**Poinciana Challenge 2023**

**Conditions of Play**

**1. Eligibility.**

For Division 6, 7 & 8 bowlers from the 2022 Men’s Pennants Competition.

This applies to all Pennant Competitions, not only Gateway.

A player who has played in no more than two(2) games in Divisions 3,4 & 5 (2022 pennants) is eligible to play.

There are no dead ends – the jack is to be re-spotted on the “T”

 **Novice or Beginner bowlers are encouraged to participate.**

 Transferees will have to be assessed on their merit. If they are of a standard, that is higher than that is intended for this competition, please do not play them.

 Any breach of this rule will result in the offending Club forfeiting all points gained in any match in which the ineligible player has participated.

 **This is an honour and integrity-based competition, responsibility to adhere to the spirit intended rests with each club.**

**2. Clubs with two (2) sides**

The Club delegates have decided that each side be treated as a separate entity and that qualified club members should only be interchanged in extenuating circumstances. If a player is interchanged, it can only be for no more than 2 games for that individual person.

 Clubs’ compliance will ensure that the side’s abilities cannot be enhanced at critical times.

 Once again, the onus is on the clubs.

 Any breach will see the offending club lose two (2) points from that rink.

**3. Format.**

**Two** sections of 6 sides play a round robin over 5 weeks. (Dependent on number of teams) The final will be played at the host club being Victoria Pt .

**Please note if only 6 team nominate then one (1) section of the competition that will be played. (As in 2022)**

Each side will comprise of: 2 Pairs – 3 Bowls format (26 Ends)

2 Triples - 2 Bowls format (26 Ends)

In instances where for some reason an entire side of 10 players cannot be fielded, then they must make up entire teams for play. The offending Club will concede two (2} points plus seven (7) shots to the opposition for each team they cannot field in that round.

In such a situation early advice to the opposition is essential.

**4. Dates and Times**

 4.1 The competition will commence on Saturday 29thApril 2023 and continue each Saturday up to the 27th of May 2023, with the finals to be played on the 3rd June 2023 at Victoria Pt. (depending on the number of entries)

 4.2 The Final will be played on the 3rdof June 2023 at the Victoria Point Club, depending on the number of entries.

 4.3 Players may practice on any rink prior to the commencement of play, no time limit. There will be no trial ends, play to commence at the schedule time

 4.4 All clubs are urged to play round robin games at 1.00 pm on Saturdays. If not possible clubs to negotiate and the host club will make the final decision. **(This applies to games with Island Sides)**

 4.5 The final will also commence at 1.00 pm. Refer to Section 4.3 with regards to practice and roll procedures

**5. Scoring**

 5.1 Two (2) points for a rink win, one (1) point each side for a draw on each rink during round robin play only, plus 2 points for an overall win. (If overall points are equal then 1 point is allocated to each team)

 5.2. Scores are to be entered into Bowls Link by the Home Team by 5pm of match day. The copy of the Score Sheet should then be sent to the Co-ordinator of Poinciana at Victoria Pt Bowls so that the results can be submitted to the Sunday Mail.

**Points at each venue must total ten (10) points.**

**5.3 For Finals only –** Should at the end of each team’s game in the Finals there is a 5 points overall score then all teams will play extra ends until either side has won by both the rinks win and the highest net score of shots.

**6. Interruptions – Match Not Started or Completed.**

In the case of a match not started or washed out before the completion of 66 ends the clubs involved will play/continue at a time suitable to both Clubs.

If any outstanding game/games are not played by the start of the next round then 5 points will be awarded to each Club/game not played and that they would be given the average for/against as was scored in that round by other clubs that did play. If no clubs played in a particular round due to weather, then NO POINTS or for/against would be allocated for that round. This will include those Clubs with covered greens.

**NOTE – 66 ends constitute a match except for the finals when each rink will be required to complete all its ends.**

**7. Bowls Stickers.**

If a club elects to use stickers, then all bowls used by that club must have stickers on them.

**8. Dress Code**

 Will be club attire as laid down in BQ, GDBA.

**9. Green Fees**

 Payable to own Club during round play and to the host club in the finals.

**10. Laws and Rules of the game of Bowls**

The competition must abide by the current laws of the game of Bowls in Australia and the Rules and By-laws of B.Q.

In all contentious issues the decision of the Poinciana Challenge host Club (Victoria Point Bowls Club) which is running the competition shall be final.

**11. Nomination Fee**

A nomination fee of Forty-Five (45) Dollars/club (regardless of how many sides are entered.) This shall be used to provide a suitable Flag and 15 badges for the winning Side and administration.

 **Cheques to be made payable to Victoria Point Bowls and Recreation Club. On the other hand, the amount may be credited into the Bank Account as follows: BSB No 124-025 Acct No 11508451**

**12. Determination who Plays Finals**

At the end of the Round play the Sides that are in first position in Section A & Section B shall play each other in the finals.

**Please if only 6 teams nominate, then only one (1) section of the competition will be played. The teams finishing first and second on the table at the conclusion of Round 5 shall play each other in the Final at the host club being Victoria Pt**.

Two (2) games in that particular team will qualify the player for the finals.

Positions shall be determined as follows:-

1. Overall points
2. Highest Net score of Shots
3. The aggregate shots scored against shall be divided into the aggregate shots it has scored. The sides with the highest results shall be the finalist.

**14. History of Poinciana Challenge**

2005 Belmont 2009 Mt Gravatt 2012 Manly 2015 Belmont 2018 Manly

2006 Logan City 2010 Belmont 2013 Victoria Pt 2016 Victoria Pt 2019 MT Gravatt

2007 Redland 2011 Belmont 2014 Belmont 2017 Belmont 2020 (Covid 19) N/A

2021 Victoria PT 2022 Belmont