

CONDITIONS OF PLAY – MIXED NIGHT PENNANT COMPETITION

1. CONTROL

- 1.1 The Cunningham District Bowls Association is the Controlling Body for all CDBA Championship events. The CDBA Match Committee shall assume the responsibility for the conduct of the Championships. The CDBA may co-opt others to assist as required
- 1.2 The Controlling Body shall have full control over the conduct of the Pennant competition.
- 1.3 The Controlling Body shall have the power to enquire into and adjudicate any disputes or interpretations as they occur.
- 1.4 All decisions by the Controlling Body must be confirmed in writing by noon of the following day.
- 1.5 A decision by the Controlling Body in relation to any event, interpretation or fine imposed can be appealed in accordance with Clause 26.

2. MEMBERS OF MORE THAN ONE CLUB

- 2.1 A player must comply with:
 - 2.1.1 Bowls Australia: "Affiliation and Eligibility to Play Policy" (Clauses 5 and 6).
 - 2.1.2 Bowls Queensland: "State Pennant – Mandatory Conditions of Play at District Level and State Pennant Finals".
 - 2.1.3 Cunningham District Bowls Association By Law 13
as amended from time to time.

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 It is a condition of entry for this event that all players are familiar with and accept these Conditions of Play.
- 3.2 Clubs shall submit entries on the official on-line nomination form. Nominations must be accompanied by the prescribed fee, by the closing time advertised by the Controlling Body unless stipulated otherwise.
- 3.3 Where it is necessary to structure a draw without byes, the Controlling Body can seek additional entries after the closing date or reject submitted entries. If a submitted entry is rejected, the Club will be advised in writing of the reason for the rejection within seven days.

4. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

- 4.1 Only male and female players whose nominated club is affiliated with the Cunningham District Bowls Association can be selected to play in the CDBA Mixed Night Pennant competition.
- 4.2 The player was a financial member of their nominated club on 22 January that year or one week prior to the start of the competition, whichever comes first.
- 4.3 The Controlling Body shall determine all questions of eligibility.

5. SUBSTITUTES

- 5.1 Eligible substitutes are permitted throughout the competition.

6. GRADING, PROMOTION AND DEMOTION OF PLAYERS IN A ROUND

- 6.1 A player can only play in one section in any weekly period.
- 6.2 A player becomes registered in a side and / or section after the second round of the competition and cannot then play in another side and/or section
- 6.3 A teamsheet cannot be submitted by a side receiving a bye in the round.

7 ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN FINALS

- 7.1 Any player, having played Two (2) games in any one side and/or section shall become eligible to compete in the finals series only in the side in which they have become registered.
- 7.6 In determining eligibility the Controlling Body will ONLY accept the result sheet submitted after each game. Each result sheet shall be submitted by the winning team and confirmed by the losing team

8. STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

- 8.1 The competition may be divided into sections according to the number of entries received.
 - 8.1.1 Up to eight (8) sides shall form a section and each section shall contain, as far as practicable, the same number of sides
 - 8.1.2 Each section shall play a round robin series to be followed by the Final series
 - 8.1.3 Sections are not to be graded – All are equal
- 8.2 A side shall consist of:
 - 8.2.1 9 eligible players.
 - 8.2.2 Each team within a side shall consist of:
 - 1 rink of Pairs consisting of 1 man and 1 lady
 - 1 rink of Triples consisting of 1 man and 2 ladies OR
2 men and 1 lady
 - 1 rink of Fours consisting of 2 men and 2 ladies
- 8.3 All clubs will be guaranteed at least one (1) entry.
Clubs may be granted additional sides if vacancies exist
- 8.4 **Finals Play**
Where the competition is made up of Two (2) sections.
 - 8.4.1 The sides finishing first in each section shall play off in a qualifying final. The winner shall advance to the final, the loser shall proceed to the semi-final.

The sides finishing second in each section shall play off in an elimination final. The winner shall advance to the semi-final, the loser shall be eliminated.

The semi-final shall be played between the loser of the qualifying final and the winner of the elimination final. The winner shall

advance to the final, the loser shall be eliminated.

The final shall be played between the winner of the qualifying final and the winner of the semi-final.

8.4.2 The finals series shall be played over three nights to determine the winner

8.4.3 Host clubs and any alternative clubs, dates, days and time selected for finals play will be announced at least three weeks prior to the conduct of the finals competition.

9. PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

9.1 All Pennant Matches shall be played according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark 3rd Edition), as amended from time to time, and these Conditions of Play.

10. DATES AND TIME OF PLAY

10.1 All games will be played on the advertised date subject to the provisions of Clause 13.

10.2 The scheduled starting time for all games shall be 6.30pm

10.3 With the mutual agreement of both side managers and the umpire, the game can commence earlier.

11. DURATION OF GAMES

11.1 2 hour 30 minute time limit.

Pairs – 4 Bowls per player, playing 2x2x2x2, 18 ends

Triples – 2 Bowls per player, 21 ends

Fours – 2 Bowls per player, playing 18 ends

No dead ends. Re-spot the Jack as per Law 56.5.1 and Law 56.5.3 (One re-spot position)

12. TRIAL ENDS AND PRACTICE

12.1 Practice is allowed sixty (60) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match.

12.1.1 Practice by members of Pennant Sides is allowed on the Host Club's greens before Pennant matches providing a green is available.

13. INCOMPLETE ROUND / INCLEMENT WEATHER

13.1 If during Divisional Rounds, a justifiable cause e.g. inclement weather or greens unfit for play, prevents the start of any Match within one (1) hour of the scheduled start time, that Match shall be abandoned and Clause 13.4 will apply. Note: Inclement weather can be the result of rain, high wind, lightning, darkness, hot weather (as defined in the Bowls Australia 'Extreme Weather Policy – Hot weather Section') or any other climatic condition that can pose a danger to the players or officials.

13.2 If a Match in a Divisional Round is interrupted and less than 38 ends have been played all reasonable efforts should be made to complete the Match on the same day / night. If completion of the game on the same day / night is

not possible, then Law 32 applies and that Match shall be completed in accordance with Clause 13.5.

- 13.3 If a Match in a Divisional Round is interrupted and at least 38 ends have been completed all reasonable efforts should be made to complete the Match on the same day / night. If completion of the game on the same day / night is not possible, then that Match shall be deemed completed at the time of the stoppage and the Match Points, Margin and Percentage Shots shall be awarded accordingly.

13.4 Abandoned Match

- 13.4.1 If, during the Divisional Rounds, a justifiable cause (e.g. inclement weather) prevents the start of any Match, then:

13.4.1.1 If the Controlling Body determines that the result of an abandoned Match can affect the sides eligible for Finals Play, then the Controlling Body will reschedule the Match to be played at a time and place determined by the Controlling Body.

13.4.1.2 If the Controlling Body determines that the result of an abandoned Match will not affect the sides eligible for Finals Play, then that Match will not be played and no Match Points, Margin or Percentage Shots will be awarded.

13.5 Incomplete Match

- 13.5.1 If, during Divisional Rounds, a Match is commenced and a justifiable cause prevents the minimum number of ends being completed for the Match to be 'deemed completed' under Clause 13.3, then if the Controlling Body determines:

13.5.1.1 That the result of an incomplete Match can affect the sides eligible for Finals Play, then the Controlling Body will reschedule the Match to be continued at a time and place determined by the Controlling Body.

13.5.1.2 That the result of an incomplete Match will not affect the sides eligible for Finals Play, then that Match can be requested to be played and if not played no Match Points, Margin or Percentage Shots shall be awarded.

14. SIDE MANAGER

- 14.1 Each side will have a playing or non-playing manager. The name and telephone number of such manager will be shown on each competition result sheet.

14.2 The home club side manager will be responsible for ensuring that match results are entered into the Bowls Link system within 12 hours of the match concluding

14.3 The away club side manager shall be responsible for ensuring the entered results are confirmed in the Bowls Link system within 24 hours of the match concluding

14.3.1 Where an away club representative does not confirm the result within the Bowls Link system within the allotted time limit the system shall

automatically accept the original input from the home team as confirmed and no further amendment will be accepted.

15. DRAW FOR RINKS

- 15.1 The draw for cards and rinks shall be carried out by the Side Managers at the Host Club at least half an hour before the scheduled starting time of the competition. Should the visiting Side Manager not be present at that time, then the home Side Manager can randomly draw the allocation of rinks.

16. PLAYER MOVEMENTS DURING PLAY (See Rule Book Appendix A.4.1.2 (Pairs), A.4.1.6 (Triples), A.4.1.7 (Fours))

- 16.1 Players may be called to the head by their skip, but this action must not unduly delay play.

17. POSITION OF PLAYERS WHEN NOT PLAYING

- 17.1 **At the mat end** Players not delivering a bowl should stand a minimum of one (1) metre behind the mat.
- 17.2 **At the head** Players not controlling the head should stand a minimum of two (2) metres behind the head or on the surrounds of the green if the jack is in the ditch, or well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the surrounds.
- 17.3 **At the start of each end** Only the skip or deputy will be at the head.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The side scoring the highest number of shots in each match at the end of play, shall be the winner.
- 18.2 In all elimination, semi-finals and finals, if overall score is tied an extra end will be played by each team until a winner is decided.
- 18.3 The position of Sides in a Division will be determined by awarding the following points for each Match of each round:
- 18.3.1 Two (2) Match Points for the side with the highest aggregate shots.
- 18.3.2 Zero (0) Match Points for the side with the lowest aggregate shots.
- 18.3.3 One (1) Match Point for each side if the aggregate shots are equal.
- 18.3.4 Where a side has been allocated a Bye no Match Points will be awarded and no shots for / against will be recorded.
- 18.4 After the completion of any round, the relative positions of the sides will be determined in decreasing order by:
- 18.4.1 Maximum Aggregate **Match Points**. If equal then
Maximum Aggregate **Margin**: the difference between "totals shots for" and "total shots against". If there is still equality, then
Maximum Aggregate **Percentage Shots**: the "total shots against" each side shall be divided into the "total shots for" each side and be expressed as a percentage.

19. GREEN FEES

- 19.1 Green fees will be set at the start of each season by the Controlling Body and paid to the host club.

20. USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

20.1 The use of electronic devices such as mobile phones, radios, paging devices, etc. by either players or spectators, is not permitted within six (6) metres of the green whilst a Match is in progress. However, in special cases (doctors' pagers etc.) a player may request exemption from this rule from the Umpire prior to the commencement of play.

21. ATTIRE & EQUIPMENT:

1. Attire

- (a) Attire will be as per Bowls Queensland By-Law 14. Club uniforms to be worn.
- (b) Attire at this level must carry the BA logo as outlined in the BA National logo policy.
- (c) Each player and or coach in a team must be similarly attired. (If a composite team of different clubs, then players may wear their own registered Club Uniform

2. Equipment

(i) Artificial Devices

Bowls Australia Artificial Devices Policy (February 2019) shall apply for Wheelchair, Walking Frame & Bowler Arm devices

22. REFRESHMENTS

There is no obligation for clubs to provide refreshments for this competition.

23. PENNANT BADGES AND FLAGS

23.1 The winning Club will be provided with Pennant badges for each player who played in the Final i.e. 11 Badges (9players plus 2 reserves) + 1 miniature pennant flag.

24. FORFEITS AND PENALTIES

- 24.1 An infringement of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls will invoke penalties as specified in the Law Book.
- 24.2 In the event of a Club not completing a series, the sides drawn against that Club in subsequent Matches will be allotted Match Points, Margin and Percentage Shots in accordance with Clause 24.3 for each Match not completed.
- 24.3 In the event of a Club forfeiting a Match:
 - 24.3.1 The Club receiving the forfeit shall be allotted two (2) Match Points and a Margin calculated by averaging the Margins gained by the remaining completed Matches in that round in that Division, each rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded up).
 - 24.3.2 The side forfeiting shall be awarded no Match Points and the reverse of the average Margin as calculated in Clause 24.3.1.
 - 24.3.4 Players in the forfeiting side, who have already qualified for Finals Play, shall not play in another side during that Round.
- 24.4 Prior to the commencement of the competition, a Club that has obtained a certification in writing from a player who is subsequently found to be ineligible to play, will not be penalised except in Finals Play, where Clause 24.7 will apply.

- 24.5 Where an ineligible player is played by a Club in a round and the Club, in the view of the Controlling Body, has not taken all reasonable steps to ensure the player's eligibility and/or where a Club and/or player has deliberately violated these rules:
- 24.5.1 For each occurrence the offending side will lose all Match Points gained in that round and the total 'shots for' shall be altered by reducing its total by fifteen (15) shots. In addition the offending Club/player will be disqualified from playing in the competition for a period determined by the Controlling Body.
 - 24.6.2 For each occurrence the non-offending side shall receive two (2) Match Points regardless of who won or lost the round, but the total 'shots for' or 'shots against' will not be altered.
 - 24.6.3 A player who becomes ineligible to play for any reason and does not inform their nominating Club will be disqualified from further participation in all or part of the competition and in addition can, at the option of the CDBA, be charged under the CDBA Constitution and Clauses and suffer such other penalties as the CDBA may determine.
- 24.7 Notwithstanding Clause 24.5, when an ineligible player is played by a Club in Finals Play, that Club will be disqualified.

25. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THESE CONDITIONS

- 25.1 Where a penalty is not specified, the penalty for a breach of these Conditions of Play will be determined by the Controlling Body at its absolute discretion.

26. COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE

26.1 General

- 26.1.1 This procedure applies only to infringements of these Conditions of Play for Pennants. This procedure has been set up to ensure that where possible, complaints are resolved before the next round of the competition. General discipline and other matters outside the scope of the Conditions of Play are handled in accordance with the CDBA Constitution.

26.2 Lodging a Complaint

- 26.2.1 A complaint against an infringement of the Pennant Conditions of Play can be lodged in a report from either the Side Managers (notation on the Result Sheet), or in writing by a District Official or Club (issued under the signature of the Club Secretary) against a participant in this competition within forty eight (48) hours of the cessation of the match in question.

26.3 Who shall handle complaint

- 26.3.1 Upon the receipt of a complaint, the District Secretary shall:
- 26.3.1.1 Advise the player and their Club of the details of the complaint and advise them that they can make a written submission and/or have a right to be represented in accordance with Clause 26.6 at the hearing.
 - 26.3.1.2 Advise the player and their Club of the date, venue and time of the Controlling Body hearing.
 - 26.3.1.3 Provide the Controlling Body Chairperson with full details of the complaint.

26.3.2 Investigation of the Complaint

26.3.2.1 The complaint will be investigated by the Controlling Body, who shall meet within three (3) days of receiving the complaint on the date, venue and time advised to the player and their Club in Clause 26.3.1.2.

26.3.2.2 The decision of the Controlling Body will be given to the Club/player if present, at the conclusion of submissions (if any). If the Club or player is not in attendance the player's Club will be advised of the outcome no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the Controlling Body hearing. The result will be confirmed in writing with the Club at the earliest practicable time.

26.4 Right of Appeal

26.4.1 The player or their Club has the right of appeal. Advice of intention to appeal together with any written submissions shall be lodged with the District Secretary no later than 12:00 noon on the second day following the player/Club being made aware of the decision by the Controlling Body.

26.4.2 The appeal hearing will be held on a date, and at a venue and time determined by the Appeal Tribunal (refer Clause 26.5), but no later than two (2) days after receipt of the appeal. The District Secretary shall advise the player and their Club of the details of the time, date and venue of the Appeal Tribunal Hearing and of their right to representation in accordance with Clause 26.6.

26.4.3 The decision of the Appeal Tribunal will be given to the Club/player if present, at the conclusion of submissions (if any). If the Club or player is not in attendance, the player's Club will be advised of the outcome no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the Appeals Tribunal hearing and the result will be confirmed in writing with the Club at the earliest practicable time.

26.4.4 The decision of the Appeals Tribunal shall be final.

26.5 Appeal Tribunal

26.5.1 The Appeal Tribunal shall comprise, in accordance with Clause 24 of the CDBA By Laws, a minimum of three (3) persons who shall hear the appeal and make a determination.

26.6 Representation

26.6.1 In respect of a Controlling Body and/or Appeals Tribunal Hearing, a person or Club who is the subject of a complaint shall:

26.6.1.1 have the right to present in writing or in person a response to the complaint;

26.6.1.2 have the right to attend scheduled hearings and to call evidence and witnesses;

26.6.1.3 not be entitled to be represented by or have a solicitor, barrister or other agent attend any hearing.

26.6.1.4 A junior person shall be accompanied by a parent/guardian.