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CONDITIONS OF PLAY- PENNANT 2023

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GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION

1. Control

- 1.1 The Cunningham District Bowls Association (CDBA) is the Controlling Body for all CDBA events.
- 1.2 THE CDBA delegates the authority to the Match Committee to act on its behalf to Control this event.
- 1.3 The Controlling Body shall assume the responsibility for the conduct and control of all events. The Controlling Body may co-opt others to assist as required
- 1.4 The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the format, times of play and host clubs and greens to suit unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical to affected clubs in order to achieve a result
- 1.5 The Controlling Body shall have the power to enquire into and adjudicate any disputes and/or interpretations as they occur.
- 1.6 All decisions by the Controlling Body are to be confirmed in writing by noon the following work day.
- 1.7 A decision by the controlling body in relation to any interpretation, sanction or fine imposed may be appealed in accordance with clause 18 of the CDBA By-Laws.

2. Pennant Competition

- 2.1 The competition shall comprise:
 - 2.1.1 Men's Division 1
 - 2.1.2 Weekend Open Div 2 and below
 - 2.1.3 Ladies Division 1
 - 2.1.4 Weekday Open Div. Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze

3. Entry Requirements

- 3.1 It is a condition of entry that all clubs, players and officials are familiar with and accept these conditions of play.
- 3.2 All clubs and players accept that BowlsLink will be used for this competition and agree their personal information and player statistics may be recorded in BowlsLink
- 3.3 Clubs shall submit nominations via BowlsLink by the prescribed date
- 3.4 Where it is necessary the Controlling Body can seek additional nominations after the closing date or reject nominations after the closing date as required to structure a competition with minimal byes.
- 3.5 If a nomination is rejected, the Club will be advised in writing within seven (7) working days as to the reason for the rejection
- 3.6 The Controlling Body may at its absolute discretion alter a club's nomination from one division to another in order to achieve a balanced competition
- 3.7 Clubs will be individually invoiced for their nomination fee. Such fee must be paid by the due date.
- 3.8 Clubs will be responsible for all costs incurred up to and including State Finals for Division 1 Men's and Ladies.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 Only a player whose nominated declared club is affiliated within the Cunningham District Bowls Association is eligible to represent his/her club in this competition
- 4.2 A player may represent a club other than their nominated declared club providing they meet the requirements of clause 4.1 and 4.3.
- 4.3 Provisions for Selection in a Club Side
 - 4.3.1 The player was a financial member of all clubs for which he/she maintains membership as of 30th June that year.
 - 4.3.2 Where a player joins a club after 30 June and is a financial member up to and including the mid round of the home and away season they may be selected to play for that club provided he/she has not played pennants for any other club in that pennant year

- 4.4 All Clubs and Players must comply with:
 - 4.4.1 Bowls Australia- Affiliation and Eligibility to Play Policy Feb 2021
 - 4.4.2 Bowls Queensland- State Pennant Finals Conditions of Play
 - 4.4.3 Cunningham District Bowls Association- Constitution and By-Laws
 - 4.4.4 Bowls Australia- Instantaneous Penalties Policy
 - 4.4.5 Bowls Queensland- Extreme Weather Policy
 - 4.4.6 Bowls Queensland- By Law 14 - Attire
- 4.5 No player may play more than one pennant game, in a pennant competition, in a given round
- 4.6 Eligible substitutes are permitted throughout the competition
- 4.7 The Controlling Body shall determine all questions of eligibility

5. Eligibility to Play in Finals

- 5.1 All Pennants
 - 5.1.1 In determining eligibility, the Controlling Body will only accept the player listings submitted through the BowlsLink platform
 - 5.1.2 Clubs involved in semi finals play shall list their players in BowlsLink not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of play.
 - 5.1.3 Clubs who progress directly to the final shall provide a list of their players to the Controlling Body not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of play.
 - 5.1.4 If a club side has insufficient players graded to be eligible to play in finals, plus two eligible players allowed to play in a higher division, then the club may apply in writing to the Controlling Body for non- graded players to play. Players from a higher division cannot be graded to a lower division.
 - 5.1.5 Specific eligibility requirements for each pennant competition are available in the Conditions of Play – THE PENNANT COMPETITION for each pennant competition
 - 5.1.6 The Controlling Body shall determine all questions of eligibility

6 Structure of the Competition

6.1 Allocation, Promotion and Relegation of Clubs

This is the direct responsibility of the Controlling Body, which will give consideration to the allocation, promotion and relegation of sides in order to achieve a fair and balanced competition.

6.2 Divisions:

The competition shall be divided into a number of Divisions as determined by the Controlling Body within the following parameters:

6.2.1 Men's Division 1 and Weekend Open Pennant

- 6.2.1.1 All Divisions shall have six (6) sides, excluding the lowest Division in the Weekend Open Pennant competition.
- 6.1.1.1 Each side in a division will play each other side in that division twice on a home and away basis.
- 6.1.1.2 The lowest Division in the competition may have up to ten sides
- 6.1.1.3 The Controlling Body shall include in any additional division or divisions such number of sides that ensure a fair and balanced competition.
- 6.1.1.4 Where there are less than eight (8) sides in a division finals will be played in the following format;
 - The side placing 1st at the completion of the qualifying rounds shall advance directly to the grand final
 - The sides placing 2nd and 3rd at the completion of the qualifying rounds shall play a semi-final with the winner then advancing to the grand final
 - The grand final shall determine the winner of the pennant for each division
- 6.1.1.5 Where there are eight (8) or more sides in a division the finals will be played in the following format:
 - The sides placing 1st and 2nd at the completion of the qualifying rounds shall go to semi-final 1 with the winner advancing to the grand final. The loser will advance to a preliminary final

- The sides placing 3rd and 4th at the completion of the qualifying rounds shall play a knockout semi-final 2 with the winner going to the preliminary final
- The loser from semi-final 1 shall play the winner from the knockout semi-final 2 in a preliminary final.
- The winner of semi-final 1 shall play the winner of the preliminary final in the grand final
- The grand final shall determine the winner of the pennant for each division

6.1.2 Weekday Open Pennant:

6.2.2.1 All Divisions shall have 6 sides, excluding the lowest division which may have a variable number of sides subject to nominations.

6.1.2.1 Each side in a division will play each other side in that division twice.

6.1.2.2 All games in each division will be played on a home and away format on the home club's nominated play day.

6.1.2.3 The format for finals in each division shall be:

- The side placing 1st at the completion of the qualifying rounds shall advance directly to the grand final
- The sides placing 2nd and 3rd at the completion of the qualifying rounds shall play a semi-final with the winner advancing to the grand final
- The grand final shall determine the pennant winner for each division

6.1.3 Ladies Division 1 Pennant

6.1.3.1 Where there are two clubs only nominated for Division 1 the two clubs will play a best of three (3) Finals series at the latter end of the pennant season.

6.1.3.2 Where 3 sides have nominated the event shall be played as a round robin with each side playing the other 2 sides once.

6.1.3.3 Should 4 or more sides be nominated the event shall be played as a home and away qualifying series followed by a final between the top 2 sides

6.1.3.4 The winning side shall represent their club at higher levels.

6.2 The Controlling Body may give two clubs approval to nominate a joint Pennant side if requested to do so or if this becomes necessary to make up the required number of entries to avoid byes. Both clubs must be represented by a minimum of one player in every match played by the side.

7 **Player movements during play**

7.1 Players can only walk up to the head as follows:

7.1.1 **Leads** after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl.

7.1.2 **Seconds** after delivery of their second bowl.

7.1.3 **Thirds** after delivery of their second bowl.

7.1.4 **Skips** after delivery of each of their bowls.

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

8 **Position of players when not playing**

8.1 **At the mat end** Players not delivering a bowl should stand a minimum of one (1) metre behind the mat.

8.2 **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.

8.3 **At the start of each end** Only the skip or deputy will be at the head.

9 Trophies and Badges

9.1 Weekend Pennant Badge and Flag Colours are:

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| Division 1 | Purple | Division 2 | Navy |
| Division 3 | Red | Division 4 | Green |
| Division 5 | Gold | Division 6 | Light Blue |
| Division 7 | Mid Brown | | |

Weekday Pennant Badge and Flag Colours are consistent with the grading colour

9.2 The winning club in each Division will be provided with a Framed Pennant Flag

9.3 Bannerettes will be awarded to runners up in each Division

9.4 The winning club players plus 2 reserves and a side manager shall each receive a badge. (Additional badges can be ordered and are paid for by the club.)

10 Refreshments

10.1 There shall be no scheduled interruption to play for refreshments during a game

11 Equipment

11.1 The current Bowls Australia Artificial Devices Policy shall apply for Wheelchair, Walking Frame, Walking Stick. And Bowler Arm Devices

12 Lights

12.1 Games may be played or completed under lights if required

13 Attire

13.1 Attire will be as per Bowls Queensland By-Law 14. Club Uniforms to be worn

13.2 Attire at this level must carry the Bowls Australia logo as outlined in the Bowls Australia logo policy

13.3 Each player of a side must be similarly attired. (If a composite side from different clubs, then players may wear their own registered Club Uniform)

13.4 Temporary Markings (Decals): A club may choose to use Decals. Should bowls Decals be used all players in a side must use identical coloured discs (decals) for each side of their bowls, with discs/dots as per law 52.1.8 and DR 4.7. All bowls in a side shall be similarly marked. Should a club choose not to use decals then all players in a side must not have decals on their bowls.

14 Green Fees

14.1 Divisional Rounds

14.1.1 Player green fees will be retained by their clubs

14.2 Finals- Men's Div1 & Weekend Open,

14.2.1 Green Fees of \$12 per player will be paid to the host club

14.3 Finals- Ladies Div 1

14.3.1 Player green fees are retained by their own club for Game 1 and Game 2

14.3.2 Should game 3 be required, green fees of \$12 per player will be paid to the host club

14.4 Finals- Weekday Open Pennant

14.4.1 Green Fees of \$12 per player will be paid to the host club for Finals

15 Side Manager

15.1 Each side will have a playing or non-playing side manager

16 Draw for Rinks

16.1 The side manager for the host club side may pre-allocate rinks for their teams with the visiting manager completing a blind placement of scorecards on those of the home side to determine rink allocations. Rink allocations are to be made no later than one half (1/2) hour before the scheduled starting time of play. Should the visiting side manager not be present at that time then the home side manager can randomly draw the allocation of rinks by determining the visiting team structures according to BowlsLink.

16.2 During finals play the allocation of rinks will be done by the Controlling Body no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Side managers shall then draw cards.

- 16.3 When a side is to play 2 games at one venue on the same day it is preferable that one game is played in an east/west direction and the other game played in a north/south direction.

17 Trial Ends and Practice

- 17.1 There are no trial ends at the commencement of play
 17.2 Practice is allowed sixty (60) minutes prior to the scheduled start time providing a green is available.

18 Played In Accordance with The Laws of The Game

- 18.1 All pennant matches shall be played according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark 4), as amended from time to time and the Conditions of Play.

19 Communications and Media

- 19.1 All electronic communication devices located within six (6) metres of the green, whilst a match is in progress, must be switched off or on silent. Electronic devices include but are not limited to mobile phones, pagers, iPad, iPod, tablets, radios etc. Special dispensation may be given by the Controlling Body upon request from a player or official for emergency or compassionate reasons.
 19.2 Where electronic devices are being used by District Officials/Appointees or District volunteers in association with the BowlsLink system or live streaming of matches, these devices are to be switched to silent wherever possible.

20 Social Media

- 20.1 To assist in ensuring that interactions between players and officials are harmonious the following is included in the Conditions of Play as permitted by Appendix A.1.4.15 Bowls Queensland Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures. No player shall use social media to make derogatory comments about the CDBA, any official, the event or any other player for the duration of the competition. Any infringement of this condition shall render the offender liable to disqualification from the event.

21 Instantaneous Penalties

- 21.1 If an umpire, by observation or on appeal by the Controlling Body, a side, a skip, an opponent or a side's manager, believes that a breach of any Rule or Law has taken place or any action by a player (where there is no penalty in that Rule or Law) then action may be taken as per Bowls Australia Policy "Instantaneous Penalties" dated July 2017. This policy can be accessed at-
<https://www.bowls.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/INSTANTANEOUS-PENALTIES-POLICY.pdf>

22 Forfeits and Penalties

- 22.1 An infringement of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls will invoke penalties as specified in the Law Book.

23 Penalty For Breach of These Conditions

- 23.1 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
 23.2 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 23.3 for each Match not completed.
 23.3 In the event of a club forfeiting a match:
 23.3.1 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).
 23.3.2 The side forfeiting shall be awarded no Match Points and the reverse of the average Margin as calculated in Clause 21.3.1.
 23.3.3 Players in the forfeiting side, who have already qualified for Finals play, shall not play in a lower Division during that round.
 23.4 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.
 23.4.1 Notwithstanding when an ineligible player is played by a Club in Finals Play, that Club will be disqualified.

- 23.5 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:

- 23.5.1 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.
- 23.5.2 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.
- 23.5.3 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 By-Laws and suffer such other penalties as the CDBA may determine.

24 Incomplete Round/Inclement Weather

- 24.1 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 24.2 will apply. Note: Inclement weather can be the result of rain, high wind, lightening, 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.
 - 24.1.1 If a Match in a Divisional Round is interrupted and less than the number of ends as specified in THE PENNANT COMPETITION are completed, all reasonable efforts should be made to complete the match on the same day. If completion of the game on the same day is not possible, then Law 32 applies and that match shall be completed in accordance with Clause 24.2. Where a game is recommenced whether on the same or a different day the scores and ends played will be as they were when the game was stopped.
 - 24.1.2 If a match in a Divisional Round is interrupted and at least the number of ends as specified in THE PENNANT COMPETITION have been completed, all reasonable efforts should be made to complete the Match on the same day. If completion of the game on the same day 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.
- 24.2 Incomplete or missed games - sides will have 15 days to finalise the match - clubs must detail to the Controlling Body the reason why the deferred game was not played – The Controlling Body will recommend to Management either game completely wiped (no points either side, split points 1 each side, or 2 points to one side - all subject to circumstance) NOTE: IN THE FINAL 2 ROUNDS THE CONTROLLING BODY WILL SPECIFY A TIME AND DATE FOR PLAY.
- 24.3 Where complete rounds are missed due to Covid Restrictions, weather etc. The Controlling Body will specify the revised play date.
- 24.4 Lights can be used to enable a game to be completed i.e., the number of ends played, as specified in Clause 12.

25 Complaints and Appeals Procedure

- 25.1 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.
- 25.2 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.
- 25.3 Complaints are to be lodged with the Controlling Body and emailed to cdbamatch@gmail.com

- 25.4 Upon the receipt of a complaint, the Chair of the Match Committee shall notify the complainant player and/or club of its receipt advise the opponent that a complaint has been made. Details of the complaint or issue shall be included in the advice requesting the offending player and/or club to submit a report detailing their case.
- 25.5 The complaint will be investigated by the Controlling Body, who shall meet within three (3) days of receiving the complaint.
- 25.6 The Controlling Body shall have full authority in determining each complaint
- 25.7 Right to Appeal any decision or penalty by the Controlling Body can be made as per Section 18 of the Cunningham District Bowls Association By-Laws. Such appeal must be made within 24 hours of receipt of the Controlling Body's advice of its decision.

THE PENNANT COMPETITION

1. Men's Division 1 Pennant

- 1.1 Will comprise 6 club sides, each of 12 male players, being 3 teams of 4 players per side.
- 1.2 Each club shall play all other sides in a home and away series comprising 10 games
- 1.3 Scoring shall be based on an overall aggregate score with the winner being awarded 2 match points, in the event of a tie during the home and away rounds each side shall receive 1 match point. A losing side will not receive any match points.
- 1.4 Matches will be determined on the basis of sides completing a total of sixty-three (63) ends with each team contributing 21 ends to the aggregate unless a match is terminated early under Clause 24 of GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION- Incomplete Round/Inclement Weather.
- 1.5 The number of ends to be completed should a match be terminated under Clause 24 of GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION- Incomplete Round/Inclement Weather shall be fifty-one (51).
- 1.6 Progressive Scoring: All scoring will be entered into the BowlsLink System by 9.00pm on the day of the match which will provide a cumulative score ladder after each round. Scores shall be sequenced by:
 - Match Points
 - Score difference (margin)
 - Score percentage
- 1.7 Finals Play:
 - If at the completion of the match scores remain tied all rinks shall play an additional end. If the aggregate score still remains tied another end shall be played and so forth until a result is achieved.
 - The winning side will progress to a Zone Final competing against a similar winner(s) from other Districts within the zone.
 - Any male player eligible to play as per clauses 4 and 5 of the GENERAL PENNANT CONDITIONS may play in the Division 1 Finals even should they not have played in that division prior, provided that:
 - 1.7.1 Once having played they may not play in any other Weekend Open Pennant Division.
- 1.8 Relegation and Challenges:
 - A club which holds last position at the conclusion of the qualifying home and away rounds may be subject to relegation to division 2 of the Weekend Open Pennant for the following season subject to the following:
 - 1.8.1 At the conclusion of the pennant season any Division 2 side from the Weekend Open Pennant Competition which is not subject to relegation may elect to challenge the last placed Division 1 club to a challenge match where the winner will qualify for Division 1 the following season.
 - 1.8.2 Clubs that so challenge may only use eligible male players
 - 1.8.3 Should more than one Division 2 Club from the Weekend Open Pennant issue such challenge those challenging clubs will play off in a knockout match to determine which club has the right to issue the challenge against the last placed Division 1 Club.
 - 1.8.3.1 All Clubs wishing to challenge must put their notice in writing and submit their challenge to the Controlling Body within seven (7) days from the conclusion of the current pennant season's grand final.

1.8.3.2 All challenge matches must be finalised by 31st December in the pennant year.

2 Ladies Division 1 Pennant

- 2.1 Will comprise a minimum of 2 club sides, each of 12 female players, being 3 teams of 4 players per side.
- 2.1.1 Where only 2 clubs enter then each club shall play the best of three (3) Finals games.
- 2.1.2 Should 3 sides enter then each club shall play the other clubs in a round robin format
- 2.1.3 Four or more entries will be played as a home and away series
- 2.2 Games will commence at 9.30am on Saturdays at the latter end of the pennant season with the first two games being played on a home and away basis.
- 2.3 Should a third (3rd) game be required, where possible, it will be played at a neutral venue
- 2.4 Scoring for each Final shall be based on an overall aggregate with the winner being awarded two (2) match points. A losing side will not receive any match points.
- 2.5 If at the completion of any Final should scores remain tied all rinks shall play an additional end. If the aggregate score still remains tied another end shall be played and so forth until a result is achieved.
- 2.6 Matches will be determined on the basis of sides completing a total of sixty-three (63) ends with each team contributing 21 ends to the aggregate unless a match is terminated early under Clause 24 of GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION- Incomplete Round/Inclement Weather.
- 2.7 The number of ends to be completed should a match be terminated under Clause 24 of GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION- Incomplete Round/Inclement Weather shall be fifty-one (51).
- 2.8 Progressive Scoring: All scoring will be entered into the BowlsLink System by 9.00pm on the day of the match which will provide a cumulative score ladder after each round. Scores shall be sequenced by:
- Match Points
 - Score difference (margin)
 - Score percentage
- 2.9 The first side to achieve 4 match points shall be declared the winner.
- 2.10 Zone and State Play-Offs:
- 2.10.1 The winning side will progress to a Zone Final competing against a similar winner(s) from other Districts within the zone.

3 Weekend Open Division Pennant

- 3.1 Each Division will comprise 6 club sides, each of 12 male and/or female players, being 3 teams of 4 players per side.
- 3.2 Each club shall play all other sides in a home and away series comprising 10 games
- 3.3 Scoring shall be based on an overall aggregate score with the winner being awarded 2 match points, in the event of a tie during the home and away rounds each side shall receive 1 match point. A losing side will not receive any match points.
- 3.3.1 Matches will be determined on the basis of sides completing a total of sixty-three (63) ends with each team contributing 21 ends to the aggregate unless a match is terminated early under Clause 24 of GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION- Incomplete Round/Inclement Weather.
- 3.4 The number of ends to be completed should a match be terminated under Clause 24 of GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION- Incomplete Round/Inclement Weather shall be fifty-one (51).
- 3.5 Progressive Scoring: All scoring will be entered into the BowlsLink System by 9.00pm on the day of the match which will provide a cumulative score ladder after each round. Scores shall be sequenced by:
- Match Points
 - Score difference (margin)
 - Score percentage
- 3.6 Finals Play:
- 3.6.1 If at the completion of the match scores remain tied all rinks shall play an additional end. If the aggregate score still remains tied another end shall be played and so forth until a result is achieved.

- 3.7 Eligibility to Play: Only male and female players eligible as per GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION clause 4 and 5 shall be entitled to play in this competition subject to:
- 3.7.1 Where a club has more than one side in a division a player must not swap sides once, they have played 3 games in a side.
 - 3.7.2 A player must have played a minimum of 4 games to play in finals
 - A player may only play in finals for a division in which they have played the greater number of games in the home and away series. The player is not permitted to play in a lower division than that for which they have qualified. A player may however play in a higher division than that for which they have qualified.
 - Where a player has played an equal number of games in more than one division they may only play in the higher division for which they have qualified.
 - A bye or abandoned game may be used to qualify for finals only for that division in which the bye or abandoned game occurs- providing that the player has not played in another division during that round and the player must have been included into the side list in BowlsLink prior to the scheduled start time for the match.
 - Once a player has played in a final in a division they may not play finals in a lower division.
- 3.8 Promotion (Divisions 3 and below): A club which wins a division shall be promoted to the next higher division in the following pennant season.
- 3.9 Relegation (Divisions 2 and below): A club which holds last position in a division at the end of the qualifying home and away rounds shall be relegated to the next lower division in the following season.

4 Weekday Open Pennant

- 4.1 Platinum Division will comprise 6 club sides with each side comprising 12 players, being 3 teams of 4 players per side. The number of sides may be varied by the Controlling Body in order to obtain a balanced competition.
- 4.2 Gold, Silver & Bronze Divisions will comprise 6 club sides with each side comprising 8 players, being 2 teams of 4 players per side. The number of sides in a division may be varied by the Controlling Body in order to obtain a balanced competition.
- 4.3 Divisions will be ranked in the following order:
 - Platinum (highest)
 - Gold
 - Silver
 - Bronze (lowest)
- 4.4 Subject to the number of side nominations the Controlling Body may at its absolute discretion add or delete divisions.
- 4.5 A club may select players of any gender who may be chosen to play in any position within a team
- 4.6 All players must be eligible players as per Clauses 4 & 5 of the GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION.
- 4.7 A player is not permitted to play in a lower Division once they have played 3 games in a higher division unless written permission is obtained from the Controlling Body.
- 4.8 Each club shall play all other sides twice in a series in a home and away format with games being played on the home club's nominated play day.
- 4.9 Scoring shall be based on an overall aggregate with the winner being awarded 2 match points, in the event of a tie during the home and away rounds each side shall receive 1 match point. A losing side will not receive any match points.
- 4.10 Matches will be determined based on sides completing:
 - 4.10.1 Platinum Division - a total of sixty-three (63) ends with each team contributing 21 ends to the aggregate unless a match is terminated early under Clause 24 of GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION- Incomplete Round/Inclement Weather.
 - 4.10.1.1 The number of ends to be completed should a match be terminated under Clause 24 of GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION- Incomplete Round/Inclement Weather shall be fifty-one (51).

4.10.2 Gold, Silver & Bronze Divisions - a total of forty-two (42) ends with each team contributing 21 ends to the aggregate unless a match is terminated early under Clause 24 of GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION- Incomplete Round/Inclement Weather.

4.10.2.1 The number of ends to be completed should a match be terminated under Clause 24 of GENERAL PENNANT INFORMATION- Incomplete Round/Inclement Weather shall be thirty-four (34)

4.11 Progressive Scoring: All scoring will be entered into the BowlsLink System by 9.00pm on the day of the match which will provide a cumulative score ladder after each round. Scores shall be sequenced by:

- Match Points
- Score difference (margin)
- Score percentage

4.12 Finals Play:

4.12.1 If at the completion of the match scores remain tied all rinks shall play an additional end. If the aggregate score still remains tied another end shall be played and so forth until a result is achieved.

4.12.2 Eligibility to play in finals: A player must have played a minimum of four games to be eligible to play in the finals subject to:

4.12.2.1 The player is eligible to play in the division in which they have played the majority of their games or if equal number of games they are eligible only for the higher division

4.12.2.2 Once having played a final in a division a player may not play in a final in a lower division

4.12.2.3 A player eligible for a lower division may play finals in a higher division however once played they may not go back to the lower division.

4.12.2.4 Where a club is unable to have enough eligible players, they may write to the Controlling Body for permission to use non eligible players. The Controlling Body will have absolute discretion in approval or otherwise.

4.13 Promotion and Relegation:

- A club which wins a division may at the Controlling Bodies discretion be promoted to the next higher division in the following pennant season.
- A club which holds last position in a division at the end of the qualifying home and away rounds may at the Controlling Bodies discretion be relegated to the next lower division in the following season.