

MEMO

TO: Metropolitan Member Clubs
FROM: MBA Match & Program Committee
DATE: Saturday 7 September 2024
SUBJECT: Season 2024-2025 Pennant Conditions of Play

Club Secretaries

2024/2025 Conditions of Play

The MBA is pleased to release the Pennant Conditions of Play for Season 2024/2025. Two versions are available, an A4 version and a version suitable to be printed as an A5 booklet. They will also be available soon on the MBA website [here](#).

It is a requirement that copies of the Conditions of Play are provided to your Umpires and for a copy to be placed in with the Umpires equipment at your club.

Club administrators are encouraged to organise a meeting for their club officials prior to the start of the Pennant season to review the relevant sections of the Conditions of Play and Laws of the Sport.

The MBA Executive would like to remind clubs that food provided for mid-game breaks should be served as individually wrapped portions.

A Summary of changes

- Changes to **pre-game/ game start procedures** (practice/ card draw/ trial ends/ game start times) that revert to the procedures used in season 22/23.
- Relaxation of the **Opposite Gender** eligibility rules.
- Changes to the **Combined sides** rules.
- **Wednesday Triples** games will be 27 ends long.
- **Saturday Premier League** games will be programmed on the same schedule as other Divisions; some programmed Marquee games; resumed games take precedence over any scheduled Friday games.

A detailed list of amendments and additions to the Conditions of Play are on the next page.

If there are any questions or further clarification required, please contact MBA Match & Program committee (MBAmatchcommittee@metrobowls.com.au)



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On behalf of the MBA Match & Program Committee

The following lists the changes from season 2023/2024 (2024/25 numbers)

Section 1

Rule 1.9 (definition of 3 Pennant competitions) has been moved to Section 4

Section 2

Rule 2.5 (Combined Sides) has been amended to clarify the purpose and duration of Combined sides and the limitations on player involvement associated with Combined sides

Section 3

Rule 3.4 (Opposite Gender Players) has been amended to relax the eligibility criteria

Rule 3.5 (Temporary Players) includes a statement to encourage clubs to communicate when having difficulty filling a side. Limits temporary players to “appropriate ability” and includes Bowls SA By-Law re limit of 3 Pennant games for unregistered players

Rule 3.10 (games played at other times) has been amended to include other Divisions

Section 4

Rule 4.3 (Ends to be played) – Wednesday Triples games will be 27 ends, with appropriate adjustments for early start games etc

Section 5

Rule 5.1 (Start times) – Trial end and play start times amended to be “no later than”

Rule 5.3 (Practice) – Organised pre-game practice procedure has reverted to season 22/23. Practice start times have been adjusted to accommodate trial ends. Organised practice allocation removed for early start games.

Rule 5.4 (Trial ends) reintroduced

Rule 5.8 (Time limit) – Finishing times included

Rule 5.10 (Completing delayed games) – precedence for games to be completed extended to all relevant Divisions

Section 6

Rule 6.2 (Side managers) – Duties amended to reflect changes in pre-game procedure

Section 7

Rule 7.2 (Scorecards) & Rule 7.6 (Recording results) – email any scorecards that have been amended to Match & Program committee

Section 12

Rule 10.4 (Finals officials) – Venue clubs are responsible for providing event managers for all Semi, Elimination & Preliminary Finals, including double headers, wherever possible

Section 15

Rule 14.2 (Bowling arms) & Rule 14.3 (Bowls lifters) – Safe use and management (placement) when not actually in use.