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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) April 2019 Crystal Mark Edition (“the WB Laws”) and Bowls Australia (BA) policies. In the event of any conflict between these Conditions of Play and the WB Laws, the WB Laws prevail.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

- 1.1 **Conduct of competitions.** All Bowls Tasmania South (BTS) competitions will be arranged and supervised by a BTS Match Committee, which has authority to take any action deemed necessary for the satisfactory conduct of such competitions, but MUST conform to WB Laws.
- 1.2 **Eligibility.** Every member of an affiliated club in respect of whom BTS has received an annual registration is eligible to play in BTS Championships and pennant in a competition designated for them. For team events players may be members of different clubs.
- 1.3 **Clearances.** Where a member transfers membership to another club, a completed clearance form must be received by BTS prior to the member being eligible to play pennant for the new club.
- 1.4 **Dual Membership.** 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.
- 1.5 **Choice of Surfaces.** There shall be no discrimination in favour of either synthetic or natural surfaces in the allocation of BTS Championships or Pennant events.
- 1.6 **Mobile phones, smoking on green, player conduct and hearing disabilities.**
- 1.6.1 Electronic devices including mobile phones are not permitted to be used on the greens or their immediate surrounds except if being used to enter live scores into the Bowls Link portal.
- 1.6.2 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 (that is, synthetic greens etc.) Where designated smoking areas have been provided at a Club, these areas must be used. E-cigarettes are a form of smoking and are included under this Condition of Play.
- 1.6.3 Player Code of Conduct 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 the **BTS Disciplinary Policy** and the **BA Instantaneous Penalties Policy**.
- 1.6.4 Players with a hearing disability can use electronic devices to communicate with each other whilst on the rink of play. Any such use must be approved by the Chair of the BTS Match Committee.

1.7 Uniforms.

- 1.7.1 The BA National Merchandise Program and Logo Policy and BTS Uniform Policy as amended from time to time will apply to all persons playing in BTS Championships and pennant competitions. This includes headwear and footwear.
- 1.7.2 All persons playing in pennant competitions must wear their own approved Club's uniform.
- 1.7.3 Players from a club making up a composite pennant side may wear approved attire as if they were a side in their own right.
- 1.7.4 A club may seek temporary relief from this Condition of Play if any of its players are unable to comply due to circumstances beyond their control. Any such relief must be approved by the BTS Match Committee.
- 1.7.5 Breaches of the BA and/or BTS uniform policies should be reported on the *Infringement – Uniform Report* (Appendix 2).

1.8 Bowls Stickers.

- 1.8.1 Players in team or side may use bowls stickers that are different in size.
 - (a) The stickers must, however, be one layer only, the same design and colour and where used must be adhered to both sides of the bowl;
 - (b) On the bias side (the small ring) the stickers may be a small ring and/or the dot. The small ring and/or dot may cover the distinctive mark (engraving) but must not cover the WB stamp or serial number;
 - (c) It is acceptable for one or more members of a team/side to use a small ring and another use the dot (these are stickers of different size);
 - (d) The stickers used on the bias side of the bowls may be partially trimmed to ensure that the WB stamp and serial number remain visible;
 - (e) It is acceptable for players to have the rings cut into sections, accommodating the large distinctive mark (engraving) now found on some models of bowls. Further, it is acceptable for only some members of the team/side to have the rings cut into sections;
 - (f) It is not contrary to the WB Laws for the stickers used on the non-bias side (i.e. the large ring) to partly cover the distinctive mark (engraving) on the non-bias side; and
 - (g) The stickers must be applied to each set of bowls in the same way (from example, if the dot is used on the bias side, it must be used on each of a player's bowls used in that match).

1.8.2 Where bowls stickers are affixed to bowls, the stickers must be identical for all bowls in use by a:

- (a) Player in a singles event;
- (b) Team in a team event; or a
- (c) Side in a side event, except that in the case of a composite pennant side, each player may use bowls displaying the stickers of their own Club.

Notes:

- (1) A team can be a pair (2 players), a 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.

1.9 Condition of Greens.

1.9.1 If a green of a Club, after inspection by the BTS Greens Advisory Committee in the normal course of its duties, or following a written complaint received, is deemed unfit for the playing of Pennant matches:

- (a) The BTS 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 BTS, take such steps as the BTS Greens Advisory Committee considers necessary to bring the green to a reasonable standard and if, following such action, the BTS Greens Advisory 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.

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

1.9.3 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 BTS Greens Advisory Committee to discuss possible corrective action.

1.10 Damage to Greens.

The **BTS Greens Protection Policy** as amended from time to time will apply to all BTS events. The Policy outlines actions that can be taken by clubs or BTS against players whose actions are deemed to be causing undue damage to greens.

1.11 Restricting Movement of Players. Restricting the movement of players during the course of play will be enforced in accordance with Appendix A4 of the WB Laws.

1.11.1 Prior to the start of each end, the following players will take their position at the mat end of the green:

- Pairs game: the leads.
- Triples game: the leads and seconds.
- Fours game: the leads and seconds (the third may elect to stand with the skip at the head).

1.11.2 After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to follow their bowls up the green or walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

Singles (each player playing four bowls)

- The opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.

Pairs (each player playing three bowls)

- The leads: after delivery of their third bowl.
- The skips: after delivery of their second and third bowls.

Pairs (each player playing four bowls crossover)

- The leads: after delivery of their second bowl.
- The skips: after delivery of their second bowl.
- The leads: after delivery of their fourth bowl.
- The skips: after delivery of each of their third and fourth bowls.

Triples (each player playing two bowls)

- The leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl;
- The seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.
- The skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

Fours (each player playing two bowls)

- The leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl.
- The seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.
- The thirds: after delivery of their second bowl.
- The skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

1.11.3 In exceptional and limited circumstances, a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head, or a player to the marker in singles, earlier than described above. If a player does not meet these terms, WB law 13 will apply.

1.12 **Penalties.** For Infringement of Conditions of Play and / or WB Laws, the following penalties apply:

1.12.1 **General – Applicable to BTS Championships and Pennant Competitions**

- (a) The infringement of any WB 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 BTS Match Committee or the BTS Board may determine in respect of a player or team in accordance with Condition 1.12.1 (c) of these Conditions of Play. A right of appeal to BTS as provided in Condition 1.12.1 (d) shall exist in relation to the imposition of a penalty or sanction.
- (b) Any player required to play in an event under the control of Bowls Tasmania (BT) or 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.
- (c) The BTS Match Committee may impose penalties for infringing Conditions of Play including:
 - (i) Reprimand.
 - (ii) Loss of any number of Pennant Points.
 - (iii) Fines of up to \$500 per incident
 - (iv) Exclusion from competition(s) for specific events, on specific dates or for a period of time.
- (d) An appeal against a decision to impose a penalty in accordance with Condition 1.12.1(c) may be made in writing to the BTS Board within fourteen days of written advice of the penalty being received. Where the penalty has been imposed by the BTS Match Committee the full BTS Board shall conduct the appeal. Where the penalty has been imposed by the BTS Board the appeal will be heard by an independent appeals panel of three persons appointed by the BTS Secretary. In either case, once the appeal has been heard and the outcome has been advised to the appellant no further appeal shall be permitted.
- (e) 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:
 - (i) On the first occasion the Umpire will warn the player and direct that player to play their bowl/s without further delay.
 - (ii) 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.
 - (iii) 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.

- (f) If a club refuses entry to its greens to a player from an opposing club, the match will be transferred by the BTS Match Committee to a neutral venue. If a club refuses to comply with this Condition of Play, then the game shall be regarded as a forfeit, and pennant points and shot allocations provided for in Conditions 1.12.3 (f) shall apply.

1.12.2 **BTS Championships Only**

- (a) Should a player/team not appear at the scheduled time for play, without reason acceptable to BTS, each such player shall be subject to a fine of \$20 and be ineligible to play in the same event in the following season.
- (b) Withdrawal after the draw has been done will result in the forfeit of entry fees paid.

1.12.3 **BTS Pennant Competitions Only**

- (a) Any forfeits by a club shall be in the club's lowest division in that competition. Where a club forfeits five matches in a pennant season, that club's lowest side will be automatically withdrawn from the pennant competition.
- (b) 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.
- (c) If a side joins a Division after the commencement of the season, it will not receive pennant points or shots for any games not played.
- (d) Non-eligible players:
 - (i) In the event that a side plays a non-eligible player in a game then that game shall be regarded as a forfeit, and pennant points and shot allocations provided for in Condition 1.12.3 (f) shall apply.
 - (ii) If a Club appeals or if BTS becomes aware more than 48 hours after the conclusion of a game that a side has played a non-eligible player in a game, the side playing the non-eligible player will not receive any pennant points and will receive a penalty of minus 15 shots. The opposing team will only receive the pennant points and shots earned in that game.

- (e) If a green is timed at less than 12 seconds or greater than 16 seconds and is reported to BTS by the visiting club, an explanation shall be provided by the home club. If that explanation is not accepted as satisfactory by the BTS Board, the home club will forfeit six points from each of its sides playing on that green on that day.
- (f) 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.
- (g) If a pennant side arrives to play with only 12 players (being the minimum) of the 16 required, then it MUST be four teams of three players all and NOT three teams of four players with one team forfeiting. (Where it is only a three team competition, then it MUST be a minimum of nine players with three teams of three players. Where it is only a two team competition, then it MUST be a minimum of six players with two teams of three 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 as set out in Condition 1.12.1 (c) apply for non-conformance.
- (h) Failure to enter the results into the Bowls Link Results Portal within the stated time will, unless an explanation is given to and accepted as satisfactory by the BTS Board, incur the same penalty for the home club as set out in Condition 1.12.1 (a).
- (i) No player shall play in more than one match of the same round. In exceptional circumstances the Chair of the BTS Match Committee may on application waive this rule. Any infringement of this rule will incur forfeiture of the match.
- (j) If players are chosen in a BTS side and make themselves' unavailable to play, they shall be ineligible to play, except in exceptional circumstances accepted by the BTS 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.

1.13 Extreme Heat Policy. The following will apply for BTS championships and pennant:

- (a) When the temperature reaches 32 degrees in the shade, play/competition MUST 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.

- (b) When the temperature reaches 35 degrees in the shade, play/competition MUST be suspended until the temperature drops to 32 degrees. Players are required to wait up to two hours for the temperature to drop to 32 degrees. If after a two hour delay the temperature has not reduced to 32 degrees play / competition MUST be abandoned.
- (c) If the temperature reaches 37 degrees in the shade, play/competition MUST be abandoned.
- (d) The temperature is to be measured using the Weatherzone website (<https://www.weatherzone.com.au/>) or its pocket weather application which is accessible on smart phones.
- (e) Side Captains need to be aware of their duty of care to ensure the health and safety of players and officials during extreme heat conditions. The health and safety of players and officials will remain the paramount consideration in deciding whether or not to interrupt, suspend or abandon play. Where players are elderly or less healthy, Side Captains may agree to interrupt, suspend or abandon play when temperatures are lower than outlined in Conditions 1.13 (a), (b) and (c) above.

Note: Clubs MUST adhere to the current **BA Weather Policy**. The policy can be found on the Policies section of the BTS website and is to be read as referring to conditions at the venue where the match is being played.

- 1.14 **Serious Injury or Illness.** If a player is seriously injured, is seriously ill or passes away whilst playing pennant or immediately prior to playing pennant, Clubs MUST adhere to the BTS Serious Injury and Illness Policy which can be found on the Policies section of the BTS website.
- 1.15 **COVID-19 (coronavirus).** Clubs and all players in BTS Championships and pennant competitions MUST adhere to the BTS Coronavirus Policy as amended from time to time and which can be found in the Policies section of the BTS website.
- 1.16 **Play on green prohibited whilst Pennant or BTS Championships are in progress.** No other play is permitted on a green whilst:
 - (a) BTS Championships are in progress on that green; or
 - (b) Pennant is in progress on that green except if permission is obtained from all participating Side Captains. Such permission can only be granted if spare rinks are available and anyone playing on spare rinks are in full uniform.
- 1.17 **Definition of regular player.** “Regular” is defined as “someone who has played 50% or more of their games, in the current season, in that Division (or higher)”. If the current season is less than six weeks old, a player will be deemed to play in the Division where they regularly played in the previous season. Refer Conditions 2.5 (d) and 6.5 (c) and (d).

SECTION 2 - CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR BTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Note: **BTS Championship Conditions of Play will conform wherever possible to BT State Events Conditions of Play**

- 2.1 **Gender Specific.** All BTS Championships will be gender specific and include men and women with the exception of Junior Championships which are non-gender specific.
- 2.2 **Registered Players.** All players wishing to enter championships at any level shall be registered with BTS.
- 2.3 **Eligibility of Bowls Used.** All bowls used in the event shall meet such eligibility criteria as required in current WB Laws. The stamp of a current or future year is not required except for the BTS Open Champion of Champion Singles Championships.
- 2.4 **Open and B Grade Competitions.** Competitions will be Open or B Grade. A minimum of four (4) entries shall be required before any event will be conducted.
- 2.5 **Status and Eligibility of Players.** Playing status and eligibility shall be determined each year by the division played in pennant (if status changes after close of entries, this does not affect eligibility to play as entered).
- (a) Any player shall be eligible for either Open or B Grade championships until having played six games in the current season in Division 1 or above (Saturday) or Division 2 or above (Thursday).
 - (b) Status for each championship shall be as at the closing date of entry to the championship.
 - (c) Any dispute on status or eligibility shall be resolved by BTS for that championship.
 - (d) If insufficient games have been played to determine eligibility, regular (as defined in Condition 1.17) players in Division 1 or above (Saturday) or Division 2 or above (Thursday) in the previous season shall not be eligible for B Grade championships.
 - (e) Players who have not played pennant for at least a season or who only play Midweek pennant will only be permitted to play where determined by the BTS Match Committee.
 - (f) Eligibility for the B Grade Champion of Champion championships shall be determined as at close of entries in individual club singles championships.
- 2.6 **Number of Ends.** The number of ends/bowls shall be as determined by BTS.
- 2.7 **Draw and Greens for Matches.**
- (a) All matches shall be played on greens selected and arranged by the BTS Match Committee.

- (b) The BTS Match Committee will conduct a draw in a manner to account for the number of entries using either A) knockout play only, or B) sectional play for the first round, followed by knockout play.
- (c) Where practical the BTS Match Committee will extend entry deadlines to allow for additional entries to avoid byes in the draw.
- (d) Where events commence with knockout play, after the first round, the contestants are reduced to a power of two.
- (e) Where events commence with sectional play, after the first round of post-sectional play, the contestants will be reduced to the power of two.
- (f) Where byes are required, the BTS Match Committee will allocate them where possible such that contestants do not have byes in consecutive rounds.
- (g) Matches shall be played on dates and at times determined by the Board. The BTS Match Committee shall determine any alteration to these dates and times which circumstances might require.

2.8 **Conduct of Matches.** The BTS Match Committee reserves the right to amend a draw if deemed necessary due to withdrawals from an event. On the day of the event, authority to amend a draw rests with the Manager appointed at each venue.

2.9 **Amend Draws.** On each day of play, the BTS 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 who shall work in conjunction with the appointed umpire/s. The host club is responsible for the appointment of the Manager, who may be a member of the BTS Match Committee but may not be the supervisory or appointed umpire of the day.

2.10 **Duties of Host Club.** The duties of the Manager, or, if applicable, the BTS 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 BTS Match Committee. The Manager may not overrule WB Laws or BTS Conditions of Play. It is the duty of the host club to provide at least one Umpire per green before the commencement of play each day. If a club is unable to provide the required number of Umpires, the BTS Officiating Panel should be consulted. The BTS Officiating Panel will appoint umpires for all championship grand finals. The BTS Officiating Panel will appoint markers for all singles semi-final and grand final championship games.

2.11 **Practice.** No practice shall be permitted prior to commencement of any championship event other than for players who have a bye provided that a neutral rink is available.

2.12 **Trial Ends.** 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 each game, provided that the trial ends, if still in progress at the scheduled starting time, shall cease immediately.

- 2.13 **Starting Time.** Starting times and any break times will be as determined by the BTS Match Committee (or the Manager after assuming responsibility under Condition 2.9).
- 2.14 **No Breaks.** All games shall be played without a break.
- 2.15 **Ties.** 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.
- 2.16 **Replacement Players and Substitutes.** The current WB Laws shall be followed in relation to replacement players and substitutes, period of grace before appointed time, and markers.
- 2.17 **Singles Markers.** Defeated players in Singles must be available as markers for the next round in knock-out competition. The losing players required as markers for the next rounds will be identified on the draw.
- 2.18 **Withdrawals.** An intended player may withdraw by notifying the BTS Secretary not less than 48 hours before the scheduled commencement of play.
- 2.19 **Treatment of Withdrawals.** Withdrawal after this time shall be treated as follows:
- (a) In the case of a singles player, the game will be awarded to the opponent as a forfeit if the qualified intended player withdraws after the draw has been finalised by BTS.
 - (b) In the case of a team event, a replacement may be allowed in accordance with WB Laws.
- 2.20 **Sectional / Knockout format.** Sectional play may be used for initial rounds if desired by BTS. If less than 16 teams enter an event which is advertised as sectional play, the event will revert to a knockout competition.
- 2.21 **Stickers.**
- (a) The bowls being used by players who are members of composite teams (from more than one Club) shall either all carry identical stickers or none shall carry any stickers at all.
 - (b) Where two teams from the same club are playing each other, the team listed second must remove their stickers. In the event of any conflict, the Umpire's decision shall be final.
- 2.22 **Management of Championships.** BTS shall have responsibility for the entire management of BTS events with power to alter conditions if deemed necessary.
- 2.23 **Format.**
- (a) For both Men's and Women's events, where the format requires Sectional play, BTS will schedule three rounds of Sectional play on the one day.

- (b) Sectional play shall be drawn as four teams in each section, excepting singles championships which shall be drawn as three players in each section and junior championships which will be at the discretion of the BTS Match Committee.
- (c) There shall be three rounds of sectional play in each section. Sections having only three entries will see the loser of game one play in game two. In the event of a drawn game in game one, for the purpose of game two, the winner of game one will be determined by the most ends won.
- (d) Post sectional play and all Finals to be played in the form of a knock out competition.
- (e) BTS will determine each season as to what format the games will take:

(i) Singles:

Format (first round): Shall be sectional play for the first round with the player not playing acting as the Marker. All games 25 shots up.

Format (thereafter): After the first round it shall revert to a knock out competition. All games 25 shots up.

Juniors: For Junior events which may be played as sectional or knock out and be 21 shots up.

(ii) Pairs:

Format: Men's Open: Four Bowl Crossover (2 x 2 x 2 x 2)
Men's B Grade & Women's: Three bowl pairs.

	Men's Open	Men's B Grade	Women
Sectional Play	15 ends	15 ends	15 ends
Post Sectional	15	18	18
Quarter Finals	15	18	18
Semi-Finals	18	21	21
Grand Final	18	21	21

(iii) Triples:

Format: Two bowl.

Sectional Play: 15 ends

Post Sectional & Quarter Finals Rounds: 18 ends

Semi Finals & Grand Final: 21 ends

(iv) Fours:

Format: Two bowl.

Sectional Play: 15 ends (except Women's Over 60's = 12 ends)

Post Sectional & Quarter Finals Rounds: 15 ends

Semi Finals & Grand Final: 18 ends

(v) Champion of Champions

Format: Singles

Knockout: all games 21 shots up.

(f) Scoring:

(i) In Sectional Play, teams will receive three points for a win, and one point for a tie. Any team receiving a forfeit will be credited with three points for the win and a shots margin equal to the average of net shots margins recorded in all games played in that section.

(ii) Section winners shall be decided on game points, but if two or more teams share top position with equal points, the team with the largest difference between total shots for and total shots against shall be the winner. If the margin is still equal, the player, team or side with the lowest total shots against will be declared the winner. If the lowest total shots against are equal then the player, team or side with the highest amount of ends won will be declared the winner. If the highest amount of ends won is still equal, the winner of the sectional game between the players, teams or sides will be declared the winner. If that game was a tie the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin.

2.24 **Postponements.** 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 BTS Match Committee, and on the same green if possible. Once an event starts, the surface being played on cannot be changed without approval of the BTS Match Committee. In the case of an incomplete match it shall be resumed with the scores as at the adjournment, in accordance with the **WB Laws** (Section 2.2 “Factors Affecting Play” Law 32 Game Stoppages). Condition 1.13 and the **BA Weather Policy** must be strictly adhered to. The Policy can be found on the Policies Section of the BTS website.

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).

2.25 **BTS Bowlers of the Year.**

- (a) BTS shall make awards each year for the Open and B Grade Men’s and Women’s Bowlers of the Year.

- (b) Players will accumulate points when competing in the following BTS events:

Event	Winner(s)	Runners-Up	Losing Semi-Finalists	Losing Quarter Finalists
Singles	37	23	12	9
Pairs	31	20	10	7
Triples	25	17	8	5
Fours	19	14	6	3
DL Reid Singles	19	14	6	3
Champion of Champion Singles	19	14	6	3

- (c) Players who participate in all four BTS events (Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours) shall receive a bonus ten points.
- (d) When a team consists of more than the originally entered players, the player that played in the game where points were earned shall accumulate the points, receive prize money (if any) and have their name engraved on the trophy (if applicable).

SECTION 3 - BTS PENNANT COMPETITIONS – GENERAL

Note: These rules shall apply to Men's Midweek, Women's Thursday and Saturday pennant competitions.

3.1 Entries.

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the BTS 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 BTS Match Committee shall determine the total number of sides that a club may enter in a pennant competition.
- (c) Except in the lowest Divisions no club shall have more than one side in a Division. In the lowest Division where more than one side is permitted they shall be distinguished by the suffix 1 and 2 and so on.
- (d) Each side in a four rink competition must have at least 12 of its own players in the side, three in each team and not more than one substitute from another club in each rink. In a three rink competition, each side must have at least nine of its own players in the side. In a two rink competition, each side must have at least six of its own players in the side.
- (e) Subject to the provisions of Conditions 3.23, the BTS 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 Selection Guidelines.

- (a) Clubs shall ensure that all players in all Divisions are selected in positions based on their ability and merit.
- (b) Blatant abuse of such selections may result in penalties being imposed in accordance with Condition 1.12.

3.3 Duration of Matches. The duration of all pennant matches will be 21 ends.

3.4 Practice.

- (a) Subject to the permission of the club at which a match is to be played, any intending player in that match may practice on any available rink on any green of that club up to 60 minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time of the match. Permission should be granted except under exceptional circumstances.
- (b) Once their allocated green is available, players will be permitted to practice on any rink – and not on the pegs – until the draw is done.
- (c) Once rinks are drawn players cannot practice on the rink that they are drawn to play on but can continue to practice on any other available rink.
- (d) Practice is permitted up until the beginning of trial ends.

- 3.5 **Timing of Greens.** If requested to do so by the visiting side captain, a green shall be timed by opposing side captains approximately 20 minutes before the commencement of play. If the green is timed, the speed of the green shall be announced prior to the trial ends. If a green is deemed unfit for the playing of Pennant matches by the visiting side captain, an official complaint in writing should be forwarded to the BTS Secretary within 48 hours after completion of a game.
- 3.6 **Draw for Rinks.** Opposing side captains shall draw for rinks and teams shall play as drawn and in the positions listed on the scorecard.
- 3.7 **Playing on Adjacent Rinks.** Sides from the same Division are required to play on adjacent rinks wherever possible.
- 3.8 **Umpires.**
- (a) 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 side **MUST** be appointed if available. If no accredited Umpire is available a suitable, unqualified person may be appointed by agreement of the side captains. (Note: A side captain, the Greens Superintendent or his deputy or his nominated representative **MUST** not also be the appointed Umpire.)
 - (b) The appointment of a Measurer or Measurers can also be made by the host club in addition to the appointment of an Umpire. A Measurer's decision with regard to measuring decisions will be final. Measurers do not have the authority or qualifications to determine any WB Laws decisions.
- 3.9 **Greens Superintendents.** 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.
- 3.10 **Trial Ends.** 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 (WB Law 5.1 Trial Ends).
- 3.11 **Cancellations.** Except in exceptional circumstances, a decision against the commencement of play must not be made prior to two hours before the scheduled start 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.
- 3.12 **Commencement.** 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 side captains of the respective sides. In the event that the side captains cannot agree the Umpire's decision shall prevail.

3.13 Inclement Weather before Commencement.

- (a) 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.
- (b) If, owing to inclement weather, play has not commenced two hours after the normal scheduled time for the commencement of play, the game should be abandoned.
- (c) If, owing to inclement weather, play has been delayed and the game is unlikely to be finished within two hours of the normal finish of play, the game should be abandoned.
- (d) In the event of a disagreement between the side captains, the Umpire will decide. The Umpire's decision should reflect the opinion of the majority of players and the duty of care.

3.14 Inclement Weather after Commencement. In the event of adverse weather conditions (including extreme heat as defined in Condition 1.13) 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.

3.15 Re-commencement. 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.

3.16 Interruption by Natural or Civil Disaster. In the event of a game being affected or interrupted by a natural or civil disaster, the game will be abandoned and points shall be shared except if a game is abandoned after sufficient ends have been played to constitute a match, when the game will be deemed to be complete with the match result determined by the scores as at the abandonment.

3.17 Minimum Ends. Other than in the finals, if a match is abandoned:

- (a) In Divisions involving sides of four teams of four players, an aggregate total of 60 ends or more is required to be completed before a match is deemed complete.
- (b) In Divisions involving sides of three teams of four players, an aggregate 45 ends or more is required to be completed before a match is deemed complete.
- (c) In Divisions involving sides of two teams of four players, an aggregate 30 ends or more is required to be completed before a match is deemed complete.
- (d) When less than the required aggregate number of ends have been completed a match will count as a tie.

3.18 Match Scoring.

- (a) Unless the BTS Board determines otherwise, the results of each match shall be scored as follows:

	WIN	DRAW	LOSS
Match Points	6	3	0
Team Points	2	1	0

- (b) In each section or Division, as applicable, points shall be allotted for all completed matches. Points for incomplete matches shall be shared
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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.

3.19 Recording the Match Result.

- (a) Clubs shall ensure that sides as selected are entered into the Bowls Link Results Portal for the impending match as soon as possible after selection and no later than on the day before play.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the home club, usually by the side captains, to enter the result of the match into the Bowls Link results portal within two hours after the conclusion of play, ensuring that the opposing skips in each of the games are aligned and that the members of each team entered into the portal agree with the names on the scorecard, and in the positions in which they played.
- (c) If, within 48 hours after the entry of results in the results portal, an error is discovered the club/s may request that the BTS Statistician (mobile: 0407 058 859, or email: paul.hoddy@bigpond.com) correct the mistake otherwise thereafter the information recorded in the results portal shall be determined to be the correct record.

3.20 Inclement weather and indoor centres. In each section or Division, as applicable, when the only roster match or matches played because of inclement weather are at indoor centres, 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.

3.21 Pennant Finals.

- (a) A final series will be played involving the first four sides in each Division.

- (b) Finals play shall be arranged as follows:
 - (i) The sides finishing third and fourth in the roster shall play in the first semi-final.
 - (ii) The sides finishing first and second shall play in the second semi-final.
 - (iii) The winner of (i) shall play the loser of (ii) in the preliminary final.
 - (iv) The winner of (ii) shall play the winner of (iii) in the Grand Final.
- (c) The BTS Match Committee will make all arrangements necessary for the conduct of the final series.
- (d) **Finals Venues:**
 - (i) 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, as will the Club in third place on the ladder in regard to the venue for the first semi-final match, subject to advice from the BTS Greens Advisory Committee as to the suitability for play of the venues nominated.
 - (ii) The loser of the second semi-final match, except if it chose the venue for the second semi-final match, will have the option of choosing the venue for the preliminary final match subject to advice from the BTS Greens Advisory Committee as to the suitability of the venue nominated.
 - (iii) Whenever advice from the BTS Greens Advisory Committee deems a nominated venue to be unsuitable for play, or when the loser of the second semi-final match chose the venue for the second semi-final match, the BTS Match Committee will nominate a neutral venue at which the match will be played.
 - (iv) All grand finals will be played at neutral venues determined by the BTS Match Committee.
 - (v) Grand Finals should be combined wherever possible so that more than one final can be played at the same venue.
 - (vi) Where possible Clubs with sides playing in more than one Grand Final should be played at the same venue.
 - (vii) Where possible Grand Final venues should be held in a central location and be held no further out than Brighton, Howrah and Kingborough.
 - (viii) In the event of adverse weather, the Premier Grand Final will be played at an indoors centre.
- (e) Umpires for all final matches except for grand finals shall be appointed by the host club. A list of accredited umpires is available on the BTS website. The BTS Officiating Panel will appoint umpires for all grand finals.

- (f) 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 WB Law governing additional ends will apply (WB Law 28). 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.
- (g) 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 BTS Match Committee. If the BTS Match Committee determines that rescheduling is not practicable, the side which finished higher on the roster ladder between the two competing sides in any such finals match shall be declared the winner.

3.22 Eligibility for Pennant and Finals.

(a) Eligibility for Pennant

- (i) Where a club has a temporary shortage of its own members to fill all its pennant sides, it may play eligible substitute players from other clubs. The maximum number of substitute players shall be one per rink and they shall be included only in the lowest side. Once a player has played in a final for their club they are ineligible to be a substitute in a final for another club in the same competition and division.
- (ii) A registered player from a Club which does not have sides entered in a particular pennant is permitted to play in that pennant with another Club providing the player is registered with BTS and that only one other Club is involved. Such players are not Substitutes and may play in any position. The matter of registration with the other Club is to be between the player and the new Club.
- (iii) WB Law 39.2.3 allows different regulations to WB Law 39 regarding absentee players in a team. Domestic Regulation 2.5 applies to the effect that, if a game commences with only three 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 three players in that team. The team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player. The order of play shall be maintained by the second of the complete team playing consecutive bowls. Each player must play two bowls only. The team with an absent player will have no reduction made in its score.
- (iv) Where a club has more than one side in the lowest Division, players are not interchangeable, even as substitutes, after the fourth last pennant game.

(b) **Eligibility for Finals**

- (i) Where a club has consecutive sides playing in corresponding finals they are permitted to select their sides in order of strength. For this Condition 1st and 2nd semi-finals are to be classed as corresponding, preliminary finals are to be classed as corresponding, and grand finals are to be classed as corresponding finals. (For the purpose of this condition, “consecutive sides” means consecutive sides within a club. e.g. if a club only has sides in divisions 2, 3 and 5 – then divisions 3 and 5 are consecutive in that club.)
 - (ii) Players will not be permitted to play in any of the last three pennant games or in finals in a Division in that competition once they have played a total of three games in the last six rounds of the roster series in higher Divisions in that competition except under the authority of Condition 3.22 (b) (i).
 - (iii) No player shall play in finals of Pennant for a Club in a competition unless that player has played at least six completed roster games for that Club in that competition during the season in any of the divisions except in exceptional circumstances approved by the BTS President or his delegate. Such dispensation will only be given for a player to play in a Club’s lowest side in a competition.
 - (iv) Eligible substitutes who have played a minimum of at least six completed roster games for their Club in a competition may play finals for another Club in that competition. The maximum number of substitute players in finals shall be one per rink and they shall be included only in the lowest side.
- (c) Incomplete, abandoned and forfeited games:
- (i) Incomplete games (which have commenced but which are not able to reach the required minimum number of ends to constitute a game) – will be counted as a game played when counting player eligibility.
 - (ii) Forfeited games (when one side forfeits a game to its opponent) – will be counted as a game played by the non-forfeiting side only when counting player eligibility provided that the side receiving the forfeit has been entered into the Bowls Link Results Portal as per 3.19 (a).

3.23 Sharing a Position.

- (a) If a player believes that they may be unable to complete a Pennant game, an eligible alternative player from the same Club shall be permitted to “share” the game with that player.
- (b) “Sharing” a position can mean anything from one player at each end bowling an end alternatively to a player finishing a game for another player or anything in between.
- (c) “Sharing” a position is permitted in any Division.

- (d) The name of the eligible alternative player is to be noted on the score card but is not to be entered into the Bowls Link Results Portal. The player whose name is on the score card will be the only player who will be deemed to have played the game in determining eligibility to play in finals. (To ensure that all players are eligible to play in finals it is suggested that the names on the score cards be alternated each week.)
- (e) No “sharing” of a position shall be permitted unless it is approved in writing by the BTS Secretary prior to it occurring.

Note: The aim of this Condition of Play is to keep older and/or less healthy players playing bowls longer. Approval for “sharing” of a position will only be given if this aim is the overriding reason for seeking approval for “sharing” of a position.

3.24 Promotions and Relegations.

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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 highest Division.
- (c) 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 BTS Board agree with the recommendation of the BTS Match Committee that the promotion not be made, there shall be a limit of two successive years on such a non-promotion.
- (d) If, for any reason, a promotion in the normal way is not made, the BTS 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 that 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 that could not be promoted, which was the runner-up in the Divisional final unless that side has already been promoted.
- (e) No promotions/relegations
 - (i) If no alternative promotion can be recommended in accordance with Condition 3.24 (b), (c) and (d) the BTS Match Committee may recommend that relegation from the next higher Division not be made.
 - (ii) The BTS Match Committee shall have the power to recommend promotion or relegation of any side to ensure an even and balanced competition and to prevent mismatches.

3.25 **Games on Grass and Synthetic Greens.** Clubs with both grass and synthetic greens will be required to advise before the start of each season which surface each division will be playing pennant on. Changes to this will then only be permitted:

- (a) By giving four days' notice in writing to the opposite Club, or
- (b) By mutual agreement between the side captains.

3.26 **Dispensations.** The BTS Board shall have discretion to grant dispensations in special or exceptional circumstances to Clubs who do not meet all the requirements of BTS Pennant Competitions Conditions of Play. Clubs must submit a list of players for whom dispensation is sought.

SECTION 4 - BTS SATURDAY PENNANT COMPETITIONS ONLY

Note: Saturday Pennant is open gender.

- 4.1 **Read with.** This Section must be read in conjunction with Section 3.
- 4.2 **Competition Structure.** Competitions may be played in Divisions and Divisions may be played in Sections. Unless otherwise determined by the BTS Match Committee there shall be eight Divisions in order of seniority as follows: Premier Division, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4, Division 5, Division 6 and Division 7.
- 4.3 **Side Structure.** The competitions will be open to all affiliated clubs and they will be sides of four teams of four players except in the case of lower Divisions which will be structured at the discretion of the BTS Match Committee.
- 4.4 **Division Structure.**
- (a) Premier Division and Divisions **1 to 6** shall consist of ten sides each.
 - (b) In Premier Division and Divisions **1 to 6** each side in a Division shall be drawn to play each other twice, once on each side's green.
 - (c) The BTS Match Committee shall decide the structure and roster of the **lowest Division**.
- 4.5 **Starting Times.**
- (a) The appointed time for commencing each match is 1.00 p.m. This day and or time may be varied by mutual consent of participating Side Captains, and with the approval of the Chair of the BTS Match Committee.
 - (b) Because of travelling constraints, special arrangements will apply to matches involving Bruny sides as follows:
 - (i) Games at Bruny will commence at 11am with trial ends at 10.45am.
 - (ii) Bruny away games will commence no later than 12 noon with trial ends at 11.45am.
 - (c) There shall be a compulsory break of at least 20 minutes during rostered games and finals, unless both side captains agree otherwise.

SECTION 5 - BTS MENS MIDWEEK COMPETITION

Note: Midweek Pennant is for male players 12 years and over.

- 5.1 **Read with.** This section must be read in conjunction with Section 3.
- 5.2 **Competition and Structure.** Play will be in Divisions consisting of ten sides each of three teams of four players, except in the case of lower Divisions which will be structured at the discretion of the BTS Match Committee.
- 5.3 **Starting Times.**
- (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 BTS Match Committee.
 - (b) There shall be a compulsory break of at least 20 minutes during rostered games and finals, unless both side captains agree otherwise.
- 5.4 **Opposite gender players.** Opposite gender players may be used in a club's lowest pennant side.
- (a) The opposite gender players can only be used when no eligible same gender player is available.
 - (b) Only one opposite gender player is allowed per team (rink). The opposite gender player may only play in the "second" position.
 - (c) Opposite gender players may play in Men's Midweek Pennant finals provided that they have played at least six completed games in Midweek Pennant during the season and that the requirements of Conditions 5.4 are adhered to.
- 5.5 **Relegation and Promotion.** Condition 3.22 regarding relegation and promotion apply to BTS Men's Midweek Competition.

SECTION 6 - BTS WOMENS THURSDAY PENNANT COMPETITIONS ONLY

Note: Thursday Pennant is for female players 12 years and over.

- 6.1 **Read with.** This Section must be read in conjunction with Section 3.
- 6.2 **Competition Structure.** Competitions may be played in Divisions and Divisions may be played in Sections. Unless otherwise determined by the BTS Match Committee there shall be five Divisions in order of seniority as follows: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4 and Division 5.
- 6.3 **Division Structure.** The competitions will be open to all affiliated clubs and they will be sides of three teams of four players except in the case of the lowest two Divisions which will be structured at the discretion of the BTS Match Committee.
- 6.4 **Side Structure.**
- (a) Divisions **1 to 4** shall consist of ten sides each.
 - (b) In Divisions **1 to 4** each side in a Division shall be drawn to play each other twice, once on each side's green.
 - (c) The BTS Match Committee shall decide the structure and roster of the lowest **Division**.
- 6.5 **Opposite gender players.** Opposite gender players may be used in a club's lowest pennant side.
- (a) The opposite gender players can only be used when no eligible same gender player is available.
 - (b) Only one opposite gender player is allowed per team (rink). The opposite gender player may only play in the "second" position.
 - (c) Regular (as defined in Condition 1.17) Men's Midweek Pennant players who do not play Saturday Pennant have no status.
 - (d) Regular (as defined in Condition 1.17) opposite gender Saturday Division 2 players are deemed to equate to Thursday Division 1, Saturday Division 3 players are deemed to equate to Thursday Division 2, Saturday Division 4 players are deemed to equate to Thursday Division 3, Saturday Division 5 players are deemed to equate to Thursday Division 4 and Saturday Division 6 and 7 players are deemed to equate to Thursday Division 5.
 - (e) Opposite gender players may play in Thursday Pennant finals provided that they have played at least six completed games in Thursday Pennant during the season and that the requirements of Condition 6.5 are adhered to.

6.6 Starting Time.

- (a) The appointed time for commencing each match is 11.00 am. This time may be varied by mutual consent of participating side captains, with the approval of the BTS Match Committee
- (b) There will be a compulsory lunch break of at least 30 minutes at 12.30 pm during rostered games and finals, unless both side captains agree otherwise.

INFRINGEMENT PLAYER REPORT

PLEASE PRINT

(If insufficient space is provided please add another sheet to complete the report)

The following player has been reported formally for behaviour contrary to that acceptable to BTS policy as contained in BTS Conditions of Play.

Player Surname:

Other Name/s:

Player's club:

Date of breach: **Venue of breach:**

Competition/event being played:

Alleged breach:

Please state the specific law/s of Bowls, BTS Condition/s of Play, and/or BTS/BA policies the abovenamed player is alleged to have breached:

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Please give a brief description of the alleged breach:

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Please provide the names (and club) of any other witnesses of the alleged breach:

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Name of complainant: **Club:**

Signature of complainant: **Date:**

This report should be completed as soon as possible on the day of the alleged breach and must be forwarded to the BTS Secretary as soon as possible after its completion.

Send report to **BTS, PO Box 232, ROSNY, Tas, 7018** or email report to bowls.south@bigpond.com

INFRINGEMENT UNIFORM REPORT

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The following player has been reported formally for breaching the BTS Uniform Policy as contained in the Conditions of Play:

Player Surname:

Other Name/s:

Breach: (Please Circle One)

For wearing inappropriate:

polo top / trousers, pedal pushers or shorts / Socks / Shoes / jacket or rainwear / headwear / Other

Details:

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Player's Club:

Date of breach: **Venue of breach:**

Competition/Event being played:

Was the Player warned? (Please Circle One) **Yes** **No**

Player warned By: **Title** (Umpire / Side Captain)

Was the Player issued with a copy of this *Infringement Report*? (Please Circle One) **Yes** **No**

Name of Official making the Player Report:

Signature: **Date:**

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