

MEMO TO ALL CLUBS – NOVEMBER 2024

MORE SEASON REMINDERS FOR YOUR CLUB AND OFFICIALS FOR 2024-25

MBA PENNANT CONDITIONS OF PLAY (CoP)

Please ensure that your Club Umpires, Side Managers and Side Selectors have a copy of this season's CoP for reference throughout the season.

UMPIRES OF THE DAY

We recently had an incident, at a Pennant match where a wrong decision was made by a Side manager who did not refer to the Umpire of the day.

This incorrect decision on a CoP rule led to a match protest, where a penalty was applied to the home club, that appealed the decision made against them. The National Rules committee was requested to evaluate the match situation that occurred, and recommend the action required to be taken to resolve the wrong decision made. The appeal was finally resolved by a Bowls SA tribunal (panel) on the positive action to be taken to resolve the wrong decision made.

The MBA strongly recommends that all appointed Umpires of the day introduce themselves to all Side managers attending their venue, and inform them that all queries on the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and advice on the CoP must be referred to them for their final decision.

MATCH START TIMES

Our CoP state that trial ends and the beginning of match play starts NO LATER than the times listed. Therefore, if the trial ends have been completed early, then it is OK to commence the match immediately.

8 AND 50 BADGE CLAIMS

As from 5th November the above claims can only be made if a full rink plays against a full rink. Therefore if 4 players play against 3 players then do not claim.

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. Claims must be in a PDF format only.

No photos taken on phones etc will be accepted.

REFRESHMENTS

Within the MBA pennant competition only - All Clubs are reminded that ALL refreshments supplied to players must be individual serves per player - NO SHARED PLATTERS. As agreed by our member clubs at an Annual General Meeting.

PENNANT SCORECARDS

Some Clubs are using up stocks of last season's pennant match cards. Please scrap them and use the new ones supplied for the current season. Remember the scorecards are the official record of players used, and the scores achieved. The header section must be filled out completely.

MID GAME BREAK

Clubs are reminded that the mid game break should be kept to the minimum time possible.

BOWLING ARM USE (Bowls Australia policy)

As soon as a bowler begins using a bowling arm for a Pennant game, they must use the bowling arm for the remainder of the game.

UNFILLED SIDES OR SHORT OF PLAYERS (refer CoP 3.5)

Remember that a Club can contact their drawn opposition Club to see if they have any spare players available who would like to play.

BOWSLINK ADVICE

A recent audit of Bowslink data indicates that several Clubs have errors in their **player records**. Those Clubs will be approached to explain the variations found.

When using players, **from another Club**, as Temporary players, use of the term “Substitute” for Bowslink records is appropriate.

Bowslink managers are advised to **NOT** complete Bowslink for FORFEITS until the games for a round have been completed. All forfeits should be notified (email) to the MBA Match & Program committee (mbamatchcommittee@metrobowls.com.au).

Clubs are reminded that there are penalties applicable for persistent lateness in entering/confirming Pennant match scores.

DANGER ON THE GREENS

All bowlers are asked to respect the activities of Greenkeepers before Pennant games and to abstain from any kind of practice until they have completed their preparations for a complete green.

EXTREME WEATHER

The MBA Policy is that in the event of disruption to the Pennant season due to extreme weather, priority will be given to finalising the “Home and Away” playing schedule over the Finals series. A minimum of 12 completed Home and Away rounds will be required to constitute a “season” for promotion and demotion purposes.

ANNUAL MBA FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT reminder for Club entries

The MBA Executive has scheduled our Annual Open Fours Friendship bowls tournament for Sunday 5th January 2025, at the Playford Bowling club.

Every Club is invited to enter ONE team into this tournament to share the friendship between our member clubs. The tournament is FREE for all entries.

Regards



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MBA Secretary on behalf of the MBA Executive