

MEN'S PENNANTS 2024-25 – CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Conditions of Play reference numbers revised 14 July

DAYS OF PLAY **THURSDAYS at Pittwater; WEDNESDAYS at all other clubs**

TIME TRIAL ENDS 12.30pm
 START OF PLAY 12.50pm

PRACTICE permitted until 12.20pm, but not on the rink drawn to play on.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY (see *Bowls NSW 2024-25 Conditions of Play 15 - "Men's Pennant"* and *11 - "General - For All Pennants"*)

3 teams of Fours per side

63 ends / 21 ends per rink (see "*Inclement Weather*" if play is abandoned for the day)

Players eligibility is based on grading at end of 2023-24 Open Gender Pennants "*OGP*").

Maximum of 2 players may play no more than one Division lower than their 2023-24 OGP end-of-season grading would otherwise permit. (CoP **15.3.2**)

All clubs are required to submit their sides on BowlsLink at least 24 hours prior to game.

Home Club to enter results in BowlsLink within 6 hours after game. (CoP *11.1.10.1*)

RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS (changes for this year underlined)

Position on the green at the start of an end

At the commencement of each end, Leads and Seconds shall be at the mat end of the green and skips at the head end.

The Third may move to the head end of the green before the commencement of the end (before delivery of the jack to commence that end).

A skip may appoint a team member to direct the head should they need to leave the green until they return to the green.

Players Remaining at Head End

Note that a skip and/or a third in a fours game who has been at the head since before the start of an end is now permitted to remain at the head when their opponent has "first bowl"; however, they must not then delay going to the mat when it is their turn to play.

(See *Condition of Play 1.36.7.4* regarding penalties).

Moving to the Head

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to move from the mat end to head end of the green in the following circumstances:

Leads: after delivery of their second bowl.
Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.
Thirds: after delivery of each of their bowls.
Skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

Note: Thirds or Skips may move to the head end of the green before playing their final bowl of an end (as this is "after delivery of their first bowl", as provided below).

SCORING

Total points awarded for each match shall be 10, allocated on the following basis:

- (i) The SIDE WIN 7 points (side with highest shots aggregate)
- (ii) SIDE DRAW 3½ points each
- (iii) Each TEAM WIN 1 point
- (iv) A TEAM DRAW ½ point each

DETERMINATION OF A DIVISION WINNER

As there is only one section in each of the Men's Pennant competitions this season:

DIVISION 4

- (i) The side scoring the highest number of points shall be the winner.
- (ii) If points are equal, the side with the largest difference between 'total shots for' and 'total shots against' ("margin") shall be the winner.
- (iii) If "margin" also equal, the side with lowest total of shots against will be the winner.
- (iv) If sides still remain tied, the winner of the matches between those sides wins Divn.

(Bowls NSW 2024-25 Conditions of Play "General Conditions for All Events", Condition 1.40.2.)

DIVISIONS 2 & 3 (MULTI-DIVISION COMPETITION)

The Division 2 side must finish above all other sides to qualify for Div 2 State Play-Offs.

(Condition of Play 11.1.5.1.ii)

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Controlling Body at each venue club must understand their responsibilities under the Bowls NSW **Extreme Weather Guidelines** (downloadable from Bowls NSW website). If the venue club has its own, stricter, policy the club's policy will prevail.

The Side Manager should contact the venue club for information **no later than 1 hour before the scheduled start time**, i.e. by 11.50am. A match not commenced **must** be played on one of the "rain dates" or by mutual agreement **unless Region Match declares the match does not need to be played** (in which case each side will be awarded 5 pts).

NOTE: Sides cannot agree not to play and split points without approval of Region Match.

During a match, any appeal to the umpire regarding weather conditions must be made by the **SIDE MANAGER** on behalf of the whole side.

Interruptions to play (see *BNSW General Pennant Condition of Play 11.1.14*):

- i. If a match is stopped due to inclement weather, the Controlling Body can allow up to 60 minutes to determine whether play can be re-commenced.
- ii. If a match is stopped and unable to be resumed, the match shall be
 - a. Deemed to be completed if 54 or more ends have been completed, or
 - b. resumed at a later date if less than 54 ends have been completed.

If a match in progress is abandoned for the day, Region Match will advise clubs if the match needs to be completed.

RAIN DATES

25-26 SEPT, 2-3 OCT, 9-10 OCT, 16-17 OCT

STATE FINALS

Tues 11 – Thurs 13 MARCH 2025

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