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Changes to the Pennant CoP for the 20/21 Season

<i>Item</i>	<i>Change</i>
Table of Contents	Updated
2. Definitions	Replaced Divisions with Sections. Added definitions of Group
6.3 re Side Entry	Divisions replaced with Sections as per BowlsLink requirements. Section 2 reduced to 2 Rinks (8 players)
8.1 re Controlling Body	Replaced Host Club with Umpire as the Controlling Body
14. re Interchanging of Players	4 rounds reduced to 2 rounds to reflect the length of the season.
15. re Interchanging of Players in Finals	Rule added and amended to reflect the shortened season
23.4 re Pennant Check Sheet	To be used this season as backup for results entered in BowlsLink
28 re Conduct of Finals	Changes to the final series reflecting the 2 Groups in Section 1
39.2.2 re Duration of Match	Midweek maximum duration of match increased to 5 hours.
39.3.2 as above	As above
40 re Change to Scheduled Break	“Scheduled Break” changed to “Break in Play” discontinuing the reference to Tea Break. Length of break reduced to approximately 10 minutes. Managers can agree to defer the Break in Play and play through.
Alphabetical Index	Updated



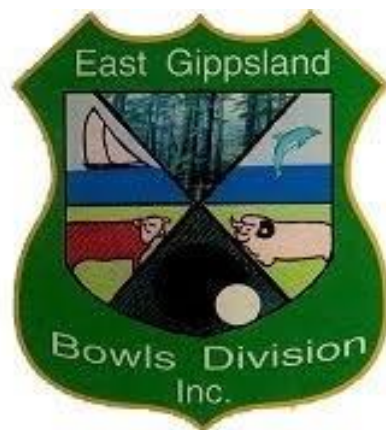
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2020-21

EAST GIPPSLAND BOWLS SECTION

MIDWEEK AND WEEKEND PENNANT
COMPETITION

CONDITIONS OF PLAY





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The East Gippsland Bowls Section (EGBD) has approved these Conditions of Play.

The EGBD reserves the right to amend the Section Pennant Competition format of play and the Conditions of Play from season to season or as required.

These Conditions of Play apply to the conduct of the 2020/21 season EGBD Midweek and Weekend Pennant Competitions.

Version Control Register

Version	Date	Affected Clause	Summary of changes
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The EGBD Pennant Competitions are conducted in accordance with the:
- Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 3rd edition version 3.1 and BA Domestic Regulations (DRs) as published in May 2019;
 - Bowls Australia (BA) Policies and;
 - Bowls Victoria (BV) Constitution, BV Regulations and BV Policies.
- 1.2 No laws governing a sport can cope with every situation, and the laws governing the sport of bowls is no exception. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls have been drawn up in the spirit of true sportsperson-ship. So, if a situation arises that is not covered by the laws or these Conditions of Play, players and officials must use their common sense and a spirit of fair play to decide the appropriate course of action.

2 Definitions

The following definitions may be referred to in this document:

BA	Bowls Australia
BV	Bowls Victoria
GBR	Gippsland Bowls Region
EGBD	East Gippsland Bowls Section



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EGBD Competitions Committee	A duly elected committee charged with the responsibility of administering the EGBD Pennant Competition
The Laws	Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls - Crystal Mark Version 3.1 April 2019
DR	Bowls Australia Domestic Regulations
Member Club	Member Clubs of the EGBD
Side	A team representing a Member Club in the EGBD Pennant Competition
Rink	A group of four players from a Member Club which comprise a side
Game	A game of lawn bowls which scheduled to occur or is in progress
Match	A game which has been arranged to occur between sides
Inclement weather	Environmental effects such as rain, humidity, wind, or other similar causes
Heat	A Dry Bulb temperature exceeding 35 degrees Celsius
Stevenson's Screen	A box with sides fitted with louvres which contains a dry bulb thermometer. The Stevenson's Screen must be situated at least 1 metre above the ground surface and 5 metres from the green.
Controlling Body	The controlling body is responsible for facilitation and implementation of these rules on the day of play.
NMP	Bowls Australia - National Merchandising Program
Nominated Member Club	A player may be a member of more than one affiliated Member Club, but must nominate one Member Club (nominated Member Club) as being the Member Club with which the player identifies for the purposes of playing state championship or other championship events.
Permit Member Club	The Member Club for which a player has gained approval from the EGBD to represent in Pennant Competition only.
Section	Section replaces Division as a group of seeded teams
Group	Group of teams within a Section

3 Eligibility of Member Clubs

- 3.1 Member Clubs may enter a Side or Sides in the EGBD Midweek and/or Weekend Pennant Competition.
- 3.2 Sides will be assigned a Section depending on the promotion or relegation requirements applicable from the previous season, unless otherwise determined by the EGBD Competitions Committee. The number and composition of Sections will depend on the number of entries received.

4 Alterations to Conditions of Play

- 4.1 The EGBD Competitions Committee reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions of play as it considers necessary, so long as any alteration is not in conflict with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls or Bowls Australia Domestic Regulations.

5 Disciplinary Breaches

- 5.1 If a player, coach or official acts in a manner as described in clause 45, the matter is to be referred in the first instance to the Member Club belonging to the offending player, coach or official.
- 5.2 Where a matter is referred to the BV Disciplinary Committee then a player, team, side or Member Club is subject to the determinations of that Committee. The BV Disciplinary Committee may impose a penalty of a monetary fine (not exceeding \$1,000) and/or disqualification, and/or match points penalty and/or a replay or such other penalty as they see fit.



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6 Side entry

- 6.1 A Member Club may enter any number of Sides up to a maximum number as determined by the EGBD Competitions Committee.
- 6.2 Sides of a Member Club will be numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 etc. in descending order of ability.
- 6.3 For both the EGBD Midweek and Weekend competitions, the normal disposition of the competition shall be as follows:
 - 6.3.1 Sections:
 - 6.3.1.1 Section 1 – 12 players per side (3 rinks)
 - 6.3.1.2 Section 2 – 8 players per side (2 rinks)
 - 6.3.1.3 Section 3 – 8 players per side (2 rinks)
 - 6.3.1.4 Section 4 – 8 players per side (2 rinks)

7 Insufficient players to enter a side

- 7.1 A Member Club may seek approval from the EGBD Competitions Committee to combine with another Member Club or Member Clubs to enter a side in a Section approved by the EGBD Competitions Committee.
- 7.2 The application must be made by the Member Club accepting responsibility for the Side and be accompanied by written approval of the other Member Club or Member Clubs involved in the application.
- 7.3 If a combined side is approved the players are permitted to wear their respective Member Club shirts and cap. If bowls discs are used all members of the combined side must use discs that are of the same colour/design.
- 7.4 The side will be placed in a Section in consultation with the EGBD Competitions Committee.
- 7.5 If a Member Club does not have sufficient players to form a Side for the Member Club's lowest numbered Side, the Side can play with one or more Teams playing in accordance with DR 2.4.

8 Controlling Body on day of play

- 8.1 The Controlling Body for matters arising on the day of play is the Umpire. The controlling body is responsible for the facilitation and implementation of these Conditions of Play on a day of play.

9 Side Manager on day of play

- 9.1 Wherever a Law or Regulation gives a Side a right of decision or choice, it will be exercised by the Side Manager who will act on behalf of the Side.
- 9.2 The Side Manager must not be the Umpire of the day.

10 Umpire on day of play

- 10.1 The Member Club who is designated as the Host Member Club must appoint an accredited Umpire to officiate.
- 10.2 If the Host Member 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 as Umpire.
- 10.3 If no accredited Umpire or Measurer is available then a competent player from the Host Member Club shall be appointed to act as Umpire for the day.
- 10.4 The Host Member Club is to provide equipment for use of the Umpire as follows:



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- 10.4.1 Measuring equipment
- 10.4.2 Laws of the Sport of Lawn Bowls - Crystal Mark Version 3.1 April 2019
- 10.4.3 BA Domestic Regulations
- 10.4.4 The EGBD Pennant Rules/Conditions of Play
- 10.5 An Umpires' decision is final and cannot be contested, disregarded or appealed except for matters relating to the meaning and interpretation of a Law.
- 10.6 The umpire of the day must resolve any matter where the Skips and Side Managers cannot agree.
- 10.7 Side Manager/s must not be the Umpire of the day.

11 Eligibility of players

- 11.1 Member Clubs must ensure all players are registered BV Members prior to the commencement of the match in question. A breach of this requirement will result in forfeiture of the game to the opponent.
- 11.2 All players must be selected on ability.
- 11.3 Gender cannot be used as a selection consideration for Weekend Pennant competition.

12 Single Gender Competition and Restrictions on positions each gender may play

- 12.1 EGBD Midweek Pennant competition is played with the following restrictions on player positions based on gender for the purpose of equality in the sport of Lawn Bowls:
 - 12.1.1 Males are restricted to playing in the position of third, second or lead.
 - 12.1.2 There may only be up to two males in each rink.
 - 12.1.3 Players must be cognisant of the roles and responsibilities of the position in which they have been selected.
- 12.2 Weekend Pennant is open with no gender restrictions.

13 Selection of sides

- 13.1 If there are insufficient players available on a day of play to fill all Sides entered by the Member Club, the lowest numbered Side must be the Side which forfeits.
- 13.2 A Player will not play in more than one Side in the same round of the same EGBD Pennant Competition.

14 Interchanging of players between sides prior to finals

- 14.1 Prior to the last two rounds of an EGBD Pennant Competition, there will be no restrictions on the interchange of players between the sides of a Member Club.
- 14.2 For the last two rounds of an EGBD Pennant Competition, no Side will include more than three players who have played a majority of their games, prior to the second last game, in any combination of higher numbered Sides.

15 Interchanging of a player between sides in finals

15.1 In Weekend Pennant:

- 15.1.1 A Side may not include any player who during the current season has played less than **two (2)** games for the Member Club in the EGBD Pennant Competition.
- 15.1.2 A Side may not include any player who, during the current season has played more than **two (2)** games in any combination of higher numbered Sides unless the player has also played in **two (2)** or more games in the Side concerned and/or a lower numbered Side.



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15.1.3 The provisions relating to the interchange of players between sides in finals also apply to players involved in combined sides formed under clause 6.

15.2 In Midweek Pennant:

15.2.1 A Side may not include any player who during the current season **has not played a game (0)** for the Member Club in the EGBD Pennant Competition.

15.2.2 A Side may not include any player who, during the current season has played **a game (1)** in any combination of higher numbered Sides unless the player has also played **a game (1)** in the Side concerned and/or a lower numbered Side.

15.2.3 The provisions relating to the interchange of players between sides in finals also apply to players involved in combined sides formed under clause 6.

15.3 A Member Club who has insufficient eligible players for any finals of an EGBD Pennant Competition may apply to the EGBD Competitions Committee for approval to play other players from the Member Club. If this approval is granted then such players may play in any position other than Skip.

16 Substitute player during season including finals

16.1 If a player becomes unable to play in the match for reasons arising after the commencement of the match, an eligible substitute is permitted in accordance with Law 33.2 & DR 2.4.

16.2 Only one substitute is permitted in each rink of a side.

17 Incomplete side at the commencement of a match

17.1 If at the time a match is due to commence and a player is absent DR 2.4 will apply.

17.2 The Skip of both teams will carry the scorecard and update the score at the completion of each end.

17.3 The opponents with a complete team will have their second play consecutive bowls (DR 2.6.1.1, 2.6.1.2 & 2.6.1.3).

17.4 If the absent player arrives late, they must take their original place in the team and enter the match at the completion of the end in progress.

18 Incomplete side after a match has commenced

18.1 If a player who has commenced the match cannot continue and there is no eligible substitute available, a team may play with an absent player. The absent player is deemed to be the second.

18.2 The Skips of both teams carry the scorecard and update the score at completion of each end.

18.3 The opponents with a complete team will have their second play consecutive bowls (DR 2.6.1.1, 2.6.1.2 & 2.6.1.3).

18.4 If a player who leaves the match subsequently becomes available, they must re-join the team in their original place in the team at the completion of the end in progress.

18.5 If a substitute player is available, the Controlling Body may allow them to enter the match at the completion of the end in progress.

19 Points allocated for a match

19.1 The following points/shots will be allocated for a match as follows:

- Side win = 8 points.
- Side receiving forfeit or walkover = 8 points plus 10 shots.



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- Side giving forfeit or walkover = 0 points minus 10 shots.
 - Side tie = 4 points.
 - Rink win or forfeit = 2 points.
 - Rink tie = 1 point.
 - Bye = 0 points and 0 shots.
 - Walkovers resulting from a Side withdrawal (including the withdrawal of a Side after the season has commenced) = 12 points (2 rinks)/14 points (3 rinks) plus 10 shots.
 - Game abandoned = 7 points per side, 0 shots.
- 19.2 A post sectional (finals) match must be concluded with an overall shots up win. Where the score is tied at the completion of the match, extra end/s as required must be played until an outright winner is decided.

20 Points when play is abandoned

- 20.1 Points will be shared by Sides in a Section when more than 50% of matches scheduled for that day are abandoned.
- 20.2 A forfeit or walkover in that Section will count as a completed match.

21 Match abandoned by agreement before play or during play before a result is obtained

- 21.1 Each Side will share equally the maximum points available and the match shall be deemed to be abandoned.

22 Match abandoned by agreement during play and a result is possible

- 22.1 Points will be allocated as if the match had been completed, using the scores at the time the match was abandoned.
- 22.2 If play has commenced and the match is subsequently abandoned by mutual agreement between Side Managers, a match result shall be constituted if not less than 75% of total ends are completed. See 29.1 for post-sectional matches.

23 Pennant side and result submission entry of results into BowlsLink

- 23.1 Member Club Sides are to be entered into BowlsLink by Side Managers prior to match commencement.
- 23.2 Each side manager is to enter results into BowlsLink on completion of the Match. A Pennant Check Form is to be completed and retained by each Member Club.
- 23.3 Results are to be entered no later than 5.00pm on the following day (i.e. within approx. 24hrs of the completion of the match).
- 23.4 The Pennant Check Sheet (yellow form) is to be submitted to the EGBD Pennant and Competitions Recorder by MMS (phone image) no later than 7.00pm on the day of play. The EGBD Pennant and Competitions Recorder contact number is listed on the EGBD webpage.

24 Pennant Check Form submission for a walkover

- 24.1 Both Sides must complete a Pennant Check Form showing which Side has given the walkover.
- 24.2 A Side receiving a walkover must also enter the intended players names to enable players who would have played in the match to determine qualification for Finals.
- 24.3 The intended Side is to be entered into BowlsLink no later than 5.00pm on the following day (i.e. within approx. 24hrs of the completion of the match)



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25 Pennant Check Form for a side with a bye

- 25.1 A Pennant Check Form must be completed showing a Bye with the intended player's names entered to enable players who would have played in the match to qualify for Finals.
- 25.2 The intended Side is to be entered into BowlsLink no later than 5.00pm on the following day (i.e. within approx. 24hrs of the completion of the match).

26 Alteration to Pennant Check Form

- 26.1 Member Clubs may seek a correction to the Pennant Check Form if an alteration is received in writing which has been endorsed by both Member Clubs within 5 days of the match being completed. This application must be sent to the EGBD Secretary.
- 26.2 Any alteration to records contained on BowlsLink will be amended by the EGBD Secretary.

27 Section Results by Round

- 27.1 The order of Sides in each Section/Group will be determined by the total points gained.
- 27.2 If two or more Sides have the same number of points their order will be determined by net margin of shots 'for' minus shots 'against' each Side.
- 27.3 If net margins be equal the order will be determined by the higher proportion of 'total shots for' divided by 'total shots against'.
- 27.4 If there is still a tie for a position to qualify for finals play, the Sides concerned will play a deciding match.

28 Conduct of post-sectional (finals) matches

- 28.1 In Weekend Pennant Section 1, Groups A and B:
 - 28.1.1 The side that has finished first in the order of sides on completion of the normal season shall proceed directly to the Group Final.
 - 28.1.2 The sides finishing second and third respectively shall play off in a Preliminary Final. The winner of this match shall proceed to the Group Final.
 - 28.1.3 The winners of the Group A Final and Group B Final shall proceed to the Grand Final
- 28.2 In Weekend Pennant Sections other than Section 1:
 - 28.2.1 The sides that finished first and second in the order of sides on completion of the normal season shall play off in the First Semi Final. The winner of this match shall proceed directly to the Grand Final.
 - 28.2.2 Sides finishing third and fourth shall play off in the Second Semi Final.
 - 28.2.3 The loser of the First Semi Final shall play off against the winner of the Second Semi Final in a Preliminary Final. The winner of this match shall proceed to the Grand Final.

29 Post-sectional (finals) match interrupted or abandoned due to inclement weather

- 29.1 Every effort must be made to complete a post-sectional (knockout) match on the scheduled day. Post-sectional matches must be played to completion.
- 29.2 There shall be no time limit applied to post-sectional matches.
- 29.3 If a post-sectional match is interrupted and play cannot continue on the scheduled day, all completed ends and scores shall be carried forward to the reserve day/s and the match resumed.
- 29.4 If a post sectional match is abandoned, it will be rescheduled and completed under such conditions as the EGBD Competitions Committee decides.



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- 29.5 Should a replay of a post-sectional match (other than a Grand Final) not be possible, the Side which finished the regular season higher on the ladder shall be determined to be the winner and progress as such.

30 Venue/s for post-sectional matches

- 30.1 Subject to the condition and availability of greens, Semi Final and Preliminary Final post-sectional matches are to be played at neutral venues.
- 30.2 All Grand Finals for a season are to be played at one venue to be selected by the EGBD Competitions Committee.

31 Promotion and relegation

- 31.1 Promotion and relegation will form the basis of the pennant competition. The EGBD Competitions Committee reserves the right to make changes to the composition of Sections in order to balance the competition. The EGBD Competitions Committee will have the discretion to promote or relegate sides to fill Sections or for other reasons as they see fit.

32 Match commencement time

- 32.1 The normal match commencement time will be 1.00pm for Weekend Pennant and 10.00am for Midweek Pennant. Two trial ends will be completed before the scheduled commencement time.
- 32.2 The match commencement may be brought forward by up to 30 minutes by agreement between side managers on the day of play.
- 32.3 The match commencement time may be altered by mutual agreement between the Sides concerned prior to the day of play. The EGBD Competitions Committee Chair shall be notified if the match commencement time is altered prior to the day of play.
- 32.4 Where the match commencement time is altered, the match must conclude 5 hours 30 minutes after the match commencement for Weekend Pennant matches and 5 hours for Midweek Pennant matches.
- 32.5 The EGBD Competitions Committee reserves the right to alter the match commencement time for any circumstance, including anticipated hot or inclement weather.

33 Pre-match pennant practice

- 33.1 Pre-match pennant practice may be conducted at the host venue until 15 minutes prior match commencement.
- 33.2 Pre-match pennant practice must not be conducted upon the rinks set to be used for the match.
- 33.3 The host Member Club reserves the right to restrict pre-match pennant practice for the purpose of green preparation for the match. If the host Member Club determines this to be the case, no player may undertake pre-pennant practice at the venue on the day of the match.
- 33.4 For clarification, the two-end roll up prior to match commencement is not considered to be pre-match pennant practice for the purposes of these rules.

34 Draw for rinks

- 34.1 The rink draw will be conducted prior to the commencement of the match by the Side Managers.



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- 34.2 The host Member Club Side Manager shall indicate what rinks are to be used for the match.
- 34.3 The cards will be shuffled and exchanged with the cards of one Side being placed name face down by one Manager then the other Manager will place a card face down on each card.
- 34.4 The Side Managers will then complete filling out the cards and the Pennant Check Sheet.

35 Allocation of rinks

- 35.1 Rinks must be consecutively numbered. A Side will play on consecutively numbered rinks preferably on the same green.
- 35.2 A vacant space may be reserved between rinks for the purpose of social distancing.
- 35.3 The separation of teams that are part of a Side is not permitted on the same green.
- 35.4 Where more than one green is required, a Side will play on those rinks which have been consecutively numbered for both greens.

36 Condition of green

- 36.1 A green must be suitable for play. If a green is found to be unsuitable, a Member Club may be directed by the EGBD Competitions Committee to make alternative arrangements.
- 36.2 If a satisfactory alternative green cannot be found, the Member Club may be directed by the EGBD Competitions Committee to forfeit games.
- 36.3 EGBD recommends the speed for greens for the conduct of a Pennant Competition range between 13 and 17 seconds.

37 Timing of greens at Host Member Club's discretion

- 37.1 Greens may be timed at the discretion of the Host Member Club. There is no requirement for greens to be timed.
- 37.2 If greens are to be timed, timing must be conducted in the presence of a representative of the highest numbered away side.

38 Use of alternative venue for home greens on the day of play

- 38.1 For a green unfit for play due to inclement weather, see clause 43.
- 38.2 If during the pennant season it is necessary to transfer a home game to an alternative venue due to effects other than those caused by inclement weather, the Host Member Club must gain agreement from the opposing Side/s. If agreement cannot be reached between the Member Clubs it will be referred to the Chair, EGBD Competitions Committee for resolution.
- 38.3 Where the home green is available but rinks are restricted, a Side will be allocated to play at the home green in order of seniority of the Sides drawn to play at home.

39 Duration of a match

- 39.1 The match duration shall be 25 live ends for Weekend Pennant and 21 live ends for Midweek Pennant.
- 39.2 Should play during a match be suspended due to inclement weather (including heat), the match shall finish no later than:
 - 39.2.1 5 hours 30 minutes after commencement of the match for Weekend Pennant;
 - 39.2.2 5 hours and for Midweek Pennant.
- 39.3 Should the match start be delayed under 43.4, the match must be completed within:



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- 39.3.1 5 hours 30 minutes of the scheduled match commencement time for Weekend Pennant;
- 39.3.2 5 hours of the scheduled match commencement time for Midweek Pennant
- 39.4 Should the start of a match be delayed or a match suspended during play for inclement weather (not including heat) or inclement weather (heat), a match result shall be constituted if not less than 75% of total ends are completed.

40 Break in Play

- 40.1 A break in play shall be taken 2 hours after the commencement of the match. The length of the break shall be approximately 10 minutes.
- 40.2 Team managers may agree to play on and not have a break in play
- 40.3 If a break in play is to be taken, then the Managers can agree to stagger the breaks of individual rinks and/or teams to avoid large gatherings and to assist the host Club facilitate its Covid 19 regulations.
- 40.4 A warning bell (or other appropriate alert) shall sound 5 minutes prior to the time of the break in play. No ends are to start after this bell and ends which are subsequently dead shall not be replayed until resumption of play after the break.
- 40.5 The side managers may decide in conjunction with each other, the taking of an additional 10 minute comfort break at any time during the match.

41 Delaying play

- 41.1 If an Umpire by his own observation or on appeal by a Side Manager decides a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of their bowl or a Skip is acting or issuing instructions designed to delay play, a warning shall be issued to the offending Skip or player.
- 41.2 If an Umpire forms the opinion that the player or Skip has repeated the same offence a second time, the end will be regarded as completed, and their Opponent will be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by their Opponent.

42 Bowler's Arm

- 42.1 A player may start a game without the use of a bowlers arm and elect to start using the bowlers arm at some time during the game.
- 42.2 The bowlers arm once used in a game must be used for the remainder of the game. This does not apply to the rolling of the jack, which can be rolled either by hand or by a bowlers arm.

43 Inclement weather (not including heat)

- 43.1 All EGBD Pennant matches shall be abandoned on a day when a Total Fire Ban has been declared for the East Gippsland district.
- 43.2 All EGBD Pennant matches shall be abandoned when a "Code Red" or "Catastrophic" emergency warning has been declared for the area in which a match is scheduled to be played. Any games in progress at the affected venue/s shall be stopped immediately and action to be taken determined by Side Managers and the Controlling Body in the interests of player health and safety.
- 43.3 If inclement weather is likely to impact on the condition of the green on a day of play, the home venue is to arrange for the Greens Director or a Deputy to be in attendance at the venue no less than one hour prior to match commencement.
- 43.4 If a green is deemed to be unfit for play by the Greens Director or their Deputy, every effort shall be made to notify the President and/or Secretary of the visiting Member Club



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as soon as it becomes apparent that the green is unsuitable for play. Play shall be transferred to the away side venue should rinks be available. Should they not be available, an alternative venue should be sought.

- 43.5 The Green Director or their Deputy at the Member Club where the match is scheduled to be played has the authority to determine whether the match will commence as scheduled or the start time delayed for up to one hour to allow the condition of the green to improve to a playable condition.
- 43.6 If play cannot commence at the scheduled commencement time of the match due to inclement weather, play may be suspended for up to 1 hour.
- 43.7 If play has commenced;
 - 43.7.1 If after 1 hour of play being suspended the match cannot re-commence, the match will be abandoned.
 - 43.7.2 Every effort must be made to complete any ends in progress prior to leaving the green.
- 43.8 Pennant matches which have been interrupted shall be abandoned after:
 - 43.8.1 5 hours and 30 minutes from the scheduled start time for Weekend Pennant;
 - 43.8.2 5 hours from the scheduled start time for Midweek Pennant;
- 43.9 Play should be immediately suspended when lightning is present within the vicinity of the venue. Players should go inside a sturdy building and stay inside until 30 minutes after the last sight of lightning.
- 43.10 Bowlers arms, bowls lifters and umbrellas should not be handled when lightning is present.

44 Inclement weather - Heat

- 44.1 The Side Managers of the highest numbered sides at a venue shall be responsible for carrying out the duties contained in this clause. Where an agreement cannot be made, the umpire shall be the sole judge and their decision is final.
- 44.2 Play cannot commence;
 - 44.2.1 If the temperature at the host Member Club has exceeded 35 degrees Celsius at the scheduled commencement time of the match. Play may be suspended for up to 1 hour.
 - 44.2.2 If the temperature falls below 35 degrees Celsius within one hour of play being suspended, play shall resume.
 - 44.2.3 If the temperature fails to fall below 35 degrees Celsius within 1 hour of play being suspended, the match is abandoned.
- 44.3 If play has commenced;
 - 44.3.1 If the temperature at the host Member Club has exceeded 35 degrees Celsius at any time after play commences, play will be suspended for up to 1 hour.
 - 44.3.2 If the temperature falls below 35 degrees Celsius within one hour of play being suspended, play shall resume.
 - 44.3.3 If the temperature fails to fall below 35 degrees Celsius after play has been suspended for 1 hour, the match will be abandoned.
- 44.4 Every effort must be made to complete any ends in progress prior to leaving the green.
- 44.5 The host Member Club is to provide a suitable dry bulb temperature reading device (thermometer) housed in a Stevenson Screen.

45 Player, Coach and Officials conduct and behaviour



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- 45.1 All players, Coaches and Officials are required to conduct themselves in a polite and sportsperson-like manner when participating or officiating in a EGBD Pennant Competition and not in any of the following behaviours:
- 45.1.1 act in an abusive, threatening, or intimidating manner;
 - 45.1.2 use obscene, offensive, abusive, threatening, or intimidating language or gestures;
 - 45.1.3 act in an unsportsmanlike manner;
 - 45.1.4 threaten any person with physical violence or assault;
 - 45.1.5 assault any person;
 - 45.1.6 act in a manner likely to bring the sport of Lawn Bowls into disrepute; or
 - 45.1.7 act in a manner likely to bring the EGBD, Gippsland Bowls Region or Bowls Victoria into disrepute.
- 45.2 A failure to comply can result in the Umpire applying an Instantaneous Penalty (Clause 49) and/or disciplinary action taken in accordance with Disciplinary Breaches (Clause 5).

46 Smoking

- 46.1 Smoking on the green (defined as having a lit cigarette, pipe, cigar, electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) including e-cigs, e-cigarettes and any other form of smoking or vapour device) by a player on the green is not permitted.
- 46.2 Smoking is only permitted in the designated area as determined by the host Member Club.
- 46.3 A failure to comply can result in the Umpire applying an Instantaneous Penalty.

47 Personal electronic/communication devices

- 47.1 The use of Mobile Phones/MP3 Players/iPods/iPads/Pagers/Communication Devices and/or other similar Sound/Communication Devices on the green by a player is not permitted.
- 47.2 Should a Player have a legitimate reason (personal emergency or medical or emergency services personnel) to carry a mobile phone they must notify the Umpire of the day prior to play commencing. Once the Umpire has been notified the phone can be carried on the player but must be on silent / vibrating (only) and responded to on the bank away from play.
- 47.3 A failure to comply can result in the Umpire applying an Instantaneous Penalty.

48 Consumption of alcohol

- 48.1 The consumption of alcohol on the green by a player whilst a match is in progress is not permitted.
- 48.2 A failure to comply can result in the Umpire applying an Instantaneous Penalty.

49 Instantaneous Penalties

- 49.1 If an Umpire, by their own observation or by acting on an appeal by the Controlling Body, a Side Manager, a Skip or an opponent, decides that a player is non-compliant then the end shall be immediately regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender shall be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the opponent/s.
- 49.2 If the Umpire forms the opinion on a second occasion that the same player is non-compliant, the player will be excluded from taking any further part in the game. A substitute will not be permitted.



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- 49.3 An instantaneous penalty applied to one player in a Team shall be considered as an instantaneous penalty to all players in that Team.
- 49.4 Any of the above Umpire imposed sanctions are final and cannot be contested, disregarded or appealed.
- 49.5 The Umpire shall also complete a BA instantaneous Report Form and forward it to the EGBD Secretary within five (5) days of the incident.

<https://www.bowls.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/INSTANTANEOUS-PENALTY-REPORT-2019I-JR.pdf>

50 Bowls Identification Discs

- 50.1 Sides may use bowls discs (adhesive labels).
- 50.2 All players in the Side must use a disc of the same colour/design.
- 50.3 Where opponents are using the same coloured discs the visiting side shall remove theirs or use another colour if available.
- 50.4 Only a single layer of disc is permitted on a bowl.
- 50.5 Bowls discs may not cover the WB Stamp/Date or the Serial Number of the Bowl and they should be cut or trimmed to comply.
- 50.6 All bowls must have discs on both sides of the bowl. The dot from the set of discs may be placed over the insignia on the bias side of the Bowl in lieu of the small ring provided it is from the same set of discs used by the Side.

51 Pennant Permit

- 51.1 A player can be approved to play Pennant Competition with another Member Club other than their Nominated Member Club by submitting a Pennant Permit Request Form to BV prior to Round 4 of Pennant Competition they wish to play in. This Form must be endorsed by both Member Clubs.
- 51.2 If approved by BV, a permit remains in place until 30 June of the following year and the player is not eligible to play Pennant competition for their Nominated Member Club until the permit expires.
- 51.3 A player may apply for a clearance from their Nominated Member Club while a permit is in place and the permit automatically expires.
- 51.4 A player may only apply for one permit for a Pennant Competition.
- 51.5 A player with a Pennant Permit may not play in the Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships of their Permit Member Club. The ability to play in other events is at the discretion of the Member Club conducting the event.
- 51.6 A player with a Pennant Permit may not play in the Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships of the EGBD other than that of their Nominated Member Club and is not eligible to represent as an EGBD representative other than that of the Section/Region of their Nominated Member Club.

<https://www.bowlsvic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-21-Pennant-Permit-Form.pdf>

52 Rules for attire

- 52.1 It is the responsibility of the President of the player's Member Club to ensure a player is attired in accordance with the BV Rules for Attire when playing in a Region & Section Pennant Competition.



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- 52.2 All attire must comply with Bowls Australia National Merchandise Program (NMP) Logo Policy as it relates to upper and lower body attire.
- 52.3 For Pennant, bowlers must be attired in the same Member Club, upper body attire in respect to image and colour.
- 52.4 All lower body attire must include the NMP logo immediately above the back-right pocket or front right below pocket.
- 52.5 If BV registered shirts/tops are worn, all members of the side must be in the same attire (Except for a combined side Refer to Clause 6.3)
- 52.6 The NMP Logo must appear on the front or side of all headwear, except on hats with a Member Club hat band, where a logo is not required.
- 52.7 Failure to comply may result in a penalty under Clause 4 Infringements.

53 Death of a Player

- 53.1 If a match including a Final has commenced and a participating player passes away all games in progress at the Member Club will be abandoned.
- 53.2 Matches other than a Final abandoned because of a death of a player will count as a tie unless the scores are such that one Side will win the match if all the remaining ends were played. In that case, the Side will be awarded the match with the scores as at the abandonment.
- 53.3 Finals matches abandoned because of a death of a participating player will be resumed under such conditions as the EGBD Competitions Committee decides with the scores carried forward as they were when play was abandoned unless the scores are such that one Side will win the match if all the remaining ends were played.

54 Photographs, Videos and “Live Streaming”

- 54.1 The EGBD reserves the right to use any photographs, video or live streaming during pennant for further promotional requirements.
- 54.2 The EGBD encourages third party live broadcasting however prior approval must be gained from the EGBD Competitions Committee prior to the event.



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