



MACKAY MENS' DISTRICT BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC.

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MANDATORY CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR DISTRICT PENNANTS 2023

All matches will be conducted in accordance with the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" Crystal Mark 3rd Edition Version 3.1 (or later), with domestic regulations for Australia, Bowls Australia policies, Bowls Queensland By-Laws, MMDBA By-laws and these Conditions of Play.

1. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

The competition is open to all financial members of Clubs which are affiliated with the Mackay Men's District Bowls Association Inc. All capitation fees (national, state and district) must be paid by clubs at least two weeks before the start of the competition.

Clubs are responsible for the eligibility of their own members. Dual members can represent only one club. A bowler is ineligible if he is

- (i) an unfinancial member of the club he represents
- (ii) currently under suspension.

Clubs must pay the required district nomination fee (\$10 per player) at least two weeks before Round 1 is due to be played.

2. DIVISION AND ROUND STRUCTURE

DIVISIONS 1 and 2 - These divisions will consist of a maximum six clubs with each club represented by three teams each of four bowlers (12 players).

DIVISIONS 3 TO 6 - These divisions will consist of six clubs (if sufficient numbers) with each club represented by two teams each of four bowlers (8 players).

Clubs will play each other twice, at home and away, as indicated in the official draw.

3. PROMOTION / DEMOTION

The winners of Divisions 2 to 6 may be promoted to the next higher division for 2024 and the clubs with the lowest points score in divisions 1 to 5 may be demoted to the next lower division for 2024.

4. PROMOTION / DEMOTION OF PLAYERS

A player/s may be promoted to a higher division **for FIVE (5) games**. On playing a SIXTH game in a higher division, he becomes a constituted player in that higher division. Any club has the right to appeal, in writing, to the Match Committee to allow a player/s to play in a lower division. A bowler can play in only one division in a nominated round.

5. FORFEITS and BYES

In the event of a forfeit, the side giving the forfeit shall be fined \$100 (to be paid to the club receiving the forfeit) and will receive no points for that round. The side receiving the forfeit (or bye) shall gain all available round points i.e. Divisions 1 and 2 six (6) points and all other divisions five (5) points.

6. DRESS CODE

It is a club's responsibility to ensure that all players are dressed in the correct attire, with the BA logo displayed as required. Points may be deducted if this does not occur.

7. BLIND DRAW

The draw for rinks **MUST** be conducted in the presence of a representative from each club involved and it must be a blind draw for the host club (including rinks) and the visiting club(s).

8. SCORING

Three (3) match points for overall win on aggregate and one (1) point for each rink win i.e. divisions 1 and 2 total 6 points; other divisions total 5 points. In the event of clubs being on equal points at the end of the competition, the winners will be decided on (1) greatest margin then (2) percentages (points for divided by points against).

9. INTERRUPTIONS

(a) If inclement weather prevails, a decision to play or not shall be made by the host club and advised to their opposition a minimum **TWO (2)** hours prior to the starting time.

(b) In the event of a match/es not commenced or stopped prior to 48 ends (Div 1 and 2) or 32 ends (Div 3 to 6) being completed, the match will be replayed at a time as decided by the Match Committee.

(c) In the event of "Home" greens being unsuitable for play due to weather conditions the draw may be reversed. The "Home" Side in the draw for the first round has the right to play the second round match on its own green.

10. MATCH PLAY and PRACTICE

(a) Pennant matches will be played over 21 ends.

(b) A roll-up (2 up, 2 back) for bowlers is permitted on their allocated rink before play starts.

(c) Bowlers can practice on any rink (other than the one on which they have been drawn for the match) up to **20 minutes** before the scheduled start of play. Clubs should ensure that their green is ready for visiting bowlers to practice well before the start of play unless unforeseen conditions determine otherwise.

(d) There will be no break for afternoon tea.

11. PROVISION OF UMPIRES

Host clubs are responsible for the provision of National Accredited Umpires if possible (preferably non-playing) whose name will be announced before play commences.

12. MATCH SCHEDULING

(a) Start times for this year's double header rounds are 1.00pm Saturday and 10.00am Sunday. By mutual agreement, clubs may vary starting times to suit travelling and any changes are to be notified to the Match Committee

(b) The Match Committee is the only authority that can change the days allocated on the district calendar and this only in unforeseen and unusual circumstances.

13. RESULTS

Results must be accurately recorded on the MMDBA pennant sheets provided. The ***host club*** must email these results as soon as possible after the completion of the match. All weekend results must be received by the MMDBA no later than 6.00pm Sunday.

Match Points: Aggregate Win = 3, Loss = 0, Draw = 1.5 **PLUS** 1 Point for each rink win

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14. PENALTIES

Any infringement of these conditions will be subject to a side losing all points scored. The maximum match points shall then be awarded to the non-offending side.