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## **TOOLKIT FOR A PENNANT SIDES CAPTAIN – 2023/24**

### **Responsibilities of a Pennant Sides Captain**

**Note:** 1. All Pennant games are of 21 ends with no formal break throughout the game.

#### **BEFORE THE MATCH:**

##### **Clubs.**

- a. Enter sides into the Bowlslink Competition Module prior to commencement of play.
- b. Prepare your sides score cards.

**Home Side Captain.** Ensure sides are entered in to Bowlslink prior to the commencement of the game.

##### **Side Captains – at the Venue.**

- a. Draw for rinks by shuffling prepared score cards and placing on table upside down on agreed rink number positions.
- b. Determine first to play by toss of coin.

#### **DURING THE MATCH:**

**Refreshment Break.** Conditions for taking a break:

**Midweek and Weekend Pennant.** No formal tea break will be taken, however a **short break** is allowed, at a time determined by **both** Side Captains, to allow rehydration and to attend any health needs eg. for diabetics etc. ***if either Side Captain is of the opinion that play may be interrupted due to weather conditions no break is to be taken.***

#### **UPON COMPLETION OF THE MATCH:**

- Collect your Side's Score Cards, ensuring they are filled out completely and signed by the Seconds.
- Compare scorecards with opposing Side Captain to confirm that the cards agree. ***(If in error, consult with the seconds involved and sort it out prior to leaving the club). Side Captains are to ensure that the Scorecards have been signed and then retained until the end of the Pennant season.***

#### **Prior to departing the Host Club:**

- a. **Home Side.** Align Teams and enter results on BowlsLink
- b. **Away Side.** Check alignment of teams and confirm results on BowlsLink

**Note:** ***The Home Side can now finalise the results in BowlsLink.*** Away Club is responsible to confirm that the results are correct and resolve any issues with Host Club.

### **ALLOCATION OF POINTS**

- Sides of 16** 10 points for a win or 5 points for a tied overall score **plus** 2 points for winning rink or 1 point each for tied rink **(Max points 18)**
- Sides of 12** 8 points for a win or 4 points for a tied overall score **plus** 2 points for winning rink or 1 point each for tied rink **(Max points 14)**
- Bye** Club with the Bye must enter teams on Bowlslink for purpose of qualifying for the finals – must be completed the day prior to gameday.

### **Penalties**

Penalties will apply for Clubs not complying with Pennant Administrative requirements.

**A Club will be penalised 2 points** for breaches through non compliance of the Regions Pennant Conditions of Play (COP).

## **Rules for Inclement Weather**

(Extract from the Ovens and Murray Bowls Region Conditions of Play)

### **36. Inclement Weather, Play Commencement, and Interruption to Play**

**Inclement Weather.** To ensure player safety and protection of Club assets the following conditions will be applied during inclement weather:

- **Heat**

- The Pennant Committee may postpone or move the start time for the round, prior to the programmed start time, should **extreme** temperatures be anticipated.

- **Weekend Pennant**

**After the commencement of play.** If the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius, play will be postponed until the temperature drops below 38 degrees Celsius. If the game is brought forward to a 10:00am start, by the Pennant Committee, play will be abandoned once the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius.

If, owing to extreme heat, a match has not commenced within 1.5 hours from the planned start time, it shall be abandoned.

If a home and away match has been delayed or interrupted by extreme heat, and the game is underway, play can continue beyond 6:15pm (or 5hrs 15min for an alternate agreed start time) until the minimum ends are reached (50 or 36 ends) at which time play will cease and Match points given to the leading Side at that time. If a game has been interrupted and has not recommenced by 6:15pm (or 5hrs 15min for an alternate agreed start time) the game will be abandoned and the Sides will share the points for the game.

- **Midweek Pennant.** Play will be abandoned, for the day, once the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius.

- **Monitoring of Temperature.** The monitoring of the temperature shall be conducted independently on grass and synthetic/carpet Greens. (where two Greens at a Club, one synthetic/carpet and the other grass, are being used on the same day then the temperature must be monitored independently for each Green).
- The monitoring of the temperature will be by the 'Umpire of the day' whose decision shall be final. ***The umpire is to allow both Club Side Managers to view the thermometer if requested.***
  - Any Side, rink or individual who continues to play after a decision to abandon play, the Side shall be liable to loss of points, disqualification and/or fine.
  - The measuring of the temperature to be made using a dry bulb thermometer housed in a Small Instrument Shelter specified by the Bureau of Meteorology, drawing MI-12-01 (copy available from the Region Secretary).
    - **Placement on non-shade covered Greens.** The Small Instrument Shelter is to be placed with its door facing south and the shelter placed in an open position, **preferably on**

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**the Green** but clear of any buildings, shelters, vegetation or any other item which may impede its operation.

- **Placement on shade covered Greens.** The Small Instrument Shelter should be placed with its door facing the south and under the shade cover but clear of any shadows cast by buildings, vegetation or any other item which may impede its operation.
- If a game is abandoned, for the day, and a result is achieved (Rule 5), the following actions are to occur;
  - **Home Club** – complete results entry on the website
  - **Away Club** – confirm results are correct.
- **Rain**
  - In cases of adverse weather conditions due to rain, the Home Club Sides Captain, after consultation with the Greens committee or Club representative, shall make the decision as to the fitness of the Green for play, whether prior to commencement of play or interruption during play.
  - If, owing to inclement weather, a match has not commenced within 1.5 hours from the planned start time it shall be abandoned.
  - If a match has been delayed or interrupted by inclement weather and the match cannot be completed after 5 hours 15 minutes, of the planned start time, play shall cease, any ends in progress at that time shall be completed.
  - ***In the event of the Home Green being unavailable due to wet weather the following actions are to be completed;***
    - **Home Club** - notify their opponents before 8.00am for Midweek Pennant and 11:00am for Weekend Pennant.
  - After commencement of play, if a game is abandoned for the day, and a result is achieved (Rule 5), the following actions are to occur;
    - **Home Club** – complete results entry in BowsLink
    - **Away Club** – confirm results are correct.
- **Cancelling or adjusting the start time of Pennant.** The Regions Pennant Committee may cancel/abandon the round prior to the programmed start time or adjust the programmed start time or set a new date for the round should extreme weather conditions be anticipated.

**Rule 13.** **Umpire.** The Club that is designated as the Home Club is to appoint an accredited Umpire to officiate.

- 25.2 If the Home Club does not have an accredited Umpire available then a visiting accredited Umpire may be appointed to officiate. Alternatively, if no accredited Umpire is available then an accredited Measurer may be appointed Umpire.
- 25.3 If no accredited Umpire or Measurer is available then a competent player from the Home Club should be appointed to **act in this capacity**.
- 25.4 An Umpires/**Measurers** decision is final and cannot be contested, disregarded or appealed except for matters relating to the meaning and interpretation of a Law.