



BOWLS TASMANIA SOUTH

CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR BTS DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS 2023-24

To become effective from
the commencement of the 2023-24 bowls season

Matters not specifically set out in these Conditions are to be dealt with in accordance with the **Laws of the Sport of Bowls**, including domestic regulations for Australia ("the WB Laws"), and **Bowls Australia policies**. In the event of any conflict between these Conditions and the WB Laws, the WB Laws prevail.

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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 the WB Laws.

1.2 Eligibility

- (a) Every affiliated club's members, holding a category of membership with **unrestricted** playing rights for pennant competition, are eligible to play in BTS Championships and BTS pennant.
- (b) **Social/barefoot bowlers may be eligible for selection in pennant sides, subject to certain restrictions - see Condition 3.3(e) - but will not be eligible to play in BTS Championship events.**

NOTE: Club members are defined as persons who have had their application for club membership approved by the club's Board of Management in accordance with rules of the Club's constitution pertaining to membership.

1.3 Transfers

Where a member transfers membership to another club, the transfer must be fully completed 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 BTS 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 BTS pennant events.

1.6 Electronic devices

Electronic devices including mobile phones, are not permitted to be used on the greens or their immediate surrounds except:

- (a) **When** being used to enter live scores into the BowlsLink portal.
- (b) **With permission of the umpire.**
- (c) **Where use of such device is consistent with BA Electronic Devices policy.**

1.7 Smoking on green

- (a) Smoking within 20 metres of greens and seating areas beside greens is not permitted during BTS Championships or BTS pennant competitions.
- (b) The smoke-free area will apply during the games and for the period 30 minutes before and after the competitions.
- (c) Clubs are responsible for providing designated smoking areas. Clubs will make individual rulings depending on their circumstances. Where designated smoking areas have been provided at a Club, these areas must be used.
- (d) **Vaping using E-cigarettes is a form of smoking and is restricted under this condition. Vaping is only permitted in designated smoking areas.**

1.8 Player conduct

- (a) The *Player Code of Conduct* includes abusive or coarse language, dissension or conduct unbecoming, and actions which would bring the game of bowls into disrepute.
- (b) Breaches should be reported on the *Player Infringement Report* available on the BTS website and at the back of these conditions.
- (c) This condition is to be administered in accordance with the *BTS Disciplinary Policy* and the *BA Instantaneous Penalties Policy* available on the BTS website.

1.9 Hearing disabilities

- (a) Players with a hearing disability can use electronic devices to communicate with each other whilst on the rink of play.
- (b) Any such use must be approved by the Chair of the BTS Match Committee.

1.10 Uniforms

- (a) 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 BTS pennant competitions. This includes headwear and footwear.
- (b) All persons playing in pennant competitions must wear their approved club uniform.
- (c) Players from a club making up a composite pennant side may wear approved attire as if they were a side in their own right.
- (d) A club may seek temporary relief from this condition 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.
- (e) Breaches of the BA and/or BTS uniform policies should be reported on the *Uniform Infringement Report* available on the BTS website and at the back of these conditions.

1.11 Bowls Stickers

- (a) Players in team or side may use bowls stickers that are different in size.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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 symbol but must not cover the WB stamp or serial number.
- (d) 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).
- (e) 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.
- (f) It is acceptable for players to have the rings cut into sections, to accommodate the large engraved image 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.
- (g) It is not contrary to the WB Laws for the stickers used on the non-bias side (that is, the large ring) to partly cover the engraved image on the non-bias side.
- (h) Where bowls stickers are affixed to bowls, the stickers must be identical for all bowls in use by a:
 - (i) Player in a singles event;
 - (ii) Team in a team event; or
 - (iii) 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.

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

- (i) 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).

1.12 Condition of Greens

- (a) **Grass greens are not to be watered before the game on the day of play.**
- (b) **Synthetic greens may be watered on the day of play where the manufacturer recommends it to provide optimal performance. Watering of synthetic greens may only occur, if required by the greenkeeper, at the following times:**
 - **Three (3) hours prior to the official start time**
 - **15 minutes prior to the official start time (before roll-up)**
 - **During the mid-game break (if taken).**

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- (c) 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 Match Committee to discuss possible corrective action.
- (d) If a green of a Club, after inspection by appointed BTS representatives, or following a written complaint to BTS, is deemed unfit for the playing of Pennant matches, the BTS Match Committee can direct the Club to arrange to play their remaining Pennant matches on another Club's green.
- (e) If arrangements are not made as directed by Condition **1.12(c)**, the BTS Match Committee may:
 - (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.
- (f) The Club concerned will, after notice from the BTS Secretary, take such steps as the BTS Match Committee considers necessary to bring the green to a reasonable standard.
- (g) If, following such action, the BTS representatives 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.
- (h) If a green is deemed unfit for Pennant play by the BTS representatives 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.

1.13 Damage to Greens

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

1.14 Restricting Movement of Players

- (a) Restricting the movement of players during play will be enforced in accordance with Appendix A4 of the WB Laws.
- (b) Prior to the start of each end, the following players will take their position at the mat end of the green:
 - (i) Pairs game: the leads.
 - (ii) Triples game: the leads and seconds.
 - (iii) Fours game: the leads, seconds and thirds (the third may elect to stand with the skip at the head).

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- (c) 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:
- (i) Singles (each player playing four bowls)
 - The opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
 - (ii) Pairs (each player playing three bowls)
 - The leads: after delivery of their third bowl.
 - The skips: after delivery of their second and third bowls.
 - (iii) 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.
 - (iv) Triples (each player playing two bowls)
 - The leads: after the second player has delivered their second bowl.
 - The seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.
 - The skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
 - (v) Fours (each player playing two bowls)
 - The leads: after the second player 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.
- (d) 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.

1.15 Penalties

For Infringement of Conditions of Play and / or WB Laws, the following penalties apply to both BTS Championships and Pennant Competitions:

- (a) The infringement of certain WB Laws or of Conditions 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 may determine in respect of a player or team in accordance with Condition 1.15(d). A right of appeal to BTS as provided in Condition 1.15(e) shall exist in relation to the imposition of a penalty or sanction.
- (b) Side Captains, Skips or players cannot agree to bend or disregard a rule. If a match is found to have been played that contravenes these Conditions of Play or the WB Laws, both teams will receive zero points for the match.
- (c) 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.

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- (d) 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.
- (e) An appeal against a decision to impose a penalty in accordance with Condition 1.15(d) may be made in writing to the BTS Secretary within 14 days of written advice of the penalty being received. The appeal will be heard by an independent appeals panel of three persons appointed by the BTS Secretary. Once the appeal has been heard and the outcome has been advised to the appellant no further appeal shall be permitted.
- (f) 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:
- (g) On the first occasion the Umpire will warn the player and direct that player to play their bowl/s without further delay.
- (h) 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.
- (i) 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.
- (j) 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, then the game shall be regarded as a forfeit, and pennant points and shot allocations provided for in Conditions 3.26(f) shall apply.

1.16 Extreme Heat Policy

The following will apply for BTS championships and BTS pennant:

- (a) **Side Captains have a duty of care to ensure the health and safety of players and officials during extreme heat conditions. They MUST be aware of, and act in accordance with, the *BTS Extreme Weather and Natural Disasters Policy*.**
- (b) When the temperature **is reported by Weatherzone at or above 30°C play MUST** be interrupted at 20-minute intervals (at the completion of the end in play), for a period of five (5) minutes, during which time, drinks should be made available. Any time limit imposed on the interrupted match will be waived.
- (c) When the temperature **reported by Weatherzone is at or above 32°C play MUST** be suspended until the temperature drops to **30°C**. Players are required to wait up to two hours for the temperature to drop to **30°C**. If after a two hour delay the temperature has not reduced to **30°C** play MUST be abandoned.
- (d) If the temperature **reported by Weatherzone is at or above 35°C play MUST** be abandoned.

- (e) If, after consultation with their players, both Side Captains and the Umpire (that is, all three) agree that local conditions are milder than Weatherzone reports (for example, due to local cloud cover or sea breeze), then play can continue with the 5-minute drinks interruptions as outlined in condition 1.16(b).

1.17 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* available on the BTS website.

1.18 COVID-19 (coronavirus)

Clubs and all players in BTS Championships and pennant competitions MUST adhere to the *BTS Coronavirus Policy* available on the BTS website.

1.19 Play on green prohibited

Play on greens is prohibited 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.

1.20 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.



2 BTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

*BTS Championship Conditions of Play will conform, wherever possible, to
Bowls Tasmania State Events Conditions of Play*

2.1 Gender Specific

BTS Championships will be gender specific and include men and women except for Junior Championships which are non-gender specific. **Mixed BTS championships will specify the gender requirements for the competition.**

2.2 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.

2.3 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.

2.4 Status and Eligibility of Players

- (a) Playing status and eligibility shall be determined each year by the division played in pennant.
- (b) Any player shall be eligible for entry in B Grade championships having played the majority of pennant games in the current season **as follows:**
 - (i) **Men's championships** - Division 2 or below (Saturday).
 - (ii) **Women's championships** - Division 3 or below (Thursday).
 - (iii) **If a player's status cannot be determined as above, the player must obtain a status ruling from the BTS Match Committee BEFORE entering a B Grade championship event.**
- (c) Eligibility for entry in a B Grade championship shall be as at the first day of competition of that event.
- (d) Players whose status changes prior to the start of competition (that is, they are no longer eligible to play in B Grade championships) must withdraw from the event.

Status and Eligibility for Champion of Champions

- (e) Eligibility for the **BTS** Champion of Champion championships shall be determined as at close of entries in individual club singles championships.
- (f) **Where a Club holds only one Singles Championship for either gender, with no separate B Grade event, AND its highest entered Pennant Team for that gender is B Grade per Condition 2.4(b), the Club Singles Champion will hold B Grade eligibility by default. Regardless of this, the Club Singles Champion will be permitted to contest either the Open or B Grade BTS Champion of Champions Singles, but not both.**

2.5 Bowls Stickers

To be read in conjunction with Condition 1.11.

- (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.

2.6 Number of Ends

The number of ends/bowls for BTS Championships games shall be as determined by the BTS Match Committee.

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 knockout play only, or 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 BTS 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

- (a) 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.
- (b) After the scheduled commencement 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.

- (c) 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

- (a) 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.
- (b) The Manager may not overrule WB Laws or BTS Conditions of Play.
- (c) 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 Committee should be consulted.
- (d) The BTS Officiating Committee will appoint umpires for all championship grand finals.
- (e) The BTS Officiating Committee 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 within 48 hours of the scheduled commencement of play 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 the BTS Match Committee.
- (b) In the case of a team event, a replacement may be allowed in accordance with WB Laws.

2.20 Penalties - 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.
- (c) **The scorecard is the official record of the game. Failure to hand in a completed score card may, as applicable, result in the following:**
 - a. **"Bowler of the year" points will only be allocated to players named on the card.**
 - b. **Prizemoney will only be awarded to players named on the card.**
 - c. **Medals will only be presented to players named on the card.**

2.21 Sectional / Knockout format

- (a) Sectional play may be used for initial rounds if desired by the BTS Match Committee.
- (b) If less than 16 teams enter an event which is advertised as sectional play, the event will revert to a knockout competition.

2.22 Management of Championships

The BTS Match Committee shall have responsibility for the entire management of BTS events with power to alter conditions if deemed necessary.

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2.23 Format

- (a) For both Men's and Women's events, where the format requires Sectional play, the BTS Match Committee 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 knockout competition.
- (e) The BTS Match Committee will determine what format games will take each season:
 - (i) Singles:

	First round	After round 1
Format	Sectional play *	Knock out competition
All games	25 shots up	25 shots up

NOTE: The player not playing is to act as the Marker

- (ii) Pairs:

	Men's Open	Men's B Grade	Women
Format	4 bowl crossover (2 x 2 x 2 x 2).	3 bowl pairs	3 bowl pairs
Sectional Play	15 ends	15 ends	15 ends
Post Sectional and Quarter Finals	15 ends	18 ends	18 ends
Semi-Finals and Grand final	18 ends	21 ends	21 ends

- (iii) Triples and Fours

	Triples	Fours
Format	Two bowls	Two bowls
Sectional Play	15 ends	15 ends
Over 60s sectional play	N/A	12 ends
Post Sectional & Quarter Finals	18 ends	15 ends
Semi Finals & Grand Final	21 ends	18 ends

- (iv) Juniors:

Singles: Sectional or knock out as required / 21 shots up.

- (v) Champion of Champions

Singles: 4 bowls / Knockout / 21 shots up.

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- (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

- (a) 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.
- (b) Once an event starts, the surface being played on cannot be changed without approval of the BTS Match Committee.
- (c) 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).
- (d) Condition 1.16 and the ***BTS Extreme Weather and Natural Disasters Policy*** must be STRICTLY adhered to. The Policy can be found on the BTS website.
- (e) A game can only be stopped in these circumstances by:
 - (i) The controlling body,
 - (ii) The Umpire, after an appeal has been made by the players, or
 - (iii) 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
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).



3 BTS PENNANT COMPETITIONS – GENERAL

These conditions shall apply to Men's Midweek, Women's Thursday, and Saturday Open Gender pennant competitions.

3.1 Entries

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the BTS Match Committee, clubs shall advise not later than **1 September** 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) **No club shall have more than one side in a Division except in the:**
 - **Lowest division for Midweek Pennant**
 - **Lowest division for Ladies Thursday Pennant**
 - **Division 6 and below for Saturday Open Gender Pennant**

NOTE: In any Division where more than one side is permitted the sides 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 3.32, 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 Eligibility for Pennant

- (a) 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.
- (b) A 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 has playing rights and that only one other Club is involved. Such players are not Substitutes and may play in any position. The matter of membership of the second Club is to be between the player and the new Club.
- (c) 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.

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- 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.
- (d) 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.

3.3 Selection Guidelines

- (a) **Clubs will select their sides from a list of available players who are members of the club at the time of selection (see Condition 1.2).**
- (b) **When a club has fewer players available for selection than positions to be filled to ensure full sides in all divisions of a pennant competition then only the lowest side will be permitted to have fewer players than is required for a full side.**
- (c) Clubs shall ensure that all players in all Divisions are selected in positions based on their ability and merit.
- (d) Blatant abuse of such selections may result in penalties being imposed in accordance with Condition 1.15.

Selection Guidelines – social members

- (e) Clubs may select **social/barefoot bowling members** to fill temporary vacancies in their pennant sides by granting them “5 game” playing rights.
- (f) **Clubs selecting players under condition 3.3(e) MUST** inform the BTS Secretary of the name of such players prior to their first selection **and each time they are selected thereafter.**
- (g) Social bowlers who have been selected to play in six or more pennant games across all BTS Pennant competitions will be deemed to be full members of their club and will be counted in their club’s total playing membership at the time of the Annual Census.

3.4 Sharing a Position

The aim of this condition 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 over-riding reason for seeking approval for “sharing” of 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.

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- (d) The name of the eligible alternative player is to be noted on the score card but is not to be entered into the BowlsLink 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.

NOTE: 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.

3.5 Duration of Matches

The duration of all pennant matches will be 21 ends.

3.6 Allocation of Rinks of Play

- (a) The host club will allocate the rinks of play for each division playing at the club at least two (2) hours before the agreed starting time to afford practice for the visiting side per Condition 3.7.
- (b) Changes to the playing surface/rinks will then only be permitted by mutual agreement between the side captains.
- (c) If a change of surface/rinks is requested by the host club, the *Change of Playing Surface* form, available on the BTS website and at the back of these conditions, must be completed to confirm the decision of the side captains.
- (d) If the *Change of Playing Surface* form is not completed, the visiting club may make representation to the BTS Match Committee for a forfeit by the host club.

3.7 Practice

- (a) Subject to the permission of the host club, any intending player may practice on ANY available rink prior to the scheduled commencement time of the match. Permission should be granted except under exceptional circumstances.
- (b) Practice is to occur on the defined rinks. There is no longer a requirement to practice on the pegs.
- (c) Once rinks are drawn as per Condition 3.9 players cannot practice on the rink 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.

3.8 Timing of Greens

- (a) If requested by the visiting side captain, a green shall be timed by opposing side captains approximately 20 minutes before the commencement of play.
- (b) If the green is timed, the speed of the green shall be announced prior to the trial ends.
- (c) If a green is deemed unfit for the playing of BTS 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 - see Condition 3.23 (e).

3.9 Draw for Rinks

- (a) Opposing side captains shall draw for rinks and teams shall play as drawn and in the positions listed on the scorecard.
- (b) The draw should take place approximately 30 minutes prior to the agreed time for commencement of play.

3.10 Playing on Adjacent Rinks

- (a) If, prior to the day of a scheduled round of a BTS pennant competition a club has assigned more than one of its divisional sides to play on the same green then rinks must be allocated to ensure that the teams of each of its sides play on adjacent rinks.
- (b) On the day of pennant play, and UNTIL 30 minutes before the scheduled commencement of play, and by the agreement of both side captains, a match is transferred from one green to another on which a pennant match has been assigned already, then the rinks must be allocated to ensure that the teams of each match play on adjacent rinks. Rinks must be reassigned to ensure that the teams of each side play on adjacent rinks.
- (c) On the day of pennant play, and WITHIN 30 minutes of the scheduled commencement of play, a pennant match is transferred from one green to another on which a pennant match has been assigned to play, then the teams of the match being transferred will be allocated to the vacant rinks available.

3.11 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).

3.12 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.
- (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.
- (c) An appointed umpire or measurer cannot also be the side captain, greens superintendent or greens deputy/representative.

3.13 Coaches

- (a) A non-playing coach may be appointed to provide advice, encouragement and supports to players in a side in accordance with WB Law 44.
- (b) The nominated coach must be introduced to the opposing side captain and umpire of the day by the coach's side captain.
- (c) The coach cannot also be the appointed umpire, measurer or side captain.

3.14 Greens Superintendents

- (a) 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.
- (b) The Greens Superintendent (or his deputy or his nominated representative) cannot also be the appointed umpire or side captain.

3.15 Cancellations

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.

3.16 Commencement

- (a) 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.
- (b) In the event that the side captains cannot agree the Umpire's decision shall prevail.

3.17 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) If, owing to inclement weather, play has not commenced two hours after the agreed starting time for the commencement 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.

3.18 Inclement Weather after Commencement

- (a) In the event of adverse weather conditions (including extreme heat as defined in Condition 1.16) after play has commenced, the side captains should confer to decide whether the game should be postponed and, if so, for how long.
- (b) 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.
- (c) If, after the commencement of play, a cumulative total of two hours (both prior to commencement of play and after commencement of play) has been lost due to inclement weather the game should be abandoned.

3.19 Inclement weather and indoor centres

- (a) If inclement weather affects ALL outside games in a Division or a Section in that they cannot be completed per condition 3.24, indoor games in the same Division or Section will not count and all matches will be deemed incomplete, and the points shared.
- (b) If one or more games in a Division or a Section are completed outdoors in a weather-affected round per condition 3.24, indoor games in the same Division or Section will count.

3.20 Interruption by Natural or Civil Disaster

- (a) 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.
- (b) If sufficient ends have been played (see Condition 3.24), the game will be deemed to be complete with the match result determined by the scores as at the abandonment.

3.21 Re-commencement

- (a) Should play be postponed, it should be recommenced at the earliest possible time, having regard to playing conditions.
- (b) 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.

3.22 Incomplete, abandoned and forfeited games

- (a) 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.

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- (b) 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 BowlsLink Results Portal.

3.23 Penalties - BTS Pennant 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.
 - (i) 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.
 - (ii) 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 3.23 (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.

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- (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.
 - (i) 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.
 - (ii) 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 1.15 (c) apply for non-conformance.
- (h) Failure to enter the results into the BowlsLink 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 1.15 (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 condition. Any infringement of this condition 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 in any pennant game held while the BTS team is travelling or playing, except in exceptional circumstances accepted by the BTS Match Committee. The penalty for infringement shall be the forfeiture of the game by the side for which the player plays.

3.24 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.

3.25 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

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- (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.

3.26 Recording the Match Result

- (a) Clubs shall ensure that sides as selected are entered into the BowlsLink 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 BowlsLink 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 an error is discovered within 48 hours after the entry of results in the results portal, the club/s may request that the BTS Statistician (mobile: 0407 058 859, or email: paul.hoddy@bigpond.com) correct the mistake; otherwise the information recorded in the results portal shall be determined to be the correct record.

3.27 Eligibility for Pennant Finals

- (a) Where a club has consecutive sides playing in corresponding finals they are permitted to select their sides in order of strength. For this Condition first and second 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. For example, if a club only has sides in divisions 2, 3 and 5 – then divisions 3 and 5 are consecutive in that club.)
- (b) 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 **3.27(a)**.
- (c) 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 **Match Committee**. Such dispensation will only be given for a player to play in a Club’s lowest side in a competition.

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- (d) 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.

3.28 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 elimination semi-final.
 - (ii) The sides finishing first and second shall play in the qualifying 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.

3.29 Pennant Finals venues

- (a) 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 qualifying semi-final match, as will the Club in third place on the ladder in regard to the venue for the elimination semi-final match, subject to advice from the BTS Match Committee as to the suitability for play of the venues nominated.
- (b) The loser of the qualifying semi-final match, except if it chose the venue for the qualifying semi-final match, will have the option of choosing the venue for the preliminary final match subject to advice from the BTS Match Committee as to the suitability of the venue nominated.
- (c) Whenever advice from the BTS Match Committee deems a nominated venue to be unsuitable for play, or when the loser of the qualifying semi-final match chose the venue for the qualifying semi-final match, the BTS Match Committee will nominate a neutral venue at which the match will be played.
- (d) All grand finals will be played at neutral venues determined by the BTS Match Committee.
- (e) Grand Finals should be combined wherever possible so that more than one final can be played at the same venue.
- (f) Where possible Clubs with sides playing in more than one Grand Final should be played at the same venue.
- (g) In the event of adverse weather, the Premier Division Grand Final will be played at an indoors centre.
- (h) 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.

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- (i) 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.
- (j) 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.

3.30 Sections within a Division

- (a) When the number of sides entered in the lowest division is 12 or more then that division will be played in two sections consisting of a similar number of sides.
- (b) Wherever possible, a club with two sides entered in a division to be conducted in two sections one of the club's sides will be placed in each section.
- (c) The roster for divisions played in two sections will be for the same length as that for all other divisions of that pennant competition.
- (d) Sections with an uneven number of sides will create a bye in each roster round. If sides are disadvantaged by having more byes than other sides in the section they will receive two bonus points in compensation.

3.31 Section finals

- (a) Finals play shall be arranged as follows:
 - (i) The sides finishing second on the ladder in each section shall play in the elimination semi-final.
 - (ii) The sides finishing first on the ladder in each section shall play in the qualifying 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.
- (b) The winner of the Grand Final will be awarded the Division Pennant and the winner of the qualifying semi-final will be eligible for promotion in accordance with Condition 3.32.

3.32 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. The Saturday Southern League is not a division for the purposes of promotion and relegation.

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- (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.
 - (i) The request must be supported with reasons for waiving the promotion.
 - (ii) The BTS Match Committee must make recommendation to the BTS Board on whether or not to grant the non-promotion request.
 - (iii) If the same side finishes on top of the ladder in their non-promotion season, they must be promoted.
- (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 Conditions 3.32(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.

3.33 Dispensations

- (a) The BTS Match Committee has the discretion to grant dispensations in special or exceptional circumstances to Clubs who cannot meet all the requirements of BTS Pennant Competitions Conditions of Play.
- (b) Clubs must submit their request(s) for dispensation using the *Request for Dispensation* form available on the BTS website and at the back of these conditions.
- (c) The BTS Secretary will publish the details of each dispensation to the BTS website.



4 BTS SATURDAY OPEN GENDER PENNANT COMPETITIONS ONLY

Saturday Open Gender Pennant is for male AND female players.

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 seven 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 Division Structure

- (a) Premier Division and Divisions 1 to 5 shall consist of ten sides each.
- (b) In Premier Division and Divisions 1 to 5 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 two Divisions.**

4.4 Side Structure

The competitions will be open to all affiliated clubs and the structure of sides for each division will be:

- **Premier Division and Divisions 1 to 4 – four teams, each of four players**
- **Divisions 5 and 6 - three teams, each of four players**
- **Division 7 – two teams, each of four players.**

4.5 Starting Times

- (a) The appointed time for commencing each match is 1.00pm. This day and/or time may be varied by mutual agreement of participating Side Captains, and with the approval of the Chair of the BTS Match Committee.
- (b) Because of travelling constraints, matches involving **Bruny Island sides, whether home or away, will commence at 11am with trial ends at 10.45am.**
- (c) There shall be a compulsory break of at least 20 minutes during rostered games and finals, unless both side captains agree otherwise.



5 BTS MEN'S MIDWEEK COMPETITION

*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 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 four Divisions in order of seniority as follows: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4.

5.3 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 Division which will be structured at the discretion of the BTS Match Committee.

5.4 Side Structure

- (a) Divisions 1 to 3 shall consist of ten sides each.
- (b) In Divisions 1 to 3 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**.

5.5 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.

5.6 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) If a team is required to play one short, the opposite gender player must play as a lead and the vacant position must be the two position.
- (d) To be eligible for selection opposite gender players must be **regular players (see condition 1.20) participating in Division 3 or below**.

- (e) An opposite gender player will become ineligible for further selection when that player has played five or more games in Division 2 or higher except if dispensation has been granted.**

5.7 Opposite Gender eligibility for finals

Opposite gender players may play in Men's Midweek Pennant finals provided they have played at least six completed games in Midweek Pennant during the season and that the requirements of Conditions 5.6 are adhered to.



6 BTS WOMEN'S THURSDAY PENNANT COMPETITIONS ONLY

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 four Divisions in order of seniority as follows: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4.

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 Division which will be structured at the discretion of the BTS Match Committee.

6.4 Side Structure

- (a) Divisions 1 to 3 shall consist of ten sides each.
- (b) In Divisions 1 to 3 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 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.

6.6 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) If a team is required to play one short, the opposite gender player must play as a lead and the vacant position must be the two position.
- (d) To be eligible for selection opposite gender players must be **regular players (see condition 1.20) participating in Division 3 or below**.

- (e) **Clubs that do not have eligible players under condition 6.6(d) must submit a list of player names to the BTS Match Committee for dispensation to play (see condition 3.33). Endorsement MUST be provided before nominated players can be selected.**
- (f) **An opposite gender player will become ineligible for further selection when that player has played five or more games in Division 2 or higher except where dispensation has been granted.**

6.7 Opposite Gender eligibility for finals

Opposite gender players may play in Women's Thursday Pennant finals provided they have played at least six completed games in Women's Thursday Pennant during the season and that the requirements of Conditions 6.6 are adhered to.



FORM
PLAYER INFRINGEMENT REPORT

(This form is available on the BTS website under LIBRARY > FORMS)

PLEASE PRINT

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

The following player has been formally reported for behaviour contrary to BTS policy.

Player's name:

Player's club:

Date of breach:/...../..... **Venue of breach:**

Competition/event being played:

Alleged breach:

Please state the specific Laws of Bowls, BTS Conditions 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.

EMAIL THIS FORM TO bowls.south@bigpond.com

FORM
UNIFORM INFRINGEMENT REPORT

(This form is available on the BTS website under LIBRARY > FORMS)

PLEASE PRINT

The following player has been formally reported for breaching the *BTS Uniform Policy*:

Player's name:

Breach: 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) **Yes** **No**

Player warned by: **Title:** Umpire / Side Captain

The Player was given a copy of this report? (Please circle) **Yes** **No**

Name of Official making the Player Report:

Signature: **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.

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FORM
CHANGE OF PLAYING SURFACE

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PLEASE PRINT

Date of match:/...../.....

Competition being played: MIDWEEK / THURSDAY / SATURDAY **Division:**

The (bowls club) request, of the visiting
team from(bowls club), a change of surface
per Conditions of Play 3.6(b).

Change from: GRASS / SYNTHETIC **to** GRASS / SYNTHETIC

Reason for requesting a change of surface:

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Name of visiting side captain:

I have consulted with my players and:

☐ We ACCEPT the reasons for the change of surface and elect to play as requested.

☐ We REJECT the request for the following reason(s) and elect not to play our match:

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Signature: **Date:**/...../.....

NOTE: A copy of this form is to be handed to the visiting Side Captain if requested.

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FORM
REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

(This form is available on the BTS website under LIBRARY > FORMS)

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Club:

We request dispensation from Conditions of Play for the following players:

Player's name			
Regular Position	Lead 2 3 Skip	Lead 2 3 Skip	Lead 2 3 Skip
Regular Pennant	SAT / THU / WED	SAT / THU / WED	SAT / THU / WED
Regular Division			

The dispensation being sought is:

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The reason(s) our club cannot meet the requirements of this condition are:

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The actions we have taken to try and meet this condition before seeking dispensation are:

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The impact on our club if we are not granted dispensation will be:

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Ruling required by:/...../.....

Submitted by:

Signature:

Name: **Phone:**

Date:/...../.....

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CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS 2023-24

*** EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

The requirement to be over 12 years of age only applies to MIDWEEK and THURSDAY pennant. This is a requirement of the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Act as it applies to single gender competitions. BTS is only permitted to discriminate in favour of a particular gender if the competition is designated for persons who are 12 years of age and older.