

MEMO TO ALL CLUBS

PRE-SEASON REMINDERS FOR YOUR CLUB AND OFFICIALS

CONDITIONS OF PLAY: -

Please ensure that your Club Umpires, Side Managers and Side Selectors have a copy of this season's Conditions of Play.

UMPIRES

Should be aware that they are responsible to oversee the draw of match cards especially that cards are not to be drawn no earlier than 15 minutes before the commencement time of the match.

Umpires should be aware of the rules that apply to inclement weather conditions: -

WET WEATHER – do not try to achieve a match result that does not take into consideration the wellbeing of ALL players.

HOT WEATHER – Regular checks on the temperature to ensure matches cease when maximum playing temperatures have been reached.

Umpires should be aware of the rules that apply to early start matches in respect of the reduced number of ends to be played.

SIDE MANAGERS

If match cards have been drawn by Side Managers and a player is missing, especially in the Wednesday 5 rink structure where a player is missing from either of the Pairs or Triples teams then Side Managers can agree to amend the line-up on the match cards so the match can be played. The Umpire of the day should be advised of the change.

Match results must be updated onto BOWLSLINK as per the COP rules.

The mid-game break is Mandatory, except for the Saturday Premier League, unless hot weather conditions have been forecast and match early start rules apply. Even with early starts Clubs should ensure the wellbeing of their players.

Claims for 8 and 50 badges gained during a match must be lodged with the MBA Secretary within 28 days of the match otherwise they will not be processed.

SELECTION POLICES AND RULES

Clubs should have a Pennant selection policy that is based on merit and recent performances to maximise performance and achieve the best possible results as well as taking into consideration the spirit of the game.

Selectors must be aware of the allowable movement of players, in their respective divisions, especially as applicable from rounds 15 to 18 towards the end of the minor rounds to be played.

REFRESHMENTS

All Clubs are reminded that All refreshments supplied to players must be individual serves per player NO SHARED PLATTERS as agreed by Clubs at a recent Annual General Meeting.

UNIFORMS HATS CAPS & FOOTWEAR

Many Clubs have invested in arranging a Uniform design for their members to wear when representing their Club at pennant competitions and they should be encouraged to do so. Of greater concern is the variety of footwear that some bowlers have purchased to wear on bowling greens where the footwear does not meet the requirement of flat soles and no heels. Clubs should monitor their members footwear to reduce the possibility of damage to bowling greens, that have a big expense for Clubs to maintain.

ANNUAL MBA FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT

The MBA Executive has scheduled the Annual Mixed Fours bowls tournament for the 2nd January, 2023 to be played at the Modbury Bowling Club under their new Thunderdome.

Every Club is invited to enter a team into this tournament to share the friendship between Clubs. Please refer to the tournament flyer sent to all clubs yesterday.

Please enjoy the challenge of the season ahead.

Regards

Ron Mulliner

MBA Secretary on behalf of the MBA Executive

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