>For Women who play Women's Tuesday Pennant or their club has a team in Women's Saturday Pennant, the rules have not changed from the 2016-17 season and they may still play Men's Saturday Pennant as substitutes in the Men's lowest team at their club.</p> <p>For those clubs whose lowest Men's Saturday Pennant team is 3rd Division or above, the rules have not changed and women may act as substitutes.</p> <p>For the Men who substitute in Women's Pennant, the rules have not changed and they may still substitute in the Women's lowest team at their club</p>
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	<p>12.5 A Club with less than 10 Female Members</p> <p>Where a bowling club does not have a ladies pennant side and the number of active female members in the Bowls Connect database is less than ten (10) then those members, following pre-season notification to the Bowls WA CEO by the Club, may play in their Home Club's designated Men's pennant competition without restriction and in whatever division their skills merit, as deemed by the club's selectors.</p> <p>In extenuating circumstances clubs may seek dispensation from Cross Gender rules 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4 by contacting the Bowls WA Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>Penalty: When Cross Gender Substitution is contravened; the opposing team will be awarded a forfeit.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>If a club has less than 10 female members the rules have not changed and they may be freely selected in Men's pennant provided notification of this intent is provided before the pennant season begins</p>
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Area: Men's Saturday and Midweek Pennant Conditions of Play

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Clarification of Changes</u>
<p>5. Starting Time/trial ends</p>	<p>(i) The starting time of Pennant games shall be 1.45pm</p> <p>(ii) Trial Ends may commence at 1.30pm and must be completed before the scheduled starting time of the game</p> <p>(iii) Midweek Pennant: Clubs may begin up to one (1) hour earlier if both clubs agree. Clubs will not be required to complete the alteration of fixture form if agreement is reached.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Allowance of clubs to start earlier if agreement is reached.</p>

Area: Women's Friday Night Pennant

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Clarification of Changes</u>
<p>8. Player Restrictions</p>	<p>(i) Each side is restricted to having no more than two (2) players from Tuesday Premier League and 1st Division White Pennant Teams (One (1) player per team).</p> <p>(ii) Players who are members of a 1st Division Tuesday Pennant Side cannot act as a Skipper in Friday Night Pennant Competition, however they are encouraged to stand at the head and assist the Director of the head.</p> <p>(iii) Coaches and/or experienced players not taking part in the game are encouraged to assist. Refer the Laws of The Sport regarding coaching</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Reduce restrictions with Women's Tuesday 1st Division Green players being removed from the restrictions.</p> <p>This was due to multiple clubs enquiries due to promotions from last season putting their Friday Night teams in jeopardy.</p>