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CONDITIONS OF PLAY

FOR DOMESTIC

COMPETITIONS

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Bowls Tasmania South Inc.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS

Note: Matters not specifically set out in these Conditions are to be dealt with according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (including domestic regulations for Australia) January 2011 Crystal Mark Edition (“the BA Laws”). In the event of any conflict between these Conditions of Play and the BA Laws, the BA Laws prevail.

SECTION 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 All Bowls Tasmania South (BTS) competitions will be arranged and supervised by a BTS relevant Match Committee, which has authority to take any action deemed necessary for the satisfactory conduct of such competitions, but **MUST** conform to **BA Laws**.
- 1.2 Every member of an affiliated club in respect of whom BTS has received a capitation fee is eligible to play in BTS Championships and pennant play in a competition designated for them. For team events players may be members of different clubs.
- 1.3 A member shall not play in the Championships of more than one club in any one season and, where a pennant player holds dual membership, he or she may play only in the Championships of the club for which he or she has nominated to play in pennant competition.
- 1.4 The infringement of any BA Law or of a Condition of Play may involve disqualification or replay, a penalty set down in the laws of the game, or such other penalty as the relevant Match Committee or the Bowls Tasmania South Board may determine in respect of a player or team in accordance with Condition 1.8 of these Conditions of Play. A right of appeal to BTS shall exist in relation to the imposition of a penalty or sanction.
- 1.5 Any player required to play in an event under the control of BTS shall not be penalised for their non-appearance in an event under the control of a club, which is scheduled for play at the same time.
- 1.6 There shall be no discrimination in favour of either synthetic or natural surfaces in the allocation of BTS events.
- 1.7 (a) Mobile phones are not permitted to be used on the greens or their immediate surrounds.
(b) **Smoking within 20 metres of greens and seating areas beside greens is not permitted during BTS Championships or pennant competitions. The smoke-free area will apply during the games and for the period 30 minutes before and after the competitions. Clubs are responsible for providing designated smoking areas. Clubs will make individual rulings depending on their circumstances (i.e. synthetic**

greens etc.) Where designated smoking areas have been provided at a Club, these areas must be used.

- (c) Player Code of Conduct: this includes abusive language, dissension, or conduct unbecoming, or actions which would bring the game of bowls into disrepute. The administration of this condition is to be applied in accordance with BA policy document.
- 1.8 The relevant Match Committee may impose penalties for infringing Conditions of Play including:
- (a) Loss of any number of Pennant Points.
 - (b) Fines of up to \$500 per incident
 - (c) Exclusion from competition(s) for specific events, on specific dates or for a period of time.
- 1.9 The Bowls Australia "Logo Policy" as amended from time to time will apply to all persons playing in BTS Championships and pennant competitions.
- 1.10 Players from a club making up a composite pennant side may wear approved attire as if they were a side in their own right.
- 1.11 Where bowls discs are affixed to bowls, the discs must be identical for all bowls in use by:
- (a) a player in a singles event;
 - (b) a team in a team event; or
 - (c) a side in a side event, except that in the case of a composite pennant side, each player may use bowls displaying the discs of their own club.

NOTE: (1) A team, can be, a pair (2 *players*) triple (3 *players*) or a four (4 *players*)
(2) A side includes two or more teams or singles players and may comprise singles, pairs, triples or fours or any grouping of these.

1.12 **CONDITION OF GREENS.**

- 1.12.1 If a green of a Club, after inspection by the Greens Committee in the normal course of its duties, or following complaints received, is deemed unfit for the playing of Pennant matches:
- (a) the match committee can direct the Club to make arrangements to play their remaining Pennant matches on another Club's green and, if arrangements are not made:
 - (i) order the forfeiture by such Club of all Pennant matches scheduled to be played on its green; and
 - (ii) withdraw approval from that Club for the conduct of any Open Tournaments for the remainder of that season.
 - (b) the Club concerned will, after notice from the Secretary of Bowls Tasmania South, take such steps as the Greens Committee considers necessary to bring the green to a reasonable standard and if, following such action, the Greens

Committee subsequently certifies that the green has become fit for competition play, the match committee can authorise return to normal Pennant play on the club's green and reinstate approval for any Open Tournaments previously scheduled for that part of the season remaining.

1.12.2 If a green is deemed unfit for Pennant play by the Greens Committee at the time of closing of pennant entries in the following season, the Match Committee can refuse to accept entries for the Pennant Competition from that Club.

1.12.3 It is expected that, under normal weather conditions, greens in Southern Tasmania should commence play at a speed between 12 and 16 seconds. Clubs, whose greens are consistently reported as being outside these guidelines, will be contacted by the Greens Committee to discuss possible corrective action.

1.13 Delaying Play

If the Umpire, either by their own observation or on appeal from one of the skips or the opponent in singles, decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of the player's bowl:

- . On the first occasion the Umpire will warn the player.
- . If the player commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponent.
- . If the player offends a third time the game will be forfeited to the opponent. In pennant play, only the game on the offending rink will be forfeited.

SECTION 2. CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR BTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.1 Entrance fees, as fixed by the Board of BTS, must be paid within the time determined by the Board to entitle any player to take part in the competition.

2.2 All matches shall be played on greens selected and arranged by the relevant Match Committee which will conduct a draw in such a manner that, after the first round, the contestants are reduced to a power of 2. Matches shall be played on dates and at times determined by the Board. The relevant Match Committee shall determine any alteration to these dates and times which circumstances might require.

2.3 On each day of play, the relevant Match Committee shall be responsible for all decisions up to one and a half hours before the scheduled commencement time, after which time decisions affecting the start of play shall be the responsibility of the Manager appointed at each venue. The host club is responsible for the appointment of the Manager, who may be a member of the relevant Match Committee.

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- 2.4 The eligibility of players shall be:
Open events: All paid up members of BTS for whom the event is designated (i.e. male, female or mixed).
B Grade events: All paid up members of BTS for whom the event is designated (i.e. male, female or mixed), who, at the closing date for entries for that competition, had not played more than four (4) pennant games in the current season in Division 2 or higher. If insufficient games have been played to determine eligibility, regular players in Divisions 1, or 2 in the previous season shall not be eligible.
- 2.5 The duties of the Manager, or, if applicable, the Match Committee, will include the making of arrangements for the commencement of matches, the timing of greens, the collection of the scorecards at the close of play, and the notification of the results to the Press (if required) and the Chairman of the relevant Match Committee. It is the duty of the host club to provide at least one Umpire per green before the commencement of play each day, and the requisite number of Markers for Singles matches. If a club is unable to provide the required number of Umpires, the Umpire's panel should be consulted. For championship finals a level 2 supervisory Umpire should be in attendance.
- 2.6 A player or team failing to keep an appointment to play will be taken to have infringed a Condition of Play unless appropriate action has been taken to notify the opponent and the controlling body prior to the scheduled commencement time for the match and, unless the reason for failure is acceptable to the relevant Match Committee, will be ineligible to enter any BTS Championship in that or the following season.
- 2.7 When any team or player has failed to be in position to commence play 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the match will be forfeited to their opponent.
- 2.8 One trial end each way, to a bare jack, using the number of bowls which are to be used in the match, shall be permitted before the first game on the day, provided that the trial ends, if still in progress at the scheduled starting time, shall cease immediately. When players are required to transfer to another green, they shall be allowed one trial end each way if time permits. **One trial end each way shall be permitted for any grand final.**
- 2.9 In any round of a knockout competition when a match ends in a tie, an additional end or ends shall be played until a winner is determined.
- 2.10 If required by the Manager at any venue, defeated singles players must be prepared to mark a match in the next session of play, whether on the same day or not. Failure to do so will be an infringement for the purposes of the Conditions of Play. Penalties shall apply as defined in section 1.8.

2.11 In pairs matches each player shall play four bowls in the following order: Leads - two bowls alternately, Skips - two bowls alternately, then repeat this order of play. The Match Committee may vary the format, in which case this will be shown on the entry forms.

2.12 In a triples match each player shall play two bowls in the order: Leads – alternately, then twos and then skips likewise.

2.13 Duration of matches shall be:

Singles: (a) Knockout
(c) 25 up

Pairs:	(a) Sectional play (3 games a day).	<u>B Grade</u>	<u>OPEN</u>
	(b) Four bowls (As per cond. 2.11)		
	(c) 4 teams in a Section		
	(d) Sectional Games	12 ends	15 ends
	(Women only)	10 ends	15 ends
	Post Sectional	15 ends	18 ends
	Quarter, Semi & Grand Finals	21 ends	21 ends

Triples	(a) Sectional play (3 games a day)	<u>B Grade</u>	<u>OPEN</u>
	(b) 2 bowls		
	(c) 4 teams in a Section		
	(d) Sectional Games	18 ends	18 ends
	Post Sectional	18 ends	18 ends
	Quarter, Semi & Grand Finals	21 ends	21 ends

Fours	(a) Sectional Play (3 games a day)	<u>B Grade</u>	<u>OPEN</u>
	(b) 2 bowls		
	(c) 4 teams in a section		
	(d) Sectional Games	12 ends	15 ends
	Post sectional	18 ends	18 ends
	Quarter, Semi & Grand +Finals	21 ends	21 ends

All Championship games will be played *without* a break for the specified number of ends.

2.14 If less than 16 teams enter an event which is advertised as sectional play, the event will revert to a knockout competition.

2.15 Starting times will be as determined by the relevant Match Committee (or the Manager after assuming responsibility under Condition 2.3).

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- 2.16 Where for any reason a forfeit occurs the player or team receiving the forfeit is to be credited with a win plus 15 shots and the player or team that forfeits the match is to be debited with a loss minus 15 shots.
- 2.17 In the event of a match being postponed as the result of inclement weather or poor light or the green being unfit for play, it shall be played or continued at a time decided by the relevant Match Committee, and on the same green if possible. In the case of an incomplete match it shall be resumed with the scores as at the adjournment, in accordance with the BA Laws (Section 13 “Factors Affecting Play” Law 50 Game Stoppages). The Bowls Australia Extreme Weather Policy must be strictly adhered to (Appendix 1 to these conditions).

(Note: A game can only be stopped in these circumstances by:

- The controlling body;
- The Umpire, after an appeal has been made by the players; or
- Agreement between the parties concerned (when an umpire or a representative of the controlling body is not present).

SECTION 3. BTS PENNANT COMPETITIONS – GENERAL

Note: These rules shall apply to all pennant competitions, unless otherwise stated.

- 3.1 (a) Unless otherwise determined by the relevant Match Committee, clubs shall advise not later than the 1st June each year, the number of sides they propose to enter in each pennant competition.
- (b) The relevant Match Committee shall determine the total number of sides that a club may enter in a pennant competition.
- (c) Subject to the provisions of Conditions 3.29 – 3.33, the relevant Match Committee shall decide what relegations and promotions will take place for the ensuing season and place new sides entering the competition in the Division it considers appropriate.
- 3.2 Where a club forfeits five (5) matches in a pennant season, that club’s lowest side will be automatically withdrawn from the pennant competition.
- (a) Where a bye is created following the withdrawal of a pennant side in the first round, then the matches that have been played against the withdrawn side will be regarded as byes, with pennant points and shots being disregarded from those games. Where the withdrawal of the pennant side occurs in the second round, the results of the first round matches will stand, and the completed games, from the commencement of the second round will be regarded as byes, with pennant points

and shots being disregarded from those games. Where a third round is played and the withdrawal of the pennant side occurs in the third round, the results of the first and second round matches will stand, and the completed games from the commencement of the third round will be regarded as byes, with pennant points and shots being disregarded from those games.

(b) In the event that a side plays a non-eligible player in a game then that game shall be regarded as a forfeit, and points allocation provided for in Condition 3.10 shall apply (Domestic Regulation 4.1.1 definition "Eligible Player").

3.3 The duration of all pennant matches will be 21 ends except that men's Saturday pennant matches in Division's 1, 2 and 2 Res. will be played over 25 ends. Div. 2 res. will be classed as B Grade for championship purposes.

3.4 Subject to the permission of the club at which a match is to be played, any intending player in that match may practise on any available rink on any green of that club up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time of the match.

To comply with BA Law 12.3, practice may not occur on the rink players are drawn to play on, however, players may practice on any available rink by placing the mat on the rink pegs rather than the centreline.

Permission should be granted except under exceptional circumstances.

3.5 A green shall be timed by opposing side captains approximately 20 minutes before the commencement of play. The speed of the green shall be announced prior to the trial ends and recorded on the official result sheet forwarded to the Honorary Statistician. If a green is timed at less than 12 seconds, an explanation shall be provided by the home club on or with the result sheet. If that explanation is not accepted as satisfactory by the Board of BTS, the home club will forfeit six points from each of its sides playing on that green on that day. Side Captains must ensure that the results sheet is completed correctly, including the green speed, (substitutes etc.) and they must rate the green condition truthfully.

3.6 Opposing side captains shall draw for rinks and teams shall play as drawn.

3.7 The appointment of an Umpire shall be made by the host club at least one hour prior to the scheduled time for commencement of play. Should the host club not provide an accredited Umpire, an accredited Umpire from a visiting team MUST be appointed if available. If no accredited Umpire is available a suitable, unqualified person may be appointed by agreement. **(Note: A side captain, the Greens Superintendent or his deputy or his nominated representative MUST not also be the appointed umpire.)**

3.8 If the Greens Superintendent or his Deputy is not available at the home club for home matches, a suitable person shall be appointed by the club as his nominated representative of these matches.

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- 3.9 One trial end each way, to a bare jack, using the number of bowls that are to be used in the match, shall be permitted with the proviso that the trial ends, if still in progress at the scheduled starting time, shall cease immediately (BA Law 18.1 Trial Ends).
- 3.10 A side not available to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled time of commencement will forfeit the match, not receive any pennant points and receive a penalty of minus 15 shots. The opposing side will receive the maximum number of pennant points applicable in the game and be credited with 15 shots. Condition 3.21 will be taken into account in the application of this Condition
- 3.11 Where a club has a temporary shortage of its own members to fill all its pennant sides, it may borrow eligible players from other clubs. The maximum number of borrowed players shall be four (4) and they shall be included only in the lowest side. In matches involving three teams per side, the maximum number of borrowed players in such a side shall be three (3) (Domestic Regulation 4 "Substitutes & Replacements").
- 3.12 Law 46.2.2 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls applies to the effect that, if a game commences with only 3 players in a team OR, if a game commences with four players in a team and subsequently one of the players becomes ill or cannot continue for other reasons and there are no substitutes available, the game should continue with 3 players in that team. The scorecard is to be ruled off (and the card restarted) after the last end in which there were four players. At the end of the game the shots scored while there were only three players (the lead and two each playing three bowls) will be counted and 25% deducted from that score. The adjusted score will then be added to the shots scored while the team had four players, and that total will be the score of the team.
- "If a pennant side arrives to play with only 12 (twelve) players (being the minimum) of the 16 required, then it MUST be 4 teams of 3 players all with the 25% rule applied and NOT 3 teams of 4 players with 1 side forfeiting. (Where it is only a 3 team competition, then it MUST be a minimum of 9 (nine) players 3 teams of 3 players). Where possible, substitutes should be obtained. This situation only applies to a Club's lowest competing side, otherwise automatic forfeiture of the whole side is in question". Penalties defined in condition 1.8 apply for non-conformance.
- 3.13 **Except in exceptional circumstances, a decision against the commencement of play must not be made until the day of play.** When a decision against the commencement of play is reached before the arrival of the visiting side or sides, such decision shall be promptly telephoned to the visiting club or clubs concerned. Prior to doing this, every endeavour should be made to seek an alternative venue if at all possible.
- 3.14 At the scheduled time for commencement of play, if the Greens Superintendent, his Deputy or his nominated representative has not ruled to the contrary, the commencement of play is in the hands of the Captains of the respective sides. In the event that the Side Captains cannot agree the Umpire's decision shall prevail.
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- 3.15 If the weather is inclement, before play commences, the Side Captains should confer and decide whether or not the commencement of play should be delayed until the situation improves or the Green becomes unserviceable. Play should normally not be abandoned at this stage and such a decision should be delayed whilst there is still a reasonable prospect for the weather to improve sufficiently to allow the game to be completed. If, owing to inclement weather, play has not commenced one and a half hours after the normal scheduled time for the commencement of play, it should be abandoned. In the event of a disagreement between the Side Captains as to whether or not play will commence, the Umpire will decide. The Umpire's decision should reflect the opinion of the majority of players and the duty of care.
- 3.16 In the event of adverse weather conditions (including extreme heat) after play has commenced, the Side Captains should confer to decide whether the game should be postponed and, if so, for how long. Postponement should take precedence over abandonment whilst the time remaining to play is sufficient to allow for the match to be completed. In the event of a disagreement between the Side Captains as to stopping or resuming play, the Umpire will decide.

NOTE: Clubs MUST adhere to Bowls Australia Extreme Weather Policy. The policy is attached as Appendix 1 to these conditions and is to be read as referring to conditions at the venue where the match is being played.

- 3.18 Should play be postponed, it should be recommenced at the earliest possible time, having regard to playing conditions. If the Greens Superintendent, his appointed Deputy, or his nominated Representative, considers that continuation or recommencement of play will have an adverse effect on the Green, he may close the green.
- 3.19 Match Scoring.
- (a) Unless the Board determines otherwise, the results of each match shall be scored as follows:
- Match Points – Win = 6, Draw = 3, Loss – 0
- Team Points – Win = 2, Draw = 1, Loss = 0
- (b) No points will be allotted for “byes” in rounds where all sides participate equally. In rounds where there is an inequality, those sides receiving byes will be allotted points and shots at the end of the season equal to the average number of points and shots received from all games played during the season. If this results in a negative number of shots the award shots shall be nil.
- (c) In the event of two sides having the same number of points, their order shall be determined by the difference between the shots “for” and “against” each side, and if these be equal by the percentage method, and if these be equal by lot.

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- 3.20 Each club shall arrange for the results of all matches played on its greens to be entered on the official result sheet which shall be sent together with any reports or infringement notices, by Fax transmission (**6247 6008**) to the Honorary Statistician (in accordance with the instructions on the result sheet), or failing the success of Fax transmission, by phone (**6247 2166 or 0418 356 919**), or email (john.mckibben@bigpond.com), or then all documents by the first outward mail to the BTS office, PO Box 832, Glenorchy, 7010 after the completion of the matches. Each club shall comply with any additional or alternative procedures determined by the Board of BTS for the communicating of results to the Statistician or the Daily Press at the conclusion of the days play. Failure to notify results within the stated time will, unless an explanation is given to and accepted as satisfactory by the Board of BTS, incur the same penalty as set out in Condition 3.5 for the home club.
- 3.21 In each section or Division, as applicable, when 50% or more of the pennant games on any one-day are played, points shall be allotted for all completed matches. Points for incomplete matches shall be shared. When more than 50% of the scheduled matches are cancelled because of inclement weather, all matches will be deemed incomplete and the points shared. Where a split round is included in the roster, all matches are considered to have been played on the one day.
- 3.22 No player shall play in more than one match of the same round. In exceptional circumstances the Chair of the relevant Match Committee may on application waive this rule. Any infringement of this rule will incur forfeiture of the match.
- 3.23 If players are chosen in a BTS side and makes themselves' unavailable to play, they shall be ineligible to play, except in exceptional circumstances accepted by the Board, in any pennant game held while the BTS team is travelling or playing. The penalty for infringement shall be the forfeiture of the game by the side for which he plays.
- 3.24 Where a club has consecutive teams playing in corresponding finals they are permitted to select their teams in order of strength (highest strongest) from players eligible to play in both Divisions. For this Condition 1st and 2nd semi-finals are to be classed as corresponding, as are preliminary finals, grand finals and sectional finals. (For the purpose of this rule, "consecutive teams" means consecutive teams within a club. e.g. if a club only has teams in divisions 2, 3 and 5 – then divisions 3 and 5 are consecutive in that club)
- 3.25 Subject to Condition 3.23, any player who has played in a finals game in any season shall be ineligible to play in a final of a lower Division in that season unless the relevant Match Committee grants approval.
- 3.26 Finals play shall be arranged as follows:
- (a) Where the Division is not split into Sections –
 - (1) The sides finishing third and fourth in the roster shall play in the first semi-final.
 - (2) The sides finishing first and second shall play in the second semi-final.
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- (3) The winner of (1) shall play the loser of (2) in the preliminary final.
 - (4) The winner of (2) shall play the winner of (3) in the Grand Final.
- (b) Where the Division is split into Sections –
- (1) The sides finishing third and fourth in each section shall play in the first semi-final.
 - (2) The sides finishing first and second shall play in the second semi-final.
 - (3) The winner of (1) shall play the loser of (2) in the preliminary final.
 - (4) The winner of (2) shall play the winner of (3) in the Section final.
 - (5) The Section final winners shall play for the Division Grand Final.

In the event of three (3) Sections in a Division the Division Winner will be determined by a Round Robin between Section winners.

3.27 In a final the winner is determined by the highest aggregate score. If, at the conclusion of the specified number of ends, the aggregate scores are equal, each team making up the side shall play an additional end against the same opponent, on the same rink, on the same day if practicable, to achieve a result. The Law governing additional ends will apply (BA Law 45). If at the conclusion of the additional end the scores remain equal, a further end or ends shall be played as above until a result is achieved.

- 3.28 (a) (i) In other than midweek competition players will not be permitted to play in any of the last three (3) pennant games or in finals in a Division once they have played a total of three (3) games in the last six (6) rounds of the roster series in higher Divisions except under the authority of condition 3.25 or in exceptional circumstances approved by the relevant Match Committee. (Note: For the purposes of this rule, abandoned and forfeited games do not count).
- (ii) No one shall play in finals of Pennant unless they have played at least six (6) completed roster games during the season in any of the divisions.
- (iii) A side playing an ineligible player shall forfeit the match if the opposing side notifies the Chairman of the relevant Match Committee of that fact by 12.00 noon on the day after it occurs.
- (b) (i) No one shall play in finals of Midweek or Mixed competition unless they have played at least six (6) completed roster games in that Division of that competition or are a "B-Grade" player, and have the approval of the relevant Match Committee, which shall only be given if the Committee is satisfied that the Club will not otherwise be able to field a full side.
- (ii) A side playing an ineligible player shall forfeit the match if the opposing side notifies the Chairman of the relevant Match Committee of that fact by 12.00 noon on the day after it occurs.

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- 3.29 Except in the lowest Division, the side which finishes in last position at the conclusion of the non-finals, games, shall be relegated to the next lower Division.
- 3.30 Except in the highest Division, the sides that finish in the first position in each Division at the end of the non-finals, games, shall be promoted to the next higher Division subject to the provisions of Condition 4.3.
- 3.31 A club may request that a side that qualifies for promotion not be promoted if it is of the opinion that it would not be competitive in the higher Division. Any such request must be supported with reasons for the promotion to be waived. Should the Board agree with the recommendation of the Match Committee that the promotion not be made, there shall be a limit of two successive years on such a non-promotion.
- 3.32 If for any reason, a promotion in the normal way is not made, the Match Committee may recommend that an alternative side be promoted. The order in which sides shall be considered for promotion is as follows:
- (i) The side which finished in second position in the Division in which the side which was not promoted competed.
 - (ii) The side, not being the side which could not be promoted, which was the winner of the Divisional final, unless that side has already been promoted.
 - (iii) The side, not being the side which could not be promoted, which was the runner-up in the Divisional final unless that side has already been promoted.
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- (i) If no alternative promotion can be recommended in accordance with Conditions 3.30, 3.31 and 3.32 the Match Committee may recommend that relegation from the next higher Division not be made.
 - (ii) In the event the Match Committee shall have the power to recommend promotion or relegation of any team to ensure an even and balanced competition and to prevent mismatches.
- 3.34
- (i) **Where a club has both grass and synthetic greens, and games in a particular division are usually played on a particular surface, those games should not be re-allocated to the other surface type without providing at least four days advance notice to the visiting club.**
 - (ii) **This condition may be waived in exceptional circumstances with the approval of the Chair of the appropriate Match Committee.**
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SECTION 4. BTS MENS PENNANT COMPETITIONS ONLY

- 4.1 **This Section must be read in conjunction with Section 3.**
- 4.2 Competitions may be played in Divisions and Divisions may be played in Sections. Unless otherwise determined by the Match Committee there shall be eight Divisions in order of seniority as follows: Division 1, Division 2, Division 2 Reserve, Division 3, Division 3 Reserve, Division 4, Division 4 Reserve, Division 5, and Mixed Competitions as required.
- 4.3 The competitions will be open to all affiliated clubs and they will besides of four (4) teams of four (4) players, except that their lowest side if in B Grade, and any side playing in a mixed competition, can comprise three (3) teams of four (4) players but only when the division is constituted of sides of three teams.
- 4.4 Except in the lowest Division no club shall have more than one side in a Division. When more than one side is permitted in a Division they shall be distinguished by the suffix 1 and 2..
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- 4.5.1 Divisions 1 to 4 Reserve shall consist of 10 sides each.
 - 4.5.2 In Divisions 1 to 4 Reserve each side in a Division shall be drawn to play each other twice, once on each side's green.
 - 4.5.3 The Match Committee shall decide the structure and roster of Division 5 and the Mixed Competition (if any).
- 4.6 If more than one Division 5 section exists, winners of each section are entitled to be promoted to Division 4 Reserve.
- 4.7 Opposite gender substitutes may be used only in the club's lowest division pennant side, provided that this side is in Division 3 or below.
- 4.7.1 Opposite gender substitutes can only be used when no eligible same gender substitute is available and only after all normal avenues for obtaining a same gender substitute have been exhausted.

The opposite gender substitute declaration must be filled in and sent with the match result form to the BTS statistician.
 - 4.7.2 Only one opposite gender substitute is allowed per team (rink). The opposite gender substitute must be from the same division, or a lower division. **The opposite gender substitute must only play as a lead or second.**
- 4.8 (a) The appointed time for commencing each match is 1.00 p.m. This time may be varied by *mutual consent* of participating Side Captains, and with the *approval* of the *Match Committee*.

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- (b) Because of travelling constraints, special arrangements will apply to matches involving Bruny Island teams.
 - (c) There shall be a compulsory break of at least 20 minutes during rostered games and finals, unless both team captains agree otherwise.

4.9 Other than in the finals, if a match is abandoned in Divisions that play 25 ends it shall count as a tie unless an aggregate total of 60 ends or more have been completed, in which case the match will be deemed complete with the scores as at the abandonment.

In Divisions involving sides of four (4) teams of four (4) players that play 21 ends an aggregate total of 50 ends or more is required before a match is deemed complete.

In Divisions, involving sides of three (3) teams of four (4) players, and playing 21 ends, 45 ends or more is required before a match is deemed complete.

4.10 Finals

- (a) A final series will be played involving the first four sides in each Division.
- (b) The Match Committee will select greens and make all arrangements necessary for the conduct of the final series.
- (c) The club heading the ladder in each Division at the end of the pennant roster will have the option of choosing the venue for the second semi-final match, otherwise venues are to be determined by the Match Committee.
- (d) Umpires for all final matches **except for grand finals** shall be appointed by the host club. Otherwise they will be appointed by mutual agreement of the competing sides or, failing agreement, the BTS Umpire's Panel should be consulted to ascertain available Umpires. **The BTS Umpires Panel will appoint umpires for all grand finals.**
- (e) In the event of any finals match being incomplete at the end of the scheduled session, it will be played or completed as soon as practicable as determined by the Match Committee. If the Match Committee determines that rescheduling is not practicable, the side which finished higher on the roster ladder shall be declared the winner.

SECTION 5 BTS MENS MIDWEEK COMPETITION

5.1 This section must be read in conjunction with Section 3.

5.2 The competitions will be open to all affiliated clubs and they will be sides of three (3) teams of four (4) players.

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- 5.3 Except in the lowest Division no club shall have more than one side in a Division. When more than one side is permitted in a Division they shall be distinguished by the suffix 1 and 2.
- 5.4 (a) The appointed time for commencing each match is 1.00 p.m. This time may be varied by *mutual consent* of participating Side Captains, and with the *approval* of the *Match Committee*.
- (b) There shall be a compulsory break of at least 20 minutes during rostered games and finals, unless both team captains agree otherwise.
- 5.5 Other than in the finals, if a match is abandoned it shall count as a tie unless an aggregate total of 45 ends or more have been completed, in which case the match will be deemed complete with the scores as at the abandonment.
- 5.6 **Finals**
- (a) **A final series will be played involving the first four sides in each Division.**
- (b) **The Match Committee will make all arrangements necessary for the conduct of the final series.**
- (c) **In each Division at the end of the pennant roster, the Club heading the ladder will have the option of choosing the venue for the second semi-final match, the Club in third place will have the option of choosing the venue for the first semi-final match and the Club that loses the second semi-final match will have the option of choosing the venue for the preliminary final match. Otherwise venues are to be determined by the Match Committee.**
- (d) **Umpires for all final matches except for grand finals shall be appointed by the host club. Otherwise they will be appointed by mutual agreement of the competing sides or, failing agreement, the BTS Umpire's Panel should be consulted to ascertain available Umpires. The BTS Umpires Panel will appoint umpires for all grand finals.**
- (e) In the event of any finals match being incomplete at the end of the scheduled session, it will be played or completed as soon as practicable as determined by the Match Committee. If the Match Committee determines that rescheduling is not practicable, the side which finished higher on the roster ladder shall be declared the winner.
- 5.7 A registered player from a Club not playing Midweek is permitted to play with another Club providing the player is registered with BTS and that only one midweek Club is involved. The matter of registration with the Midweek Club is to be between the player and the new Club.
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- 5.8 Every rink must include a minimum of two players eligible for B Grade events.
- 5.9 With the approval of the relevant Match Committee Ladies may play as substitutes or replacements in a club's lowest Division provided that the provisions of conditions 4.7 and 5.8 still apply

SECTION 6. BTS WOMENS PENNANT COMPETITIONS ONLY

6.1 This Section must be read in conjunction with Section 3.

- 6.2 Play will be in Divisions consisting of ten sides each of three teams of four players, except in the case of the lowest Division which will be structured at the discretion of the Match Committee.

(a) Opposite gender substitutes are not permitted.

- 6.3 No Club shall have more than one side in a Division, except in the lowest Division and where a Club currently has two sides in a Division. (From 2013-14 onwards no Club will be permitted to have more than one side in a Division except in the lowest Division.)**

- 6.4 Each side must have at least 9 (nine) of its own players 3 (three) in each team and not more than *one* substitute or borrowed player in each team. In a two rink competition, each side must have 6 (six) of its own players, 3 (three) in each team.

- 6.5 (a) The appointed time for commencing each match is 11.30 am. This time may be varied by mutual consent of participating side captains, with the approval of the match committee

(b) There will be a compulsory lunch break of at least 30 minutes after 11 completed ends during rostered games and finals, unless both side captains agree otherwise.

- 6.6 Where a club has two sides in the same division, players are not interchangeable, even as substitutes, after the fourth last pennant game.

- 6.7 Other than in finals, a match which is abandoned when less than 45 ends overall have been completed will count as a tie. If more than 45 ends overall have been completed, the match will be deemed to have been completed with the scores as at the abandonment.

- 6.8 A final series shall be played involving the first four sides in each Division in which teams are made up of 12 players.

- 6.9 The Match Committee will select greens and make all arrangements with the clubs concerned for the conduct of the final series.

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- 6.10 The club heading the ladder in each Division at the end of the pennant roster will have the option of choosing the venue for the second semi-final match, otherwise venues are to be determined by the Match Committee.
- 6.11 **Umpires for all final matches except for grand finals shall be appointed by the host club. Otherwise they will be appointed by mutual agreement of the competing sides or, failing agreement, the BTS Umpire's Panel should be consulted to ascertain available Umpires. The BTS Umpires Panel will appoint umpires for all grand finals.**
- 6.12 **In the event of any finals match being incomplete at the end of the scheduled session, it will be played or completed as soon as practicable as determined by the Match Committee. If the Match Committee determines that rescheduling is not practicable, the side which finished higher on the roster ladder shall be declared the winner.**

SECTION 7. BTS MIXED COMPETITION:

- 7.1 **This Section must be read in conjunction with Section 3.**
- 7.2 Where sufficient entries are received BTS may conduct a Mixed Pennant competition. The number of sides deemed to be sufficient entries for the competition is to be determined by the relevant Match Committee. Where possible, both Open and "B" grade competitions will be arranged.
- 7.3 The Mixed Pennant competition is to be played under the same rules and conditions that apply to Division 5 except that:
- (a) A side will consist of 3 teams of 4 players.
 - (b) Each team must contain at least one player of each gender.
 - (c) Female players may wear either the same attire as approved for male players of the club or the female attire for that club approved by BTS.
 - (d) If the competition is designated "B" grade, all players must be eligible for "B" grade in accordance with rule 2.4 of these conditions.
- 7.4 A registered female player, from a Club not playing in the Mixed Competition, is permitted to play in the Mixed Competition with another Club providing the player is registered with BTS and that only one Mixed Competition Club is involved. The matter of registration with the Mixed Competition Club is to be between the player and the new Club.



POLICY TITLE: EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

POLICY CLASS: GENERAL

Extremes in Australian weather raise the question about Bowls Australia's policy in relation to stopping play or competition when severe weather strikes. Bowls Australia strives to ensure that its members participate in the game of bowls in the safest environment possible and with minimum risk of harm.

Weather conditions can vary greatly throughout Australia and Bowls Australia does not intend to second-guess the judgement of the controlling body of any given game. The decision whether to suspend or discontinue play is at the discretion of the controlling body. Bowls Australia has provided the following guidelines in assisting the controlling body in making that decision.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Each club should have in place evacuation and emergency policies and procedures and should conduct an evacuation drill at least once in each 12 month period.
- Each club should provide a contact phone number that players and officials can ring if they are in doubt as to the state of play on any given day.
- Bowls Australia advises that where possible, clubs should usually continue play or competition where they are able to do so, however, player and official's safety will remain the paramount consideration.
- The controlling body should suspend play/competition for up to 2 hours if the adverse weather condition may improve. Where conditions have not improved in that time, the controlling body should cancel the play/competition for that day and reschedule.
- The controlling body may approve rescheduling play/competition to another day or weekend if the controlling body determines that conditions are unsafe for players, officials or spectators. Typical reasons for this include consistent heavy rain, snow, slippery conditions, extreme heat or cold and bad light.
- If play/competition is to be cancelled and rescheduled, the controlling body will use their best endeavours to notify participants. The controlling body will determine the most appropriate method of communication and might consider community radio, newsletter, phone calls or e-mails.

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- Each club should have its own policy as to refunding any fees to those participants who are unable to play/compete at the rescheduled time when the play/competition is cancelled due to adverse weather.

HOT WEATHER

- Players, officials and spectators should at all times be encouraged to wear hats or other head protection. It is recommended that a hat be part of any club uniform.
- Drinks should be available at every venue where play/competition takes place. Tap water should be available free of charge and in unlimited quantities. Other drinks may be served or sold as determined by each club.
- When the temperature reaches 35 degrees, play/competition should be interrupted at 20 minute intervals (at the completion of the end in play) for a period of 5 minutes, during which time, drinks should be made available. Any time limit imposed on the interrupted match will be waived.
- Where available, shelter should be offered for players and officials not involved in current play.
- Where the temperature reaches 38 degrees, it is recommended that play/competition be discontinued.
- Should a calibrated weather station be available at the venue, the following guidelines will then be applied.
 - When the heat stress index reaches 36 at the venue play/competition should be interrupted at 20 minute intervals (at the completion of the end in play) for a period of 5 minutes, during which time, drinks should be made available. Any time limit imposed on the interrupted match will be waived.
 - Where the heat stress index reaches 40 at the venue, play/competition will be suspended.
 - The heat stress index at the venue will be determined by the Tournament Director.
- Where the immediate safety of all players and officials is taken into consideration, the controlling body and the Skips of both teams may agree to continue to play and waive the 5 minute period to take extra shelter and fluid.
- It will be at the discretion of the controlling body to determine whether to discontinue play. In making the decision, the controlling body will take account of all relevant factors including the age and health of players and officials, the weather conditions and climate for that part of the country, the level of humidity, the evacuation / emergency plans for the club / venue and the amount of shade or shelter available at the venue.

WET/COLD WEATHER

- In parts of Australia susceptible to cold and wet weather, it is recommended that clubs have warm clothes and a waterproof jacket as part of their uniform.
- When severe winter weather is forecast, the controlling body should initiate procedures and monitor weather reports. The controlling body should initiate procedures and monitor weather reports. The controlling body may contact local and state agencies for input on weather and road conditions. The controlling body should review such things as the present weather condition and the traffic conditions within the immediate area as well as outlying roads upon which players and officials are arriving. Based on this information, the controlling body will decide whether to cancel play/competition.
- Where available, shelter should be offered for players and officials not involved in current play.
- If the ground is slippery from frost, snow, rain or mud or if the temperature drops below 8 degrees it is at the discretion of the controlling body to determine whether to discontinue play. In making the decision account should be taken of all relevant factors including the age and health of players and officials, the weather conditions and climate for that part of the country, the wind-chill factor, the evacuation and emergency plans for the club and venue and the amount of shelter available at the venue.
- If it is raining heavily, play/competition should be discontinued for a period of 2 hours. If it continues to rain heavily during that time, it is recommended that play/competition be discontinued. The time may vary from venue to venue depending upon the playing surface, the shelter available etc. It is at the discretion of the controlling body to determine whether to discontinue play.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:

- CEO

AUTHORITY:

- Board of Bowls Australia

REVIEW DATE:

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INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

For

**Smoking on the Green, inappropriate usage of Mobile Phone
or Code of Conduct Infringement**

To:.....

You have been observed breaching *Smoking on the Green, inappropriate usage of a Mobile Phone, or the Player Code of Conduct* policy, **(please circle one)** and therefore, the rules and conditions of play relating to this competition.

This communication is notification to you that your infringement has been officially reported to Bowls Tasmania South.

Should you subsequently be observed continuing to ignore the policy, laws and conditions of play you may incur disciplinary action, including a penalty imposed on you.

PRESIDENT

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INFRINGEMENT PLAYER REPORT

The following player has been reported formally for breaching the Bowls BTS policy as contained in the Conditions of Play (refer to Condition 1.7)

Player Surname.....
(Please Print)

Other Name/s
(Please Print)

Breach: **Smoking on the Green** **Player code of Conduct** **Inappropriate usage of a Mobile Phone**
(Please Circle One)

Player's Club & Association

Date & Venue of breach

Competition/Event being played

Was the Player warned? Yes No

By whom.....Title..... (Umpire/Side Captain)

Was the Player issued with an **Infringement Notice**? Yes No

Name of **Official** making the Player Report

Signature..... Date.....

This report to be sent to BTS P.O. Box 832, Glenorchy Tas. 7010 or Fax. 6249 1125

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