

# Manning District Bowling Association



## Conditions Of Play

As amended  
26.02.2007

### Amendments

#### Clause 2.7

Wording changed to clarify what Association Fixture are involved.

#### Clause 4.6 paragraph 2

The word December in Paragraph 2 deleted and the word January inserted in lieu.

#### Clause 4.9 paragraph 2

The word December in Paragraph 2 deleted and the word January inserted in lieu.

**General Conditions of Play Applying to all District Competitions.**

1.1 All competitions shall be played under the Current Laws of the Game of Bowls in Australia the Current Conditions of Play of the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association Inc. and allowable variations as listed in this document.

**1.2. Greens Availability and Condition**

(a) The Greens of all affiliated Clubs shall be made available for the playing of any Competition or Match arranged by and under the control of the Association.

(b) Clubs are required to provide their best outdoor surface for the playing of Association Events.

(c) In all M.D.B.A.Inc. Competitions, all greens, having due regard to weather conditions, shall have an acceptable playing surface.

(d) Not more than six (6) rinks are to be used on any one green for Association events unless written application to the Match Committee is approved.

(e) The District Match Committee shall inspect greens before the start of the Pennant Season *and Post Sectional Pennant Play* and Championship Finals and inform the club and the District Secretary as to their suitability or otherwise. *Amended 23.11.03 by Management Committee*

**1.3. Competition Entries**

(a) Entries to all Competitions must be made on the forms supplied for the purpose and will close on the dates specified.

**Late Entries will not be accepted**

(b) An entry fee as determined from time to time by the Management Committee must accompany all entries, subject to banking arrangements made by affiliated Clubs with the District Secretary. eg. Direct banking etc.

(c) Regardless of any arrangement made as in (b) above the entry fee **MUST** be paid before the first round of any Competition or otherwise, the player team or Club on whose behalf the entry fee should have been paid, will be ineligible to play in the Competition.

**1.4. Control of Competitions are Hearing of Disputes**

(a) All Competitions shall be under the Control of the District Match Committee which shall have the power to inquire into all disputes.

(b) A member of the Match Committee who is also a member of either of the disputing Clubs, Teams or Sides or player in a singles match shall take no part in the hearing of the Dispute except to give evidence if required.

**1.4 Control of Competitions and Hearing of Disputes(cont.)**

- (c) The District Match Committee's decision in connection with all entries in Pennant and Championship competitions shall be subject to appeal first to the Executive Committee and further to the Management Committee providing the Competition shall not be unduly interrupted by the latter.
- (d) Clubs on whose greens any Association Competition is to be played shall assume the role of Controlling Body on behalf of the District Match Committee.
- (e) Clubs on whose greens any Association Competition is being played shall announce the name of the person acting as Controlling Body representing the Club and District prior to the start of play on any day
- (f) Any decision made by a Controlling Body of a Club on behalf of the District Match Committee shall have the same effect as if the decision had been made by the District Match Committee.

**1.5. Appointment of Umpires.**

- (a) Clubs on whose greens Association Competitions are being played shall appoint a National Umpire whose name shall be announced at the Calling of the Cards and who shall act in accordance with Bowls Australia Law 64 B and R.N.S.W.B.A. Condition of Play 2.13.
- (b) Any Club on whose greens Association Competitions are to be played that has no available National Umpire or a suitable person to act as Umpire of the Day in accordance with R.N.S.W.B.A. Condition of Play 2.13 should contact the Chairman of the District Umpires Panel.  
It is expected that reasonable time be given to allow for any action to be taken by the Chairman of the District Umpires Panel if requested.

**1.6. District Calendar**

- (a) The current District Calendar approved by the Management Committee of the Manning District Bowling Association shall be the calendar by which Association Competitions at District Level is programmed subject to variations caused by weather or special circumstances or any alteration to the Zone or State Calendar.

## Special Conditions Governing District Championships

### 2.1 Playing Dates and Times

- (a) The dates listed on the draw for District Championship Events will as near as possible be in accordance with the approved District Calendar.
- (b) District Championship events will be played AM and PM and may be on consecutive days.
- (c) Where an odd number of rounds is needed to complete a Competition then the quarter final will be listed as an AM game only on that date so as to allow for Semi Finals and Finals to be played on the same day.
- (d) In the event of a quarter final being listed as an AM game only, the Club Controlling Body is expected to delay the start of play on days of doubtful weather conditions, so allow if possible, for this round to be completed that day if weather permits.
- (e) Starting times will be in accordance with **RNSWBA C.O.P 2.9.**

### 2.2 Venue

- (a) The venue as listed on the draw sheet for any Association event **will be the only venue** at which players listed to play will be allowed to play.
- (b) If two or more teams receive a BYE in the AM round of any District Championship they may play early by mutual agreement, but only if there is rink space available at the **listed venue** other than the rink they are listed to play on in the PM round.

### 2.3. Forfeits or Withdrawals

- (a) **RNSWBA C.O.P 2.7 will be strictly enforced.**
- (b) **Players, Teams or Sides forfeiting or withdrawing and who have not complied with RNSWBA C.O.P 2.7 shall notify** the District Match Committee **in writing** their explanation for not so doing, within 14 days of the event in which the forfeit etc. was given, or the penalty, as provided in RNSWBA C.O.P.2.7 may be enforced without further notification.

### 2.4 Inclement Weather

- (a) Decisions as to playing on doubtful days shall be made in accordance with **RNSWBA C.O.P. 2.27.**
- (b) Clubs are requested to notify Radio Station 2RE where practicable.
- (c) Players should ring the listed venue **NOT** the District Office as it may be unattended.

### 2.5 Game Results

- (a) The results of all games played at all venues should be faxed to the District Office at the completion of the days play.

**2.5 Game Results (cont.)**

- (b) Clubs are to retain the game score cards until the completion of the Competition.

**2.6 Concurrent Events.**

- (a) The District Singles and Reserve Singles and the District Pairs and Reserve Pairs will be played concurrently.  
Players who inadvertently submit entries for the two events (eg. District Singles and Reserve Singles) will automatically be entered in the Higher Event.

**2.7 Champion of Champion Events**

- (a) Champion of Club Champion Events will be conducted for all Association Fixtures that progress to State level.
  
- (b) Entry forms for Champion of Club Champion Events **MUST list the players** not just the Club so that **RNSWBA C.O.P 2.7** can be applied where appropriate.

**PENNANTS**

**State Pennant Grades 1 to 7**

**4.1 Pennant Play**

- (a) Sectional and Post Sectional Play at District Level shall be in accordance with the RNSWBA Inc Conditions of Play Section 4 except as varied by these allowable variations

**4.2 Entries**

- (a) Any Club affiliated with the Manning District Bowling Association may enter as many sides in the Pennant Competition as they wish.
- (b) The District Match Committee shall provide a competition for all entries.

**4.3 Grading of Entries**

- (a) The District Match Committee will Grade sides so as to provide an equitable competition between teams in any Grade.
- (b) **The Elevation and Regression of Club Sides will be in accordance with RNSWBA C.O.P. 4.15 which is not a variable Condition. (see also C.O.P 1.1 of RNSWBA C.O.P,s).**
- (c) The Final grading of Sides in Grades will be as approved by the District Management Committee

**4.4 Start of Play Times and Days of Play**

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| (a) Sectional Play                        | 1.30 pm. | Saturday                       |
| (b) Post Sectional Play at District Level | 9.30 am. | As listed in District Calendar |
| (c) Night Pennants where approved         | 6.00 pm  | Friday                         |

**Note: Trial Ends will commence at least 20 minutes before Start of Play**

- (d) **Clubs requesting changes to these starting times for any reason must apply in writing to the District Match Committee for any variation**

**4.5 Inclement Weather**

- (a) On doubtful days Clubs are to notify the District Office by phone or Fax if their greens are not suitable for play no later than that prescribed in **RNSWBA C.O.P. 4.11**
- (b) **Clubs** on whose greens games were listed to play should notify opponent Clubs and Radio Stations (if practicable).
- (c) **ALL MATCHES not commenced or interrupted (before 54 ends is completed and not resumed the same day) will be played the following Sunday week (8days after the affected event).**
- (d) In the event that the above cannot apply due to further inclement weather the **RNSWBA C.O.P.4.9 will apply.**

**Note Pennants take precedence over all other events**

**4.6 Travel**

- (a) The draw for Pennant Play will take into account travel arrangements to afford the most financially viable situation for Clubs.
- (b) Clubs may apply in writing to the **District Match Committee by the 3rd Monday in January** for a reversal of the Home and Away draw in rounds 1 to 5 stating in their request the reasons why the change is required. Unless there is mutual agreement between Clubs and/or if the District Match Committee decide a Club may gain an advantage or be disadvantaged by reversal of the draw permission will not be granted.
- (c) **After the 3rd Monday in December no further variation to the draw will be allowed for travel reasons**

**4.7 Game Results**

- (a) Home team Side Managers shall fax the game result form to the District Office immediately after the completion of play.
- (b) All Clubs must submit a result sheet when it receives a bye, has an incomplete game or has a game not commenced for any reason.  
**See RNSWBA C.O.P 4.14.**
- (b) Side Managers are advised that black ink or typing is the preferred method of recording game results as blue ink or pencil may not transmit by Fax satisfactorily.

**4.8 Greens Unsuitable for Play other than due to weather.**

- (a) If for any reason the green or greens of a Home Club is unavailable other than because of inclement weather conditions the District Match Committee shall attempt to find a suitable neutral venue for the conduct of the match.
- (b) If a suitable neutral venue is found the match will be regarded as a home match for the Club whose greens were unavailable.

**4.9 Night Pennant Play**

- (a) **The District Match Committee may approve written applications to play Pennants on Friday Nights from Clubs under the following conditions.**
- (b) **ALL Applications must be made in writing on the approved form by 3rd Monday in January for the Pennant Season starting in February of the ensuing year.**
- (c) **All applications must have reciprocal arrangements for the reverse round.**
- (d) **Each application MUST be signed by BOTH Club Presidents otherwise the application will be refused.**
- (e) **Each pair of rounds in any grade will require a separate application.**  
eg. **Grade 1 Rounds 1 & 6      Grade 1 Rounds 2 & 7**  
**Grade 3 Rounds 2 & 7      Grade 3 Rounds 3 & 8.**

**APPLICATION TO PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT PENNANTS**  
**AS SET DOWN IN MDBA CONDITION OF PLAY 4.9**

We the undersigned wish to apply on behalf of our Clubs for permission to play the following BCiB State Pennants Rounds under lights and as provided in the MDBA Special Conditions for Night Pennant Play set out below.

1. The agreement to play Night Pennant is a mutual agreement on a reciprocal basis and involves rounds ..... & ..... of Grade .....
2. The Home and away format as set down in the approved Pennant Draw will be adhered to UNLESS approval in writing to vary same has been given to a written application made to the District Match Committee.
3. Roll - up time will 5.30 PM with play to commence at 6.00 PM
4. Inclement weather decision must be made by the “Home Club” by 3.30 PM on the day agreed for play.
5. In the event of inclement weather preventing either game being played on the set down night then RNSWBA C.O.P. 4.9 will apply.
6. In the event that play is interrupted by inclement weather or for any other reason then RNSWBA C.O.P. 4.10 will apply
7. Interrupted games not completed the same night will be resumed on the next day (Saturday) at the same venue at normal pennant starting times. If the resumed game is again interrupted then the District Match Committee will arrange a date and time for the completion of play in the affected round.

Signed on behalf of

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