



GDBA PENNANT COMPETITION - CONDITIONS OF PLAY – 2024

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1.0 Control.

- 1.1.** The Gateway District Bowls Association Inc. (“GDBA”) is the controlling body of the Gateway District Pennants competition. The GDBA adjudicates on any disputes relating to the Laws of the sport of bowls Crystal Mark 4th Edition, Domestic regulations, GDBA Constitution and By-laws and these conditions of play (“the competition rules”) and interprets the provisions thereof. Subject to the direction of the GDBA Board, the power to manage and adjudicate may be exercised by the GDBA Match committee (“Match Committee”) and/or the Chairman of Match (“COM”) as they may agree but, in the event of disagreement between the match committee and the COM, the Board will decide, and its decision will be final.
- 1.2.** The GDBA is empowered to rule on any matter not provided for in the competition rules and to make minor adjustments to the COPs to deal with unforeseen circumstances. The GDBA may make major adjustments to the COPs (such as adjustments which may affect the outcome of the competition) to deal with unforeseen circumstances with the agreement of a majority of the clubs entered in the competition. If major adjustments to the COPs are made, a club may withdraw its team(s) from the competition, but no refund or compensation will be payable.
- 1.3.** Subject to the direction of the GDBA or its delegate, the host Club is the controlling body on the day of the match for purposes such as allocation of rinks, conducting the toss to determine order of play, weather stoppages and delays and any other issues under the conditions of play which require immediate determination and for which it is unnecessary or impracticable to refer to the COM.
- 1.4.** A contravention of the laws and conditions mentioned above by a Club or player may result in disqualification of either or both, loss of points or the match as determined by GDBA or its delegates in clause 1.1.

2.0 Eligibility, Interchanging and Declared Players.

- 2.1.** Clubs are responsible for the eligibility of all their players competing in this Pennant competition.
- 2.2.** A player must be a financial member of a GDBA Club or a GDLBA Club at the start and duration of this event, and be registered with Bowls Queensland, (BQ), prior to the playing of the first round of this Pennant competition. (With the exception of conditions 2.4(b) and 2.4(c)).
- 2.3.** In a calendar year no player shall play in GDBA Pennant for more than one Club.
- 2.4.** Membership of another Association.
 - (a) Members of a Club in GDBA or a GDLBA Club who hold membership of a Club in another District and who have played or are playing in the current year in another Districts Pennant, (any division), are ineligible to play in GDBA.
 - (b) A member may belong to two or more Clubs in the GDBA or a GDLBA Club but is only permitted to represent the Club where the player first rolls a bowl in this Pennant competition.
 - (c) A member transferring from another State or District, having resigned from his former Club, is ineligible to play Pennant unless he is in possession of a “clearance”, and has been accepted by his/her new club and approved by the GDBA Board of Management.

(d) A player of a GDBA Club from another State may only represent that Club in this Gateway Pennant competition, provided that player has a “Pennant only” clearance from his interstate Club. He is ineligible to play in any other competition controlled by GDBA.

(e) A player must be a registered member of BowlsLink and player listings must be submitted through the BowlsLink platform.

3.0 Divisions and Structure.

3.1. The Match Committee shall determine the number of divisions. Six sides shall be consistent in all divisions.

3.2. Each side in a division shall consist of three (3) teams of four (4) players.

3.3. Female Players are ineligible to participate in Division one. (As restricted by Bowls Qld Bylaw.)

3.4. A maximum of two (2) sides per Club, in any division, is permitted.

3.5. Where a second side from the same Club is permitted in any division through promotion - demotion or at the discretion of the Match Committee, CoM or his representative. The sides shall be identified as “A” and “B”, (refer condition 4.1 promotion and demotion).

3.6. After the draw has been made, and a side withdraws from the Pennant competition, prior to the commencement of the first round of play, and the side is not replaced, the game concerned will be recorded as “byes” and no points or margins awarded. No refund of nomination fees will be made after the draw is completed.

Format.

a. Six, (6), sides in a division to play in home and away draw.

b. The games for all divisions shall consist of sixty-three (63) ends, 3 rinks playing 21 ends.

c. Play in all rounds and final rounds must be played in accordance with the conditions of play. (CoP 1.1).

4.0 Promotion and Demotion of Players.

4.1. A player having played five (5) games in the same division becomes tied to that division and cannot be demoted to a lower division but can be promoted. If the player plays five (5) or more games in a higher division(s), he shall not return to the lower division.

4.2. Note: Where a Club has two sides in any division, interchanging of players between “A” and “B” side is not permitted. The Club’s responsibility must ensure sufficient players have qualified to play finals games. In exceptional circumstances of players’ availability, the Match Committee, COM or his representative may authorise the use of another player from that Club.

5.0 Rounds Play Conditions.

5.1. The starting time of this Pennant fixture is 1.00pm. Changes to starting time, including special conditions for island Clubs, must be requested and approved by the Match Committee, COM or his representative, prior to the scheduled starting date and time.

5.2. After the starting date and time, thirty (30) minutes grace is permitted for the late arrival of a side or a player in that side.

5.3. The host Club's representative shall act as the GDBA Deputy for the day, and appoint an Umpire.

5.4. Practice at venues is permitted sixty (60) minutes prior to scheduled start time up until start time, but only on rinks allocated by the host club (which may include the playing/drawn rinks).

6.0 Finals Play Conditions.

6.1. A player maybe promoted to a higher Division during finals play.

6.2. No player may be demoted during finals play.

6.3. A player may play in only one Division during finals play.

6.4. To be eligible for finals play; a player must have played a minimum of three (3) games in the round play of that Division or three (3) games in a lower Division.

6.5. Finals in all divisions of this Pennant competition shall be played on weekends.

6.6. Finals for all divisions shall consist of 63 ends, 3 rinks playing 21 ends unless a side concedes.

6.7. At completion of round play, the team that finishes first in each division will hold the Final series for that division subject to the greens being acceptable to the Match Committee.

6.8. In determining the winners of each Division:

a. First placed side goes directly to the final.

b. The second placed side plays the third placed side.

c. The winner of second placed side and third placed side is the second finalist.

d. The winner of the final is declared the 2023 Pennant Champions.

6.9. If two or more sides are equal on match points, the finals positions are determined as follows:

a. Total match points

b. Highest net score of shots, (i.e Margin).

c. The aggregate shots scored for shall be divided by the aggregate shots scored

against. The side with the highest percentage result shall be a finalist. (Law 27.4).

6.10 If scores are equal at the completion of the finals matches, (21 ends per side), an extra end or ends shall be played by all rinks to determine the result. (Law 28.1).

6.11. Forfeit: Until a result is determined, all players in a side shall remain at the venue whilst the match is in progress. A side failing to comply with this condition will be disqualified unless a player is injured, sick or a player is called out in case of an emergency.

6.12. All green fees for finals currently shall be no more than \$15.00 per person per game and paid to the host club. Green fees for finals are reviewed annually at the GDBA June Council meeting.

6.13. Finals play is subject to date and time change.

6.14. If there are insufficient bowlers available to fill all sides entered by a competing club, the lowest numbered side shall be the side that withdraws. After the first round of play, a club chooses to withdraw a side from this pennant competition, the side that the club withdraws shall be the lowest numbered side from that club.

7.0. Scoring

7.1. The side scoring the highest number of shots in each match at the end of play shall be the winner.

7.2. In all semi finals and finals, if overall scores are tied an extra end shall be played by each team until a winner is declared.

7.3. The position of sides in a Division will be determined by awarding the following points for each Match of each round.

7.3.1. Six (6) Match points for the side with the highest aggregate shots plus two(2) Match points per winning rink (one(1) point each for a drawn rink).

7.3.2. Zero (0) Match points for the side with the lowest aggregate shots plus two (2) Match points per winning rink (one(1) point each for a drawn rink).

7.3.3. Three (3) Match point for each side if the aggregate shots are equal plus two (2) Match points per winning rink (one(1) point each for a drawn rink).

7.3.4. Where a side has been allocated a "Bye", no Match point will be awarded and no shots for and against recorded.

7.4. At the completion of any round, the relative position of the sides will be determined in decreasing order by:

7.4.1.1 If the Maximum Aggregate Match Points are equal, then the Maximum Aggregate Margin will be the difference between total shot for and total shots against. If then equal, the "total shots against" each side shall be divided by " the total shots for" each side. The

team with the highest result shall be declared the higher ranked side.

7.5. If a side is disqualified, forfeits or withdraws after the draw, the opposing side shall be awarded the match and receive twelve(12) points for a win and a shot margin equal to the average of net shots margin recorded in all matches played in that round in that Division. The offending side shall receive no points and be debited with a shots margin equal to that credited to their opponents.

8.0. Movement and Positions of Players During Games.

8.1.0. Players are allowed to walk up to the head as follows:

8.1.1. Leads and seconds – After the seconds have bowled their second bowl. (Appendix A4.1).

8.1.2. Thirds – After they have bowled their second bowl.

8.1.3. Skips – After every bowl.

8.1.4. The skip, without wasting time, may call any player to the head at any time during play.

8.2.0. Position of players. (Law 12 & 13).

8.2.1. Players at the mat end of the rink, not delivering a bowl, are required to stand one, (1), metre behind the mat.

8.2.2. Other than the members of a side directing the head, other players must stand a minimum of two (2) metres behind the head or on the bank.

8.3. Delayed Play.

8.3.1. If the Umpire, observes or receives an appeal from one of the skips, and decides a player is deliberately delaying play (Appendix A.5):

- a. On the first occasion the Umpire will warn the player.
- b. Committing the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in play by the opponent.
- c. If the player offends a third time, the game will be forfeited to the opponent.

9.0. Promotion - Demotion – (Grading and Nomination of Clubs).

9.1. Promotion: Pennant Champions from Division 2 and below are to be promoted to the next highest Division the following year.

Demotion: A side finishing in last position in any division, excepting the lowest division, is to be demoted the following year. Should Promotion – Demotion not be possible the match committee, COM or his representative will finalise an appropriate solution.

9.2. The District Secretary or the Match Committee shall advise Clubs of the overall results of this Pennant competition by 1st December each year.

9.3. Nominations close in May each year and the nomination form is to be completed, signed and forwarded to the GDBA Secretary by the closing date. The nomination fee is to be paid directly into the GDBA bank account as indicated on the nomination form.

10.0. Side Manager.

10.1. The manager of a side, appointed by their Club, shall be a financial member of that Club. The manager, at each Pennant game, in conjunction with the visiting manager attends the drawing of rinks, completion of cards, toss for the side's possession of the mat and attend the completion of the Pennant result sheet. When certified, the managers, as soon as possible after the completion of play, and by the home club, are to ensure the results are recorded in Bowlslink.

10.2.

Side managers shall ensure the practice ends, (under their control and not that of the umpire), are completed early to allow the game to commence at the scheduled starting time. The manager is the Club representative in matters concerning the playing of the match, notwithstanding the duties of the umpire. The host Club's manager and the visiting manager are to be in attendance at least 45 minutes before play commences. In the event that a visiting side manager is late another member of that side may be substituted.

10.3. The host Clubs must provide a master scoreboard and are responsible for the scores to be updated at regular intervals. Rink scoreboards should show the "home side" on the left of the upper section. The host Club is responsible for arranging the umpire for each game. Electronic score screens shall display scores in "parallel" format with the home side on the left and the visiting side on the right.

10.4. Cards must be kept in the safe custody of the Host Club's Games Director, or his representative until the results of the Pennant round are declared by the GDBA Match Committee, CoM or his representative.

11.0. Interruptions to Play - (Play not completed).

11.1. In the event of inclement weather, or other justifiable cause which prevents the commencement of play, the games affected will be deemed a tie and six points awarded to each side.

11.2. A match stopped and not completed in round play, the match being stopped shall be deemed complete if 40 ends or more has been played. Points are awarded on a match win and rink win basis.

11.3. If a match or matches are stopped and cannot be re-scheduled in a round play with less than 40 ends played, then the overall result shall be deemed a tie.

11.4. In the event that a round is cancelled, then zero (0) points will be awarded to all sides. (B.Q. weather policy).

11.5. Stoppages.

After the game has commenced, and excessive weather conditions prevail:

- a. A side may appeal to the Umpire, who will liaise with the host Club's duty manager and discuss what action is necessary.
- b. The host Club may stop the game if they consider it is being played in adverse conditions, damaging greens, or with their "duty of care", to protect the wellbeing of players.

11.6. When a match is cancelled in round play, the Match Committee, CoM or his representative may permit such games to be replayed if there is agreement between both Clubs that the games can be completed before the scheduled commencement date and time of the finals.

12.0. Attire.

12.1. All Pennant players and managers must be dressed in correct attire, compliant with GDBA By-laws and conditions of play.

12.2. All Club uniforms shall be worn and be registered with, and, approved by the GDBA, and must bear the B.A. (Bowls Australia) logo.

12.3. Mufti clothing is not permitted.

13.0. Miscellaneous Items.

13.1. The date of commencement of the Pennant season shall be on or near the first Saturday in July each year.

13.2. Entry fees for round play shall be determined at the June GDBA Council meeting each calendar year.

13.3. Round play: Green fees for round play shall be paid to the players Club.

13.4. Finals: Green fees, (CoP 6.13)

13.5. Provision of National Accredited Umpire is the host Club Games Director or his representative responsibility. The Umpire's name shall be announced before play commences, (Law 43). Should a Club be unable to supply an Umpire they may contact another Clubs or the District Umpires Committee for assistance.

13.6. An accredited coach must inform the Umpire of his name and the player, side or side he intends to coach thirty minutes(30) prior to the start of the match.

13.7. Junior male and female bowlers, financial members of a GDBA Club or a GDLBA Club , registered with B.Q, are permitted to play Pennant matches. A parent or guardian must accompany a junior, except when a registered Blue Card Holder accepts responsibility for a junior bowler.

13.8. When a player uses a bowling arm; the player must continue to use the bowling arm for the rest of the game. The player using a bowling arm may deliver the jack without using the arm. Contravening this policy may result in the player being disqualified and the side finishing the game with three players. In the event that a player is disqualified, (DR 2.6.1) shall apply.

13.9. In compliance with smoking regulations, players must adhere to DSOA & NOSA of the host club.

13.10. During play the use of electronic devices by players and spectators is not permitted within six (6) metres of the green. Except “on call” emergency personnel, who shall notify the Umpire before the start of play.

13.11. A side using temporary adhesive markings is required to have them attached in the same manner on all bowls in use by every member of that side. (A large ring and small dot. (Law 52.1.8 & Dr 4.7).

13.12. No afternoon tea break shall be taken. Host Clubs may provide refreshments at the end of play.

14.0. Greens.

14.1. Clubs are to select their best greens and rinks for Pennant play. Preferred “speed of the green” for ambient weather conditions is 14 – 16 seconds.

14.2. Width of greens shall not be less than 4.3m and not more than 5.8m. (Law 49.1.2).

14.3. On synthetic covered greens artificial lighting is permitted. On uncovered, artificial and grass greens, artificial lighting may be used to assist the completion of play.

14.4. Host Clubs are required to have their greens prepared and available for practise one (1) hour before the scheduled starting time.

14.5. Social play should not be played on a green selected for use in a Pennant round; unless there is a minimum of one rink buffer between pennant and social play.

15.0 Pennant Colours

Division one: Purple

Division two: Navy

Division three: Red

Division four: Green

Division five: Gold

Division six: Light blue

Division seven: Mid brown

Division eight: Maroon

Division nine: White

Division ten:

Division eleven:

16.0 Awards.

16.1. The GDBA shall award a Pennant flag to the winning Club of each Division in the colour referenced in clause 15, CoP, above, and, a badge to each of sixteen (16) players of each Division.

17.0 Score Cards and Results.

17.1. Score cards are to be completed front and back and signed with time recorded at the completion of each match.

- 17.2. After signing, scorecards are to be delivered to the games manager.
- 17.3. Should a mistake occur, and the opponents disagree then the umpire shall adjudicate.
- 17.4. Thence, if no resolution is agreed, the end where the mistake occurred shall be declared a “nil score” and the scorecards amended accordingly.
- 17.5. Side Managers are required to complete and sign off on the match result sheet. Visiting Side Manager must check, confirm and countersign the match result sheets. Visiting Manager is to receive a copy of the completed match result sheets. Completed match result sheets and score cards are to be retained by the competing clubs. These records are to be retained and may be provided as evidence in the event of a dispute over match results. Prior to match day, both home and visiting clubs are required to enter their pennant sides into Bowlslink.
- 17.6 The Home Club is responsible for entering the Pennant results into the Bowlslink system, including swapping any away side rinks to match the drawn rinks. Certified results are to be entered into the Bowlslink system no later than 7:30pm on match day. If the Host Club fails to finalise the results within 24 hours after the completion of the match, no match points will be awarded until the results are entered. Visiting Clubs will not be disadvantaged if the Host Clubs fail to finalise the match results. In the event of an unfinished match the results sheet must show scores and number of ends played by each side when played stopped.

Assistance is available via GDBA Bowlslink Co-ordinator Mr David Chattin Ph 0433 592 858, email bowlslink@gatewaybowls.org.au, or, COM Mr Bill Harrison Ph 0428 508 493, email match@gatewaybowls.org.au.

- 17.7. Progressive and final results of the Pennant competition can be viewed via Bowlslink Results.

18.0 Finals Play Schedule.

Final series shall be played as follows:

- a. First placed goes directly to Final----- 8th Sept 2024
- b. Second and Third placed play in Semi Final ----- 7th Sept 2024
- c. Winner of Second and Third placed goes to Final ----- 8th Sept 2024
- d. Winner of the Final is declared Pennant Champions 2024.