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BOWLS VICTORIA

TUESDAY METROPOLITAN PENNANT

All members participating in Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant must be affiliated members of Bowls Victoria.

Bowls Victoria recommend all players seek their own medical advice relevant to their specific state of health as to the risks of playing bowls in extreme heat. Further information can be sourced from Sports Medicine Australia at www.sma.org.au

Clubs with fines outstanding to Bowls Victoria (VLBA or RVBA) are ineligible to submit entries for the Bowls Victoria Tuesday Metropolitan Pennant Competition.

Please note that whilst these guidelines refer to Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant this should also be read as general guidelines for midweek Country DLBA Pennant. We are aware of the varying conditions in country areas which make it necessary for the Controlling Body to change the conditions of play. This is acceptable providing the Country District Association always abides by the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

PENNANT WELCOME

When more than one side is playing at a Club, the response to the welcome is done by the President of the Club, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Senior Side and introduced by the Secretary and if not present, by the Senior Side Captain. Should there be no Executive Member in the visiting Senior Side, the response to the welcome would be made by the Senior Side Captain. In every case it is the Senior Side who responds to the welcome on behalf of all visiting Pennant Sides.

8.1 TROPHIES: Divisional Winners & Runners-up will receive large plaques to be presented at the venue on completion of the match. All Section Winners will receive small plaques.

8.2 PRIZE MONEY: The following prize money will be paid to Division winners:

Tuesday Division 1 Winner \$200

Tuesday Divisions 2 - 4 Winner \$100

Tuesday Division 5 Winner \$75

8.3 BOWLS VICTORIA METROPOLITAN TUESDAY PENNANT COMPETITION 2010/2011

(a) All results sheets for the Metropolitan Pennant matches **must be posted to the Bowls Victoria Office, PO Box 6080, Hawthorn West, 3122 at the completion of the match. Envelopes should be clearly marked 'Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Competition'.** The Senior Side Captain of the home side must telephone the results to **their Bowls Victoria Official Representative by 4:15 pm.**

(b) **Identification Discs – Pennant.** Club coloured discs may be used for the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Competition. **All teams in a side must use the same discs.** Clubs may use their coloured discs provided that where opponents are using the same coloured discs, the Home Side shall remove their discs.

All discs shall be identical in colour/s on both sides of each bowl.

(c) **Club coloured discs may be used for all Pennant finals.**

8.4 KEEPING OF PENNANT SCOREBOARDS

The Seconds of home teams are responsible for keeping the scoreboards. After every second end only the score as it then stands, as shown on both scorecards, should be showing and the number of ends so that skips or teams can follow exact scores in the progress of a match. Home side scores should be on the left of score-board.

8.5 METROPOLITAN PENNANT

(a) This competition shall be open to all affiliated Metropolitan Clubs.

(b) The total number of sides a Club may enter shall be limited only by the number of rinks available for its use.

8.6 COMPOSITION OF PENNANT SIDES

- (a) Prior to commencement of each season, promotion and regression of sides shall be made according to final sectional positions in the previous season. All Section winners and runners-up shall be promoted to the next highest Division, where practical. All Section two lowest placings shall regress to the next lowest Division. **The number of promotions and regressions shall be determined by Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee.**
- (b) (i) Entries from any club of more than one side in the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant competition shall be accepted subject to the following conditions: A Club's second & subsequent sides shall be graded in numerical sequence as 2, 3, 4, etc., in order of their division & where a Club has more than one side in a division, such sides shall be graded in the order of the sectional draw.
(ii) If there are insufficient players available to fill all sides entered by the Club in the pennant competition the lowest numbered side shall be the side which forfeits. **A penalty shall apply. Refer 8.12 (c).**
- (c) Sides shall consist of 12 players.
- (d) Prior to the last four rounds of Sectional play, there shall be no restriction on the interchange of players between sides of a Club.
- (e) For the last four rounds of Sectional play, no side shall include more than three players who have played the majority of their games during the season in a higher graded side.
- (f) After Round 14 of the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant new members may be granted permission to play after consultation with the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee.

8.7 CHANGING SCHEDULED DAY OF PLAY

The Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee may grant permission, on application, for competing Clubs to play a scheduled Tuesday Pennant game on a Wednesday only, in special circumstances. Application must be made in writing to the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee **at least four (4) weeks prior** to the scheduled game.

If approval is granted to play a scheduled Tuesday Pennant game on a Wednesday, both competing Clubs must provide agreement to the rescheduling, in writing, to the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee prior to the game.

Any approval granted to play a Pennant game on a Wednesday will be deemed to be part of that scheduled Tuesday Round of play and if that game be abandoned the game can not be played on any other occasion.

Note: All Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Rules apply to these games.

8.8 TIMING OF GREENS

Timing of greens must be carried out prior to the start of play by the nominated Umpire for the day in conjunction with the Senior visiting Side Captain or nominated representative.

8.9 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- (a) Late Appearance - Refer Laws of the Sport of Bowls 46.2. Thirty minutes grace from the starting time is to be permitted, after which Laws of the Sport of Bowls 46.2 applies.
- (b) Except where the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee deem it expedient to arrange otherwise, each side in a section shall be drawn to play every other side in that section twice, once on each side's home green. **Clubs are not permitted to reverse the draw without the permission of the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee.**
- (c) TOSSING FOR OPENING PLAY - The captains in a side game shall toss to decide which side shall play first, the winner of the toss to have the option of decision.
- (d) TRIAL ENDS – Before start of play in any game, or on the resumption of an unfinished competition or game on another day, the Controlling Body may permit one trial end each way using as many bowls as will be used in the game. **Trial ends shall commence at 10:10am and must be completed before designated commencement time of 10.30am.**

- (e) **Bell to commence play no later than 10.30am. Bell at 12.30 pm for lunch and bell again to resume play at 1pm.** Play will terminate at 4pm.
- (f) Each team shall play 25 ends. If 25 ends are not played eight (8) points to each side is scored, subject to **Rule 8.14(d) (i)**.
- (g) SIGNING OF SCORE CARDS - Prior to handing the card to the Side Captain, it is the responsibility of the Second to check the card to ensure that the score is correct and the number of ends required have been played. The Skip then records on the card the time that the game finished, and signs it. (Refer Laws of the Sport of Bowls 37.3(1). Once the card is signed, the result of the match shall be final and binding.
- (h) WITHDRAWALS OR FORFEITS - If any club in the Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Competition fails to fulfil their commitment to the competition and withdraws after the Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant draw has been completed, the following shall apply:
 - (i) **Withdrawal at any time - \$440**
 - (ii) **First walkover/forfeit - \$25.00**
 - (iii) **Second walkover/forfeit - \$25**
 - (iv) **Third walkover/forfeit - \$50**
 - (v) **Fourth and subsequent walkover/forfeit - \$100**
 - (vi) **Clause 8.12(d) shall also apply).**
- (i) Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant is played under Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations.

8.10 REPLACEMENTS & SUBSTITUTES – BEFORE AND AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY

Changes to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls from September 2006, provide for side teams to play one member short in each team if necessary without forfeiting the game.

Laws of the Sport of Bowls 46.2.2 In a Side game, page 63 – If, within 30 minutes after the scheduled start time for a game, one player is absent from one or more teams in a side, the game should continue but:

- The number of bowls played by each defaulting team should be made up by the lead and second, both playing three bowls; and
- One fourth of the total shots scored (including decimal places) by each defaulting team should be deducted from their score after the game has finished.

Changes to the Domestic Laws also provide for replacements players as well as substitutes.

There are different conditions applicable to each category and these are detailed in Laws of the Sport of Bowls, DR 4 (pages 88 & 89), 4.1, 1 – 26.

It is essential that Clubs' Selection Committees and Side Captains are aware of ALL requirements of these Laws. Any queries should be resolved in consultation with the Umpire.

Whenever possible, replacement players or substitutes for a Clubs higher numbered side should be taken from its lower ranking sides.

8.11 SIDE CAPTAINS DUTIES

**The side captain should be at the venue 30 minutes before the commencement of trial ends for the exchange of cards and the allocation of rinks.
Timing of the greens must be carried out prior to the start of play by the nominated Umpire for the day in conjunction with the Senior visiting Side Captain or nominated representative.**

The captains in a side game shall toss to decide which side shall play first, the winner of the toss to have the option of decision.

- (a) In any inclement weather situation Side Captains should consult with their teams Skips, then, if the Side Captains are in agreement they may decide to interrupt or continue play. Failing an agreement, either Side Captain, or both, shall call the Umpire **who must make a decision**. It is an Umpires duty to act as an impartial advisor and arbitrator of a competition. It is their duty and obligation to perform with accuracy, consistency, objectivity and the highest sense of integrity (from the Official's Code of Ethics).
- (b) Appointed Side Captains are in complete control of their respective side, and are not subordinate to

- any other senior Side Captain.
- (c) Side Captains are not permitted to be the appointed Umpire of the day or the Measurer.
 - (d) The decision as to which of the home rinks are to be used by the respective divisions playing on any particular day, shall be made by the Side Captain of the highest graded side playing at home, unless the Green Director has already allotted the rinks to be used by each side. Where Pennant sides need to be separated onto two greens the rinks in play must be numbered consecutively.
 - (e) The draw for the opponents of each team shall be decided jointly by the opposing and home Side Captain, who shall exchange cards and then shuffle them. The cards of one side shall then be placed separately names downward, by one Side Captain, and the cards of the other side placed one on each.
 - (f) The draw for the rink on which the teams shall play will be made by the Side Captains and placed on the cards as recently drawn. Teams must play on rinks as drawn, taking note that opposition names are as written on the card. A penalty shall apply – one point shall be given to each Side.
 - (g) Side Captains shall complete all details required on the Pennant Forms, sign and add their telephone numbers.
 - (h) Each Club shall arrange for results of all matches played to be entered on the prescribed form. The Senior Side Captain of the home Club shall ensure this is posted immediately at the conclusion of the match to Bowls Victoria Office.
 - (i) The name and telephone number of the Umpire of the day shall be written on the Pennant result form.
 - (j) The Senior Side Captain of the home side shall telephone the Pennant results before 4:15pm to their Bowls Victoria Official Representative.

8.12 METHOD OF SCORING

- (a) The order of the sides in each section shall be determined by the total points gained by each side. Points shall be allotted as follows:
 - o Ten (10) points for each Win plus two (2) points for each winning rink
 - o Sixteen (16) points for a Forfeit
 - o Sixteen (16) points for a Bye

Unless the majority of all games, including forfeits, in any section are completed, all sides in that section will receive eight (8) points. Sides who have a Bye shall receive sixteen (16) points.

- (b) Clubs are required to furnish a return for each Side in order to receive the allotted points. Clubs must furnish a return on the day of receiving a Bye or a Forfeit or giving of a Forfeit. Players listed on the return cannot participate in any other side on this day. **Please Note: Results on Scoresheets, signed by both Side Captains, will stand.**
- (c) **Forfeit prior to Commencement of a game:**
In the event of a Forfeit being given prior to commencement of game, the side receiving the Forfeit shall be allotted sixteen (16) points for a win with a margin of 10 shots credited.
- (d) The side giving the Forfeit shall have 10 shots debited against it.
- (e) **Forfeit after Commencement of a Game:**
In the event of a forfeit being given after the commencement of the game, the side receiving the forfeit shall be allotted sixteen (16) points for a win with the margin of shots credited to it. The side giving the forfeit shall have the margin of shots debited against it.
- (f) In the event of two or more sides in a section having the same number of points, their order shall be determined by the difference between the shots "for" and "against" each Side. If these be equal, Sides shall play off.
- (g) Should the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee abandon all play due to Inclement Weather conditions, **NO** points shall be awarded.

If a game is terminated clubs must submit a fully completed return.

8.13 PENALTIES

- (a) **Unaffiliated players –**
 - (i) If an unaffiliated player is named in a winning side the penalty shall be no win and loss of all points with shots reversed.
 - (ii) If an unaffiliated player is named in a losing side the penalty shall be minus ten (10) points and any rink wins.

(b) **Protests** – Loss of points/shots as determined by the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee.

8.14 PROCEDURE IN INCLEMENT WEATHER

- (a) (i) The Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee shall be the only authority for determining prior to the day on which matches are to be played, whether or not all play shall be abandoned for that Round. When play is abandoned due to inclement weather, each Metropolitan Club Secretary will be advised by their Bowls Victoria Official Representative before 8.00am on the day of the match.
- (ii) If the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee have not determined that play be abandoned, each Club's Green Director or their deputy shall be the sole authority in determining whether play may be commenced on the Club's green (ie due to heavy rain etc).
- (iii) If a decision NOT TO COMMENCE PLAY is reached before the arrival of the visiting side or sides, such decisions shall be promptly telephoned to the Club or Clubs concerned by Club Secretary or appropriate person who has been notified of the decision.
- (iv) If the Melbourne City temperature given by the Melbourne Weather Bureau open line (1196) is 34°C or over **at any time** during a Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant match **ALL** Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant matches shall be officially abandoned. No points awarded to any Club. Both Side Captains may ring the weather bureau open line on 1196
- (b) When play for the day has commenced and has been stopped owing to inclement weather, it shall not be resumed if the Green Director or his deputy declares the green unfit for play, but if otherwise, the Side Captains shall decide whether to resume or not. Refer Laws of the Sport of Bowls 50.1, 50.2 & 50.3. Failing an agreement, the decision shall rest with the Umpire.
- (c) The umpire shall on appeal by the opponent(s) or the accredited representatives of her Club on whose green the match is being played, **must make a decision** and has the authority to:
- (i) Decide if a match shall be stopped because of inclement weather (ie. excessive heat, cold, wind, or bad light).
- (ii) Grant or refuse for it to start again, if a match be stopped for any reasonable cause.
- (iii) If a match has been stopped by the Umpire because of inclement weather or other justifiable cause, the score cards of both sides must be retained by the teams. When the match is resumed it shall be continued with the scores as they were when the match was stopped & with the same personnel except for the inclusion of a substitute. (Refer Laws of the Sport of Bowls 50.1, 50.2 & 50.3)
- (iv) Any game not commenced by 12.15pm shall be abandoned. Trial ends must be completed before this time.
- (d) (i) If the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee has not determined that all play shall be abandoned for the day and owing to inclement weather the Pennant match is abandoned, it shall count as a tie. If the scores are such that one side must win the match if all the remaining ends had been played, that Club shall be awarded the match with the scores as at the time of abandonment, **subject to 8.12(e)**.
- (ii) If a Pennant match has been delayed or interrupted by inclement weather, and has not been completed, abandoned or terminated prior to 4pm, it shall be terminated upon the completion of any end or ends in play at 4pm. The result shall be in accordance with **Rule 8.14(d)(i)**.

8.15 PLAY OFFS AND POST SECTIONAL MATCHES (KNOCK-OUT)

- (a) It is advisable for Clubs to include at least one eligible emergency player for all Post Sectional matches.
- (b) To be eligible for Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Post Sectional games a player must have played a minimum of four (4) home and away games in the current pennant season. Applications for exemption must be made in writing to the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee.
- (c) A side shall not include in any post-sectional match, players who during the current season have played in eight matches or more (whether completed or not) in any higher graded side or sides unless they have also played eight matches (whether completed or not) in the side concerned and/or any lower graded side or sides. The same restrictions shall apply whether a Club has more than one side in a division (grading being determined according to side numbering).
- (d) If a Club is not certain of having sufficient available members who are eligible under Clause (b)

an application for permission to play another (nominated) member (or members), if necessary, may be made to the Pennant Committee, which, if it grants permission, may specify the position (or positions) to be occupied.

(e) Section winners in each division shall play knock-out games on neutral greens, where possible, to determine the divisional winner, as determined by the blind draw. **In the event of a tie in any such game the opponents shall toss and a further end or ends shall be played by each team to obtain a winner.**

(f) On score cards, pennant return forms & scoreboards, the home side shall be the section number appearing first in the pennant play-off draw.

(g) Bowls Victoria advise clubs to appoint a non-playing Side Captain who must also do the progressive score board. The Home Side is always on the left hand side of boards, and score cards, as advised by the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Chairman.

(h) If a post-sectional (knock-out) match be incomplete, it shall be played or completed under such conditions as the Bowls Victoria Metropolitan Tuesday Pennant Committee shall decide. **NOTE:** No time limit applies for the completion of Post-Sectional matches. **Heat Rule: If the Melbourne City temperature given by the weather bureau open line (☎1196) is 34° Celsius the game/s in progress shall be stopped. The game/s will be continued at a time and place as determined by the Controlling Body with the scores as they were at the time of the stoppage.**

Winners of Pennant Divisions wishing to purchase their own flags must first seek approval from the Bowls Victoria. **"Bowls Victoria" is not permitted on these flags.**

(i) If due to inclement weather or other reason a play-of or post sectional game is incomplete, the result shall be decided in accordance with the aggregate scores as follows:

- (i) If not less than 45 ends have been completed in a side of twelve Pennant match, or 30 ends for a side of eight Pennant match, the match shall be decided in accordance with the aggregate scores at that stage.
- (ii) If fewer than the previously specified number of ends have been played the match shall be abandoned and deemed to be a tie.
- (iii) In the case of Pennant finals, the game shall be resumed at a date and venue decided by the Pennant Committee, with the scores and cards as they were at the time of the abandonment.