

Guide to Eligibility for Finals in Metropolitan Pennant



Ahead of the 2019-2020 Metropolitan Pennant Finals, this is a guide for Clubs regarding eligibility of their players. If there is any doubt about the eligibility of a player, then the Club should contact the Metropolitan Pennant Executive for clarification.

Metropolitan Pennant Executive:

<https://www.bowlsvic.org.au/about-us/committees/metropolitan-pennant-executive/>

Conditions of Play 22 outlines the “interchanging of a player between sides in finals” and the number of games a player has played are those that have been entered in games on the Bowlslink system.

NOTE: Where Clubs had a BYE or gave / awarded a WALKOVER / FORFEIT they are expected to submit their intended side. Only sides submitted will be taken into account when determining the eligibility of players.

The following are scenarios that Clubs may use to determine the eligibility of players.

Scenarios:

A Club has 5 sides entered in Metro Pennant. It has 1 in Premier (No 1), 1 in Div 1 (No 2), 1 in Div 3 (No 3), and 2 in Div 5 (No 4 & 5).

Player A has played 2 games in the club’s No 3 side and 1 in side 5.

- They **are not eligible** to play in Post-Sectional games (22.1) unless MPE gives approval for them to play in No 5 side (22.6).

Player B has played 10 games in the No 2 side, 5 games in No 3 side and 3 games in the No 4 side.

- They **are eligible** to play in Div 3 (No 3 side) and above (22.2).

Player C has played 5 games in the No 3 side, 8 games in the No 4 side and 2 games in the No 5 side.

- They **are not eligible** to play in the No 5 side in finals, but can play in any other side (22.2)

Player D has played 2 games in Premier, 9 games in the No 2 side and 5 games in the No 3 side.

- They **are eligible** to play finals in Div 3 and above (22.2)

In addition to the above scenarios where a Club has consecutive numbered sides playing in Finals on the same day the following is possible.

Player E has played 15 games in No 3 side and has not played the 4 games in the No 4 side to qualify for finals in that side.

- For the first day of finals only if sides 3 & 4 are playing on the same day, Player E can play in No 4 side (22.3 or 22.4) which then qualifies that player to play the entire final series in the No 4 side.

However, should Player E later be promoted to a higher side at any time in that finals series that player forfeits his qualification to play in the No 4 side for the rest of the finals series. For weekend pennant 2 players per side can qualify in a lower consecutive numbered side only under this ruling.

NOTE: The seniority of sides is dependent on the number of the side. The eligibility of players is determined by the sides they have played in, NOT the Division.