



MACKAY MENS' DISTRICT BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC.

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MANDATORY CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR DISTRICT PENNANTS 2019

All games will be played in line with The Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 3rd. Edition.

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 and below - These divisions will consist of a maximum six clubs 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 OF CLUBS

The winners of Divisions 2 and below may be promoted to the next higher division for the following year and the clubs with the lowest points score in any division may be demoted to the next lower division for the following year.

4. PROMOTION / DEMOTION OF PLAYERS

A player/s may be promoted to a higher division/s for 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

In the event of a forfeit, the side giving the forfeit shall be fined \$100 (to be paid to the host club) and will receive no match points. The side receiving the forfeit shall gain three (3) match points with no aggregate shots for or against recorded.

6. DRESS CODE

It is a club's responsibility to ensure that all players are dressed in the correct club 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). Bowlers can practice on any rink (other than the one on which they have been drawn) up to 20 minutes before the scheduled start of play.

8. **SCORING**

Three (3) 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) 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 7) being completed, the match will be replayed at a time as decided by the Match Committee.

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

(c) In the event of "Home" greens being unsuitable for play due to weather conditions the venue 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

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

(e) Clubs can re-arrange times of games if required but must contact the chair of the Match Committee **before** any changes can be made.

10. **MATCH PLAY**

Pennant matches will be played on Saturday afternoon with a 1:00pm start. Pennant matches played on a Sunday are scheduled to start at 9.00am. By mutual agreement, clubs may vary starting times to suit travelling.

11. **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.

12. **PROVISION OF UMPIRES.**

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

IT IS THE HOME CLUB'S RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLETE THE PENNANT RESULT SHEET (SIGNED BY A MEMBER OF EACH CLUB) AND FORWARD THE RESULTS BY EMAIL ON THE SAME DAY TO THE DISTRICT SECRETARY.

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