

# LOWER MURRAY BOWLING ASSOCIATION

## CONDITIONS OF PENNANT and TOURNAMENT PLAY

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### 1. Pennant Matches

All Pennant matches shall be under the control of the Association. No Club may compete in the Pennant competition unless it conforms to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 4th Edition, April 2023 and conducted in accordance with the rules and by-laws of Bowls SA.

Mobile Phones are not permitted to be used on the green.

#### 1.1 Eligibility.

A registered member of a Member Club shall be permitted to play for only one Member Club in any one season, except where a clearance from one Club to another has been approved by Bowls SA. In Pennants, where a combined side is entered by two or more clubs, registered members of those clubs may play for the combined side as original members. The title of such side shall be determined by the Clubs concerned but shall NOT be the name of only one of those Clubs.

#### 1.2 Programme

The Pennant programmes for the ensuing year shall be determined by the Pennant Programme Coordinators who must then present it to the Executive Committee of the Association. It shall be drawn up in accordance with the LMBA Rules and Regulations.

All Pennant competitions shall be programmed as home and away matches. The first mentioned Club in the programme shall be the home Club on the first date and the away Club on the second date with the exception of when the whole of a Division is scheduled to play at the same venue on the same day.

No Club should have consecutive byes in Saturday Pennant Divisions 1, 2 or 3.

All Saturday Pennant Division 2 and 3 games shall be played in the same time frame as Division 1.

The Pennant Programme Committee shall schedule dates for a four week (3 Saturdays) Xmas break.

Saturday Pennants shall be played over 18 rounds.

All finals for Saturday Pennant shall be played over 3 weekends - Semi Finals Saturday week 1, Preliminary Finals Saturday week 2 and Grand Finals on Saturday of week 3.

The Executive Committee shall put forward the draw from the Pennant Programme Committee for the upcoming season to all Clubs for review. The Executive Committee in conjunction with Pennant Programme Coordinators are then responsible for addressing concerns raised by Clubs before a final draw is issued.

#### 1.3 Programme Booklets

Pennant and Tournament Programme including the LMBA Conditions of Pennant and Tournament Play, the LMBA By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of the LMBA will be available on the LMBA Website.

#### 1.4 Number of Pennant Competitions

Separate Pennant competitions shall be programmed for Saturdays (hereunder referred to as Saturday Pennant), Wednesdays (hereinafter referred to as Wednesday Pennant) and Thursdays (hereunder referred to as Thursday Pennant).

#### 1.5 Pennant Permits

A member of a Member Club which does not compete in Wednesday Pennant shall be eligible to apply for a permit from the LMBA Executive Committee to play in the Wednesday Pennant competition for another Member Club.

A member of a Member Club which does not compete in Thursday Pennant shall be eligible to apply for a permit from the LMBA Executive Committee to play in the Thursday Pennant competition for another Member Club.

#### 1.6 Number of Divisions

The Divisions for Saturday Pennant shall be known as Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3.

There shall be one Division for each of Wednesday Pennant and Thursday Pennant.

##### 1.6.1 A Club must apply to the LMBA to change teams from one Division to another.

This change will be voted on by delegates at a delegates meeting at the start of the season where the program is ratified.

#### 1.7 Composition of Pennant Sides

##### Wednesday Pennant

This competition will be a men only competition with women playing as opposite gender players.

Each side shall comprise three teams of three players (triples) with each player playing 2 bowls.

### **Thursday Pennant**

This competition will be a women only competition with men playing as opposite gender players

Each side shall comprise three teams of four players (fours) with each player playing 2 bowls.

**Saturday Pennant** - Division 1 and Division 2 sides shall comprise three teams of four players and Division 3 sides shall comprise two teams of four players.

Each player shall play 2 bowls.

### **1.8 Number of Ends**

**Wednesday Pennant** – All teams to play 21 ends with a 10 minute break after the 11th end for each rink.

**Thursday Pennant** – All teams to play 21 ends with a 30 minute lunch break after the 11th end for each rink, unless – HEAT POLICY Rule 1.29.6 has been applied.

**Saturday Pennant** - All teams to play 21 ends with a compulsory 10 minute break to be taken after the 11th end for each rink.

### **1.9 Starting Times of Matches**

Should a side fail to appear at the appointed time for any Pennant match, or within 30 minutes thereof, the opposing side, if ready to commence play, shall be awarded the match with points and shots as applicable to a forfeit.

**Wednesday and Saturday Pennant** - Roll up for all Divisions playing during the day on a Saturday or a Wednesday shall commence by 1.00pm with the start of play by 1.15pm. If a match has not been completed by 7.00pm, it shall be deemed to be completed if the number of ends as prescribed in Rule 1.27.6 have been played, or otherwise shall be abandoned, at the completion of any ends in play at 7.00pm but not replayed if the end becomes dead.

**Thursday Pennant** – Matches shall commence by 10.00am. If a match has not been completed by 3.00pm, it shall be deemed to be completed if the number of ends as prescribed in Rules 1.27.6 have been played, or otherwise shall be abandoned, at the completion of any ends in play at 3.00pm but not replayed if the end becomes dead.

### **1.10 Draw for Rinks and Opponents**

In all pennant matches the draw for rinks and opponents shall be made by the opposing representatives who shall exchange score cards (without rink numbers shown thereon). The cards shall be shuffled and the cards of one side are placed separately and face downwards. The other representative then places a card on each and, with the cards still face downwards, the rinks are allotted. The representatives then toss a coin to decide which side will play first.

Where only one side manager is present 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time, that side manager may allot the rinks so that their side can complete their trial ends within the time permitted.

Where both sides have equal number of teams of only three players, those teams shall be drawn together.

Any additional three member teams shall be drawn with the remaining four member teams.

The draw for opponents and rinks shall be drawn separately for each of these groups in the manner described above.

### **1.11 Player Position**

No changes to player positions shall be permitted before the commencement of play once the draw for rinks has been made, except for physical disablement, where permission must be sought from the opposing Side Manager and Umpire of the Day.

Any Club failing to adhere to this rule shall have the game awarded to the opposing side in accordance with Rule 1.24.

### **1.12 Trial Ends**

Two trial ends are permitted on the rink drawn with the number of bowls to be used in the match and the trial ends must be completed prior to the scheduled starting time of the match.

Players are not permitted to practise on the day of a Pennant match on any rinks on which their side is scheduled to play on that day. Practise may take place for that Division on the rinks not allocated for play prior to the starting time for normal roll-up.

### **1.13 Death of a Player**

In the event of the death, or apparent death, of a player after arrival at a venue Club, either on the green or within the Club premises, the match shall be abandoned and Rules 1.26.3 shall apply.

### **1.14 Alternative Greens**

If a Club whose greens have been declared unfit for Pennant play uses the greens of another Club, the first mentioned Club shall negotiate the payment of green fees with the host Club.

### **1.15 Scoring of Match Results**

Points allocated for Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday Pennant shall be as per the following schedule:

	Three Team Sides	Two Team Sides
Side Win	6	4
Side Draw	3	2
Team/Rink Win	2	2
Team/Rink Draw	1	1
<b>Maximum Points</b>		
For Winning Side	12	8

A side receiving a forfeit from its programmed opponent shall be awarded points and shots as prescribed in Rule 1.24.

Section Pennant winners and rankings shall be determined according to the total points scored and, in the event two or more sides have equal points, shots up shall decide. If points and shots up are equal, the side with the least shots scored against it shall rank higher.

### **1.16 Result Sheets**

The Host Club is responsible for recording the results in Bowlslink and the Visiting Club shall finalise the result in Bowlslink indicating that both the Host and visiting Clubs agree with the scoresheet.

This process should be completed within 2 hours of the game being completed.

A signed copy of the result sheet shall be forwarded by email to the Bowlslink Administrator for electronic filing as a backup.

Team sheets for matches cancelled must be recorded in Bowlslink and a signed copy forwarded by email to the respective Bowlslink Administrator for electronic filing as a backup.

These matches shall be included for qualifying members as eligible for playing in Club finals

### **1.17 Disputes and Protests**

Any disputes or protests must be lodged in writing, signed by the Club Secretary, or another responsible officer of the Club, and must be received by the LMBA Secretary not later than 5 days after the playing of the match.

### **1.18 Appointment of Umpire**

Each Host Club shall appoint an umpire to officiate on Pennant days. The name of the appointed umpire shall be shown on the home Club's notice board every Pennant day.

In the event that a qualified Umpire is not able to be present at the Club on match day, the visiting side is to be approached and asked to supply an Umpire of the Day.

In the event that both Clubs are unable to provide a qualified Umpire of the Day, the Host Club is to appoint an experienced and suitable member to fulfil the role of Umpire of the Day.

### **1.19 Incomplete Sides**

#### **1.19.1 Replacements, Substitutes and Absentee Players**

The Laws of the Sport relating to replacements and substitutes shall apply, except that in LMBA Pennant, those laws shall be varied as follows:

If, 30 minutes after the scheduled start time for a game, or sooner if the Controlling Body decides, a player is absent from one or more teams in a side and no eligible substitute is available or allowed, the game must continue, however:

1.19.1.1 A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player;

1.19.1.2 The order of play shall be maintained by the second of the complete team playing consecutive bowls;

1.19.1.3 Each player must use the number of bowls specified in the Conditions of Play for that event

**1.19.2** If a player has commenced the game, however is unable to continue the game and no eligible substitute or replacement player is available or allowed, play will continue as if one player is absent as per 1.19.1.

**1.19.3** If an absent player arrives late, they must take their original place in the team when they arrive and enter the game at the completion of the end in progress.

**1.19.4** If an eligible substitute player becomes available and is permitted by the Controlling Body they may be introduced to the game at the completion of the end in progress.

**1.19.5** In a Club's lowest side, where substitutes in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls are not available, the match may proceed with only three players in any or all times in that side. Law 1.19.1 will apply.

**1.19.6** All substitutes and temporary members must be recorded on the score card and on the result sheet.

**1.19.7** Where a constituted player leaves the game without the approval of the umpire, the team shall complete the game with three players. Law 1.19.1 will apply.

Any team failing to complete the game in these circumstances will cause their opponents to be awarded eight shots for every incomplete end.

**1.19.8** A substitute is a member who acts as a proxy for an intended member or a constituted player in a team who is unavailable or physically incapable and therefore prevented from attending or continuing in a game.

A substitute must be chosen from available eligible players whose playing ability should not be taken into account.

Substitutes may play in any position except skipper and the other players can arrange their positions as desired.

#### **1.19.9 Callouts during games**

Should a bowler be summonsed for CFS, SES, SA Ambulance or Police work during the course of a Pennant match and should only one person be called out then that team will continue play as per rules 1.19.2 and 1.19.4

This would be applicable for up to three players in Division 1 and 2 and up to two players in Division 3. (The teams could be reorganised if more than one member was called away from any one team)

Should more than the abovementioned number be called away, then the match shall be abandoned.

The match shall be deemed to have been completed with the scores at the abandonment, if more than half of the scheduled ends have been played. If less than half of the scheduled ends have been played the match shall be regarded as a draw and both match and team points shall be shared equally and no shots shall be awarded.

### 1.20 Vacancies in the Draw

Where a vacancy occurs in the draw for the whole season, the opposing sides will be granted a bye.

If a side withdraws after one or more rounds, the opposing sides for the remainder of the season will be credited with match points and shots under the rules applying to forfeits.

If a side is admitted after one or more rounds, the opposing sides for the preceding matches will be credited likewise.

### 1.21 Temporary Registrants

A Temporary Registrant is a casual or night bowler, or a member of an interstate or overseas Bowling Club that is under the jurisdiction of the World Bowls Board or Bowls Australia who, subject to playing limitations prescribed hereunder and payment of the appropriate Administration fee, is eligible to participate in the Pennant competition.

A Temporary Registrant

1.21.1 may be named at the initial selection for sides where it is known that no eligible member is available for selection.

1.21.2 shall be permitted to participate in a maximum of three Pennant games in any season upon payment of an administration fee of \$5.00 per game to the LMBA Treasurer and notification to the LMBA Secretary prior to playing in any game.

1.21.3 may only participate in more than three Pennant games upon becoming a full member of a Club and being registered as such on the Bowls SA data base.

### 1.22 Unregistered Players

Any Member Club playing an unregistered player in the LMBA Pennant competition will draw a significant penalty.

In a side game the Controlling Body will decide on the eligibility of each member of the side.

If a side introduces an ineligible player, the defaulting side will forfeit the game to their opponents.

Points and shots to be allocated according to Rule 1.24.

### 1.23 Opposite Gender Players (OG).

In a single gender Pennant competition (Wednesday and Thursday Pennant) the following rules apply to opposite gender players:

1.23.1 No OG player may be selected if an eligible same gender player is available.

1.23.2 If an eligible same gender player is not available, an OG player of comparable playing ability, or a temporary registrant, may be selected.

1.23.3 An OG player may only play lead or second. In the event of a third or skip having to withdraw from a team after the commencement of play and no substitutes are available, an OG player in the second position, may assume the duties of skip in Wednesday Pennant and third in Thursday Pennant.

1.23.4 Players competing as OG players in a competition shall play under the rules of that competition.

1.23.5 A team in Wednesday Pennant shall comprise not more than 4 OG players who may be any female from Thursday or Saturday Pennant, with the exception of females who have skipped in Thursday Pennant or Saturday Pennant Divisions 1 or 2 during the preceding 5 weeks of scheduled games.

1.23.6 A team in Thursday Pennant shall comprise not more than 5 OG players who may be any male from Saturday Pennant Divisions 2 or 3 or Wednesday Pennant, with the exception of males who have skipped in Saturday Pennant Divisions 2 or 3 or Wednesday Pennant during the previous 2 weeks of scheduled games.

### 1.24 Forfeits

#### Wednesday and Saturday Pennant

A Club intending to forfeit a match **shall** endeavour to advise the opposing Club by 5.00pm on the day prior to day scheduled for the match.

Clubs forced by circumstances to forfeit on the morning of the match **shall** advise the opposing Club by 10.00am.

The time and date on which the forfeit is advised to the opponents must be clearly shown on the result sheet. In order to ensure correct interpretation of the result sheet, the words '**won on a forfeit**' are to be entered on the form on the side where the Club receiving the forfeit would otherwise be shown.

The words '**lost on a forfeit**' are to be shown on the other side.

These matches shall be included for qualifying members as eligible for playing for a Club in finals for sides receiving the forfeit.

1.24.1 In a three team side a side winning by forfeit shall receive 12 match points and a credit of 30 shots. A side losing by forfeit shall receive no match points and a debit of 30 shots.

**1.24.2** In a two team side, a side winning by forfeit shall receive 8 match points and a credit of 20 shots. A side losing by forfeit shall receive no match points and a debit of 20 shots.

#### **Thursday Pennant**

The same rules apply as in Saturday and Wednesday Pennant except that forfeits on the morning of a match shall be advised to the opposing Club by 7.00am.

#### **1.25 Byes**

Where a Club receives a bye, players in that Division may be used as substitutes, provided Clubs adhere to the following guidelines.

This does not include weeks when all teams in a Division are not scheduled to play.

- 1.25.1** Permission must be sought from LMBA Secretary at least 48 hours prior to match for all substitutes of Division 1 or 2 players involved in the bye.
- 1.25.2** Division 1 or 2 players may only be used when all fully registered members have been approached to complete the team.
- 1.25.3** No permits allowed in the first three rounds of the season.
- 1.25.4** The previous three games the player has played will be looked at to determine player availability.
- 1.25.5** Use of Division 1 or 2 players is restricted to leads and seconds.
- 1.25.6** A player can receive a permit if he / she has played less games in the higher Division over the last three games.
- 1.25.7** All permits approved by LMBA Secretary shall be communicated to all Clubs by email within 24 hours of a decision being made.

#### **1.26 Scoring**

- 1.26.1** A side receiving a bye in a competition with complete rounds will not receive any points.
- 1.26.2** A side receiving a bye in a competition with incomplete or split rounds will be allocated full match points and a credit of 30 shots. [20 shots for two team sides]
- 1.26.3** Cancelled matches will be awarded half match points and a credit of 15 shots, in a three team competition or a credit of 10 shots in a two team competition, if the competition contains a bye or has incomplete or split rounds.  
  
No points or shots will be awarded to sides where the competition has complete rounds.

#### **1.27 Inclement Weather**

- 1.27.1** Inclement weather includes extremes of heat, wind and rain.

If any of these conditions causes anxiety or distress to players, they should appeal to the umpire of the day..

- 1.27.2** The AGM shall appoint a two person Inclement Weather Committee for each competition as the authority for determining at any time up to 2 hours before the scheduled commencement time of play on all Pennant days whether, because of inclement weather, or for any other justifiable reason, Pennant play shall be abandoned, postponed or transferred.
- 1.27.3** At each Club, the Greens Manager, or proxy, shall decide whether or not the greens are unfit for play for the whole day and shall notify the decision to the Inclement Weather Committee at least 3 hours before the scheduled commencement time of play.
- 1.27.4** If the Inclement Weather Committee has not determined that all play be abandoned and, if the weather conditions deteriorate at a Club which has not declared its greens unfit for play, the decision whether or not play shall start due to the condition of the greens, shall be the sole responsibility of the Club's Greens Manager, or proxy.
- 1.27.5** When play has commenced and weather conditions deteriorate, the umpire may stop play on appeal by a side manager or the home Club's Greens Manager, or proxy.

The side manager's appeal only affects the match in which their side is engaged and shall not affect any other matches at the same venue.

The Greens Manager's appeal may be in regard to the condition of one or all greens at the venue.

If play has been stopped, it shall not be resumed without the permission of the home Club's Greens Manager, or proxy and/or Umpire of the Day.

Play will be cancelled for the day if it is not possible to resume after one hour from the time of the last stoppage.

Play shall not be cancelled until the expiry of the hour from the last stoppage.

- 1.27.6** If the Inclement Weather Committee has not determined that play shall be abandoned owing to inclement weather, and a match is abandoned, it shall be deemed to have been completed with the scores at the abandonment, if more than half of the scheduled ends have been played.

If not, the match shall be regarded as a draw and both match and team points shall be shared equally and no shots shall be awarded.

- 1.27.7.1 Should weather conditions prevent play commencing at the appointed time, the match shall commence not later than one and a half hours after the scheduled commencement time. If not started by that time, the match shall be abandoned and each side awarded one half of the points available for the match.
- 1.27.7.2 The Greens Manager, or proxy, shall decide on the possibility of play. The decision shall be reached by one and a half hours after the scheduled commencement time.
- 1.27.7.3 During Thursday Pennant, if play has not been delayed or weather is threatening, more than half of the match ends shall be played (weather permitting) before lunch, if requested by either side manager.
- 1.27.8 If 50% or more of the matches set down in any Division or Pennant Competition are abandoned, then all matches in that Division or Pennant Competition shall be abandoned with both match and team points being equally shared.

### 1.28 Signing of Score Cards

For Pennant Competitions the second of each team shall sign both score cards and such signature shall verify the correctness of the result. The second shall record on the score card the time that the game finished.

### 1.29 Heat Policy

1.29.1 A temperature gauge is to be placed in a Stevenson Screen (or similar) near the greens on hot days.

1.29.2 If there is an extreme period of hot weather the Executive Committee has the power to cancel or reschedule games, to start play early or shift games to be played on Friday evenings.

The aim shall always be to get a result for all games programmed, taking into consideration player's health, care and wellbeing as per rule 1.29.3.

1.29.3 **Responsibility:** Any player who considers that the forecast temperature for the day on which they have been selected to represent their Club will have an adverse effect on their health, safety and well-being can withdraw from the selected side.

Such withdrawal may also occur during the course of play where the temperature is at a level that the player considers places themselves at risk.

Players have the personal responsibility to ensure that they apply sound self-management practices to minimise any likely effects of heat on their health and well-being.

Clubs have the responsibility to ensure that they also exercise a duty of care to all players by providing adequate breaks, water for player hydration, shade and sun protection products.

1.29.4.1 On a day where matches have been rescheduled to start at an earlier time, or on days where the temperature has the potential to reach 38 degrees Celsius, the Umpire of the Day is responsible for delegating the duty of monitoring the temperature of the day.

Although not compulsory, it is recommended the person tasked with this duty is "non-playing" for the day.

1.29.4.2 Clubs are required to make the name of this person, and the name of the Umpire of the Day, available to all players.

1.29.4.3 It is a minimum requirement that a check of the temperature (by reading the temperature in the Stevenson Screen) is done at least once every 30 minutes of play, however it may be checked more than once if necessary.

1.29.4.4 A record of time checked and temperature should be kept as a record for that day.

1.29.4.5 If at any stage the temperature of the day hits 38 degrees Celsius, the responsible person is to advise the Umpire of the Day, who after confirming the temperature, the match will be called off and the ends in play shall not be completed.

### 1.29.5 Wednesday and Saturday Pennant

If the forecast temperature for Murray Bridge on the Channel 9 News at 6.00pm on the day prior to the day of play is 38 degrees Celsius or over, the rollup is to commence by 9.00am and play is to commence by 9.15 am.

Play is to go ahead at all venues until the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius at which time the umpire must stop play.

No bowler is allowed to be on the green when the temperature is 38 degrees Celsius and over.

A game called off by the umpire shall be deemed to have been completed with the scores at the abandonment, if more than half of the scheduled ends have been played.

If not, the match shall be regarded as a draw and both match and team points shall be shared equally and no shots shall be awarded.

### 1.29.6 Thursday Pennant

If the forecast maximum temperature for Murray Bridge on the Channel 9 News at 6.00pm on the day prior to the day of play is 37 the rollup is to commence by 9.15am and play is to commence by 9.30am.

A compulsory 10 minute break must be taken after 33 ends have been played by the teams.

Play is to go ahead at all venues until the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius at which time the umpire must stop play,

No bowler is allowed to be on the green when the temperature is 38 degrees Celsius and over.

A game called off by the umpire shall be deemed to have been completed with the scores at the abandonment, if more than half of the scheduled ends have been played. If not, the match shall be regarded as a draw and both match and team points shall be shared equally and no shots shall be awarded.

If the forecast maximum temperature for Murray Bridge on the Channel 9 6.00pm News on the day prior to the day of play is 38 degrees Celsius or over, all games at all venues will be cancelled.

### **1.30.1 Bowls Lifters**

Bowls lifters are only to be used for their specific purpose to assist a player to lift up a bowl or jack.

When not in use, they are to be placed on the bank and away from the green so as to avoid the possibility of injury to other players.

### **1.30.2 Bowls Stickers [Adhesive Markings]**

They must not be put over the serial number and the World Bowls Stamp which are present on the bias side of the bowl.

1.30.2.1 The 'dot' may be used instead of the small ring (covering the small engraving) to avoid covering the WB stamp or serial number.

### **1.30.3 Score Boards**

Scoreboards shall remain in place until all ends have been completed by all rinks in a particular game.

## **1.31 Assignment of Players**

**1.31.1** If a Club has more than one side in a Division, they shall call each side a colour or name and each side shall be treated as a separate entity from any other sides in that Division.

**1.31.2** Where a Club has more than one side in a Division, players shall be assigned to a colour or name after they have played five games in that colour.

**1.31.3** Once a player has been assigned to a side [that is has played five games] they cannot be shifted within a Division from one colour or name to another colour or name.

Incoming players must come from another Division and would be promoted to fill a vacancy as eligible players.

This rule does not apply to Division 3, where players can be moved between colours.

In Division 3 only, once a player has been assigned to a side and is required to fill a vacancy in another side, the player is to be shown on the card as a substitute for that game. The player is still assigned to his original colour. When calculating games played for any side to qualify for finals, any player acting as a substitute on a given day is never constituted in that colour.

**1.31.4** A Club may transfer a player between colours in the same Division. An application for transfer must be submitted to the LMBA Secretary in writing. This transfer is permanent and a player is only allowed to be transferred once per season.

**1.31.5** All transfer application decisions under clause 1.31.4 shall be communicated to all Club Secretaries within 24 hours of the transfer.

## **1.32 Finals**

Where the LMBA has decided that finals will be played to determine Pennant winners in any Division, the following rules shall apply:

If during the final series, any Club plays an ineligible player(s), they will forfeit the game under Rule 1.22 and that team shall not take any further part in the final series.

The Host Clubs for all finals shall have a running Total Score Board for each Division.

The top sides at the end of the minor rounds shall have the first round of finals played at their Club for each of the Divisions.

If there are not enough rinks available to play all Divisions at the location of the top sides then the 3 vs 4 games in Divisions 2 and/or 3 shall be played at a neutral venue.

All finals matches shall be played under the same conditions as apply in the minor rounds

In the event of a tied game in any semi-final, preliminary final or grand final, an extra end or ends shall be played by each team, in accordance with the Laws of the Sport, until a result is achieved.

Pennant result sheets showing the names of competing players and the game result shall be forwarded to the LMBA Secretary as soon as possible after the completion of the game.

Both side managers shall sign the result sheet and such signatures shall certify the correctness of the result.

Side Managers shall enter results into Bowlslink.

The umpire of the day shall be appointed by the Host Club and that person's authority shall commence at the start of the game

Finals Games affected by inclement weather will be rescheduled by the Executive Committee.

In all other respects, the Laws of the Sport and LMBA Pennant Rules shall apply in all finals games.

### **1.32.1 Saturday Pennant**

The Grand Finals will be all played at the Host Club on condition that the quality of greens is satisfactory as determined by the LMBA Executive, otherwise the LMBA Executive shall find another Host Club.

- 1.32.1.2 The loser of the 1st and 2nd in each Division to hold the Preliminary final at their home venue.
- 1.32.2.1 To be eligible to play finals for a Club, that player must have played at least 5 games for the Club in the Saturday Pennant competition providing Conditions of Play Rule 1.31 Assignment of Players has been satisfied.
- 1.32.2.2 Where a Club has all of its sides scheduled to participate in the major round on the same day, a qualified player may play for any side.
  - 1.32.2.2.1 Where Rule 1.32.2.2 has been applied it will remain in force for the rest of the final series.

Players may continue to play in any Division for Preliminary and Grand Finals.

- 1.32.2.2.2 Where Clubs have sides in different colours, all sides within that colour must be playing in the finals for Rule 1.32.2.2 to apply.
- 1.32.2.3 Where a Club does not have all of its sides in the finals, a player shall be eligible to play in a lower Division side for their Club, without a permit, providing that the player has played 5 games in that Division during the minor rounds or has participated in a lower Division on more days during the season than in a higher Division.

A player may play up a Division provided they have played 5 games for the Club in the appropriate Pennant competition.

Conditions of Play Rule 1.31 Assignment of Players must be satisfied.

- 1.32.2.4 In exceptional circumstances, permits may be applied for through the LMBA Executive Committee.
  - 1.32.2.4.1 All permit application decisions under Clause 1.32.2.4, shall be communicated to all Clubs by email within twenty four (24) hours of a decision being made.

**1.32.3** The intention of these rules is to prevent any Club disadvantaging others by deliberately attempting to 'stack' a lower Division or colour.

**1.32.4** In the event that finals are cancelled due to outside influences other than inclement weather, the following will occur:

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| Cancellation after minor round is completed but no finals played - | Minor Round Premier in each Division declared Pennant Winners.             |
| Cancellation after semi-finals or preliminary final played.-       | Winner of 1st vs 2nd semi final in each Division declared Pennant Winners. |

**1.32.5 Wednesday Pennant**

The semi-finals shall be played as 1st versus 4th and 2nd versus 3rd at the venues of the 1st and 2nd teams respectively.

The venue of the highest placed side remaining after the semi-finals shall conduct the Grand Final, e.g., if 1st beats 4th then 1st shall conduct the Grand Final or if 4th defeats 1st and 3rd defeats 2nd then 3rd shall conduct the Grand Final.

**1.32.6** To be eligible to play finals for a Club, that player must have played at least 5 games for the Club in the Wednesday Pennant competition providing Conditions of Play Rule 1.31 Assignment of Players has been satisfied.

**1.32.7** In the event that finals are cancelled due to outside influences other than inclement weather, the following will occur:

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| Cancellation after minor round is completed but no finals played - | Minor Round Premier declared Pennant Winner.                               |
| Cancellation after semi-finals played.-                            | The biggest winner by shots up of the semi finals declared Pennant Winner. |

**1.32.8 Thursday Pennant**

The winner of the minor round shall hold the Semi Finals at their home venue. The loser of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shall hold the Preliminary Final at their venue. The Grand Final shall be held at the best available neutral ground.

- 1.32.9.1 To be eligible to play finals for a Club, that player must have played at least 4 games for the Club in the Thursday Pennant competition, if an OG player has played in the same team for more than 50% of the season, they should be eligible to play in all finals, providing Conditions of Play Rule 1.31 Assignment of Players has been satisfied.
- 1.32.9.2 Players should not be able to be selected from one side to another in the competition unless a permit is obtained from the LMBA Executive.
- 1.32.9.3 In exceptional circumstances, permits may be applied for through the LMBA Executive Committee.
  - 1.32.9.3.1 All permit application decisions under clause 1.32.9.3 shall be communicated to all Clubs by email within twenty four (24) hours of a decision being made.

**1.32.10** In the event that finals are cancelled due to outside influences other than inclement weather, the following will occur:

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| Cancellation after minor round is completed but no finals played - | Minor Round Premier declared Pennant Winner.            |
| Cancellation after semi-finals or preliminary final played.-       | Winner of 1st v 2nd semi final declared Pennant Winner. |

**1.32.11** The Ivy Kluske Plate shall be presented to the Club that is the runners up in the Grand Final.

### 1.33 Dress Regulations

Bowls SA has adopted the Bowls Australia Dress Regulations and Member Clubs within the Association are required to comply with these regulations and any amendments thereto that may be adopted from time to time.

## 2. Association Championship Events

2.1 All Member Clubs within the LMBA may conduct single gender Club Championship Events.

2.1.1 A player can only play a Club Championship event for the nominated Member Club within the Association for which he/she is a fully registered member of Bowls SA.

2.1.2 To be eligible to enter LMBA Championship events, the player must be the single gender Club champion(s) for that event in the current season of their nominated Member Club.

2.1.3 The LMBA Championship events shall be held at the Association's Host Club and the LMBA Executive shall control and manage the tournaments.

2.1.4 The dates of the Association Championship events will be scheduled prior to the start of the Pennant Season.

Each Association Championship event shall be scheduled to be held on a separate day. Long weekends are to be avoided if possible.

2.1.5 The draw for each Association Championship Event will be conducted when nomination of teams have been received and at least one week prior to the scheduled date of that event.

2.1.6 No ladies Champion of Champions games are to be scheduled during week of Men's Country Carnival.

2.2 The following rule applies to pairs, triples and fours only and at Association level only:

2.2.1 A substitute player of the same gender must be chosen from available eligible players whose playing ability should not be taken into account.

Substitutes may play in any position except skipper and other players can arrange their positions as desired.

2.2.2 Clubs must forward the names of all the players in their winning singles, pairs, triples and fours events to the LMBA Secretary, who shall inform the appointed umpire of these names prior to the commencement of Association events.

Names must be submitted one week prior to the commencement of each Association Championship match to be eligible to compete in the events. Failure to notify the LMBA Secretary will result in that Club forfeiting their right to compete in the event.

2.2.3 Men's and Ladies Championship Pairs are played as 4 bowl (2222) Pairs of 12 ends.

### 2.3 Conditions of play for Men's association events:

All games to be Knockout format

2.3.1 Singles 21 shots up, time limit of 2.25 hours in eliminations  
25 shots up, no time limit.

2.3.2 Pairs 12 ends, time limit of 2.5 hours.

2.3.3 Fours 12 ends, time limit of 2.5 hours.

### 2.4 Conditions of play for Women's association events:

All games to be Knockout format.

2.4.1 Singles 21 shots up, time limit of 2.25 hours in eliminations  
25 shots up, no time limit.

In the case of inclement weather, players must complete 21 shots up or 25 shots up for the final for a result to be obtained.

If play is abandoned before this is achieved players will need to return to the venue the following day to complete the match with a 2 end rollup allowed.

2.4.2 Pairs 12 ends, time limit of 2.5 hours.

In the case of inclement weather, players need to have completed 9 of the 12 ends for a result to be obtained.

If play is abandoned before this is achieved players will need to return to the venue the following day to complete the match with a 2 end rollup allowed.

2.4.3 Triples 15 ends, time limit of 2.5 hours.

In the case of inclement weather players must complete 11 of the 15 ends for a result to be obtained.

If play is abandoned before this is achieved players will need to return to the venue the following day to complete the match with a 2 end rollup allowed.

2.4.4 Fours 12 ends, time limit of 2.5 hours.

In the case of inclement weather players need to have completed 9 of the 12 ends for a result to be obtained.

If play is abandoned before this is achieved players will need to return to the venue the following day to complete the match with a 2 end rollup allowed.

#### **2.4.5 General**

The Host Club for Women's events is permitted to choose the lunch menu for the Association events

### **3. Specific Conditions for 2023-24 Season**

**3.1** Thursday Pennant will be programmed for 2 complete rounds for the season with no catch up.

**3.2** Meningie is granted dispensation to not enter a team in Saturday Division 1 Pennant for the 2023-24 season.

**These Conditions of Pennant and Tournament Play were approved and adopted at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Lower Murray Women's Bowling Association and Lower Murray Men's Bowling Association held at the Tailem Bend Bowling Club on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012 at which the two Associations were amalgamated to form the Lower Murray Bowling Association.**

**Amended at the Annual General Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

**Amended at the Annual General Meeting on 7th May 2019**

**Amended at the Annual General Meeting on 2nd August 2020**

**Amended at the Annual General Meeting on 18th May 2021**

**Amended at the Annual General Meeting on 17th May 2022**

**Amended at the Annual General Meeting on 16th May 2023**