

MEMO

TO: Metropolitan Member Clubs

FROM: Match & Program Committee

DATE: Monday 4 January 2021

SUBJECT: Conditions of Play - amendments

Following the decision to reschedule Round 7 & 8 matches, as outlined in the memo issued on 14 December, some amendments have been made to the Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play.

There has also been a clarification of Rule 5.7.

Rule 2.11 – Player movement between sides – Minor round

This Rule relates to the last four minor round games played. The intent of the Rule has not changed, only the wording to reflect that the ordering of the rounds has been changed.

2.11 Player Movement Between Sides – Minor Rounds

Wednesday & Saturday Competitions

- 2.11.1** Prior to the scheduled round 17 of Minor Round games there will be no restriction on the interchange of Players between the sides of a Club.
- 2.11.2** For the last four rounds of Minor Round play (i.e., 17, 18, 7, 8), no side will include more than three players who have played more games in higher ranked sides than in that side or lower ranked sides prior to round 17. Additionally, each of those players must have played at least one game in this side or lower ranked sides prior to round 17.
- 2.11.3** In exceptional circumstances a player permit may be sought from Match & Program Committee regarding Rule 2.11.2, supplying evidence to support the application.

Thursday Competition

- 2.11.4** Prior to the scheduled round 16 of Minor Round games there will be no restriction on the interchange of Players between the sides of a Club.
- 2.11.5** For the last four rounds of Minor Round play (i.e., 16, 17, 18, 8), no side will include more than three players who have played more games in higher ranked sides than in that side or lower ranked sides prior to round 16. Additionally, each of those players must have played at least one game in this side or lower ranked sides prior to round 16.
- 2.11.6** In exceptional circumstances a player permit may be sought from Match & Program Committee regarding Rule 2.11.5, supplying evidence to support the application.

Rule 9.1.3 Finals dates

This change reflects the amended dates advised in the 14 December memo.

9.1.3 Finals dates:

Saturday Elimination and Semi Finals	Saturday 20 ^h March 2021
Saturday Preliminary Final	Sunday 21 st March 2021
Saturday Grand Final	Saturday 27 th March 2021
Wednesday Semi & Elimination Finals	Wednesday 17 th March 2021
Wednesday Preliminary Final	Wednesday 24 th March 2021
Wednesday Grand Final	Wednesday 31 st March 2021
Thursday Elimination and Semi Finals	Thursday 11 th March 2021
Thursday Preliminary Final	Thursday 18 th March 2021
Thursday Grand Final	Thursday 25 th March 2021

Rule 5.7 Scoring of incomplete games

If a match commences but play is abandoned due to inclement weather (or other reason) it will be deemed to have been “completed” if two thirds of the ends have been completed. If the minimum number of ends have not been completed then the match will be resumed for Thursday Divisions and Saturday Premier League and Divisions 1 – 3 only. For other Divisions the game will be treated as a draw.

The current wording was ambiguous. This revised wording clears up any confusion and is now consistent with Rule 8.1.

5.7 Scoring of Incomplete Games

- 5.7.1** If Match & Program Committee has not determined that all play shall be cancelled owing to inclement weather, and a match is started but does not complete the full number of ends, it shall be deemed to have been “completed” with the scores at the time of abandonment ~~except for those Divisions that have replays scheduled (Thursday all Divisions and Saturday Division 3 and above—refer Rule 8.1)~~ if:
- Saturday Premier League:** 67 ends have been completed (early start game 48 ends)
 - Other Saturday & Wednesday 4 x 4 side Divisions:** 56 ends have been completed (early start game 48 ends)
 - Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday 3 x 4 side Divisions:** 42 ends have been completed (early start game 36 ends)
 - Wednesday (5 team sides):** 74 ends have been completed (early start game 61 ends)
 - Thursday 2 x 4 side Divisions:** 28 ends have been completed (early start game 24 ends)
- If a match has been declared an early start game then the numbers of ends required to consider the game “complete” are reduced as indicated above.
- 5.7.2** If the required minimum number of ends, as shown above, are not completed, the game shall be treated as a draw with game points shared equally and two shots awarded to each team, ~~except for those Divisions that have replays scheduled (Thursday all Divisions and Saturday Division 3 and above). These games will resumed as per Rule 8.1.~~

If there are any questions regarding this, please contact Match & Program (matchcommittee@bowlssa.com.au).

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