

APPENDIX F LADIES CLUB PENNANTS (WINTER)

SHOULD A PLAYER BE UNWILLING TO COMPLY WITH A DIRECTION OF A BDBA CLUB THAT PLAYER SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THIS COMPETITION ON THAT PARTICULAR DAY.

F.1 INTRODUCTION

- F.1.1 To play in the BDBA Ladies Club Pennant Competition, a person must be a financial member with full playing rights of an affiliated Bowling Club (refer 2.1 – General Conditions of Play).
- F.1.2 It is the responsibility of each participating club to ensure that F.1.1 is complied with.
- F.1.3 Immediately on becoming a financial member with full bowling rights of an affiliated Bowling Club, the player is permitted to play in the BDBA Ladies Club Pennant Competition.
- F.1.4 The BDBA Ladies Club Pennant Competition is a divisional competition, the number of divisions, sides and teams being determined by the BDBA Ladies Match Committee from nominations received (refer F.2).
- F.1.5 The BDBA Ladies Club Pennant Competition shall be listed in the BDBA Calendar of Events.
- F.1.6 Division 1 will consist of all female players. Divisions 2 and below may consist of all female players or a combination of female and male players.
- F.1.7 Games between opposing teams shall be over twenty-one (21) ends (weather permitting – refer F.9.7).
- F.1.8 Throughout the Pennant competition, any end declared “dead” during a game is **considered “incomplete” and the end is to be replayed (Law 20)**.
- F.1.9 Trial ends shall be under the control of the venue Club’s Games Controller. One (1) trial end each way shall be allowed prior to the scheduled starting time of each day’s play or on resumption of a match on another day or at another venue using as many bowls as will be used in the match (Law 5.1).
- F.1.10 Trial ends are to be completed and bowls presented for inspection at least five (5) minutes before the game’s scheduled start time.
- F.1.11 Players are not permitted to practice prior to the commencement of trial ends.
- F.1.12 Where the home club has retractable shades, the Controlling Body of that club shall make a determination prior to the match commencing whether to draw the shades or leave them open. When that decision has been made, they shall remain in that position for the duration of the match.
- F.1.13 All players are required to be attired in their registered club uniform for all matches.
- F.1.14 Providing approval has been given by the Match Committee, two clubs may combine to enter composite sides in the competition. Players from the two clubs are required to be attired in their registered club uniform for all matches or may elect to wear a uniform unique to this competition providing that the uniform has the approval of the BDBA Board of Management.
- F.1.15 In the case of a composite Division 1 side winning the Pennant and progressing to the Group / State Pennant Finals, that side must wear whatever uniform the BDBA approves.
- F.1.16 Artificial Device – Refer 7.3 of the General Conditions of Play.

F.2 NOMINATIONS

- F.2.1 Prior to the commencement of the Pennant season, clubs are required to

lodge their divisional entry nominations to the BDBA Ladies secretary. Nomination fees will be invoiced to the Club by the BDBA Treasurer.

- F.2.2 Clubs are expected to make their team selections in the correct spirit by selecting their players according to their ability and to the appropriate division.
- F.2.3 Divisional club performance from the previous year's Pennant Competition will be used to determine divisional club sides. Where possible, a club's Divisional nominations will be accommodated.
- F.2.4 Clubs can nominate any number of sides for the Ladies Club Pennant Competition.
- F.2.5 Upon receiving club nominations, the Match Committee will determine the final Divisional club grading (after discussion with the respective club[s]) and develop a preliminary draw.
- F.2.6 Once the preliminary Ladies Club Pennant Competition draw has been completed, any club withdrawing a side will not have their nomination fees refunded.

F.3 DIVISIONS

- F.3.1 In all Divisions, sides shall consist of two (2) teams of four (4) players (Lead, Second, Third and Skip) (a total of eight (8) players). Each player shall play with two (2) bowls.
- F.3.2 Divisions 1 and 2 shall play their competitions on Saturday mornings commencing with morning tea at 8.30am followed by Trial ends at 8.45am with play scheduled to commence at 9.00am (however, refer to F.9).
- F.3.3 Divisions 3 and 4 shall play their competitions on the home club's play day commencing with morning tea at 8.45am followed by Trial ends at 9.05am with play scheduled to commence at 9.30am (however, refer to F.9).

F.4 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- F.4.1 Refer F.1.1
- F.4.2 A player holding membership in more than one (1) BDBA affiliated club, can choose to play pennants for one of those clubs for the Pennant season.
- F.4.3 Pennant Permit Forms are NOT used in this competition.
- F.4.4 It is the responsibility of each participating club to ensure that their intended players are eligible to play (Refer F.1.1).
- F.4.5 After playing two (2) games in a division, a player cannot play in a lower division.
- F.4.6 A player may play in a higher division.
- F.4.7 A player may only play once in any Division in the same week. (Ladies Club Pennant Competition).
- F.4.8 Should a club play an ineligible player (Refer F.1.1, F.4.2 to F.4.6) the match shall be forfeited to the opposing side (Refer- F.8).
- F.4.9 A club may have two (2) sides in the same Division, the sides being identified with numeric alpha characters e.g. 1A and 1B. In this situation, players may not interchange between sides.
- F.4.10 A side will be permitted one (1) reserve during a match. The reserve will be deemed to have played in the match if the reserve attends the match in the club's registered uniform and is present for the duration of the match.
- F.4.11 The reserve's name is to be recorded on the Result's Sheet.

F.5 ELIGIBILITY FOR GROUP /STATE PENNANT PLAY OFFS

- F.5.1 The Division 1 pennant winner is expected to represent the BDBA in the

Group play-offs and if successful, to play in the State Division 1 Pennant Play-offs.

- F.5.2 To be eligible to play in the Group/State Pennant play-offs, there must be a minimum of two (2) sides that played in the Division 1 pennant competition.
- F.5.3 For the State Pennant Play-offs, a side should be as near as possible to that which won the Group Finals.
- F.5.4 Players under suspension or expulsion are ineligible to play in either the Group or State Pennant play-offs.

F.6 DECIDING ROUND WINNERS

- F.6.1 The round winner is the Divisional club side scoring the higher aggregate “total shots for” scored across all rinks at the conclusion of play. Match points shall be awarded to the winning side as follows: -
- two (2) match points will be awarded for a win.
 - in the event of an aggregate tied score, each opposing side shall receive one (1) match point.
 - in the event of a bye, no match points will be awarded.

F.7 SIDE WITHDRAWAL & INCOMPLETE SIDES

- F.7.1 Should a club withdraw a side nomination from the Ladies Club Pennant Competition, it shall be the lowest division side of that club.
- F.7.2 Should a club withdraw a side from the competition after the draw has been made, but prior to the commencement of the first round, and is unable to be replaced by another side, the matches concerned shall be treated as byes and no points awarded.
- F.7.3 During the competition any club side intending to withdraw or forfeit a game must notify the respective Controlling Body and Opposing Club no later than 8.00am on the day of play.

F.8 AWARDING A FORFEIT

- F.8.1 If, 30 minutes after the scheduled start time for a game, one player is absent from one or more teams in a side and no eligible substitute is available or allowed, the game must continue, however: -
- a team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player; and
 - the order of play shall be maintained by the second of the complete team playing consecutive bowls (DR2.5.1)
- F.8.2 If, 30 minutes after the scheduled start time for a game, more than one player is absent from one or more teams in a side and no eligible substitutes are available or allowed, or a side is absent, that side shall forfeit the game.
- F.8.3 A side awarded a forfeit shall receive two (2) Match points and receive the average winning margin of the other games played in that Division during the round. The round average margin shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded up).
- F.8.4 The club penalized with the forfeit shall be awarded zero (0) Match points and the marginal difference recorded as the reverse of (F.8.3).
- F.8.5 In unusual circumstances, the Match Committee shall have the power to deal with non-attendance on the merits of the circumstances.

F.9 WEATHER AFFECTED MATCHES – ROUND PLAY

- F.9.1 In the event of prevailing inclement weather prior to the scheduled starting

- time, the host club's Green Director or Nominated Official shall determine the initial fitness of the green for play by 8.00am for advising the Controlling Body.
- F.9.2 The Controlling Body is to inform all visiting clubs as soon as possible and no later than 8:30am of their decision to either continue or abandon play.
- F.9.3 Following 8:30am the host club, becomes the Controlling Body, they may make a further determination of their greens' fitness for play and, as soon as possible, notify the visiting club and home players of any decision in regard to the cancellation, deferral or continuation of play.
- F.9.4 Where a club green is deemed to be unplayable, no games should be played on that green.
- F.9.5 In the event greens are unavailable because of damage or considered unfit for play by the host club, following consultation with the Controlling Body, and mutual agreement by both side managers, an alternative venue may be used for the match.
- F.9.6 If a match has not commenced by 1.5 hours after the start time due to inclement weather, it should be considered a non-match and rescheduled to be played either during the 'wet week' or another mutually agreed date. Team sheets (including reserves) must be submitted for all washed out games.
- F.9.7 For all divisions: In the event that a match in round play is stopped prematurely, and the match cannot be completed then a combined total of thirty two (32) ends shall constitute a match.
- F.9.8 For all divisions: In the event that a match in round play is stopped prematurely, and fewer than a combined total of thirty two (32) ends are completed, the match shall be deemed "incomplete", the match recorded as a draw and each side shall receive one (1) match point.

F.10 OPPONENT AND RINK DRAW METHOD

- F.10.1 For 'home & away' matches the Home Side may pre-allocate rinks OR decide to do a 'blind rink draw' prior to the match commencing.
- F.10.2 To determine which teams should oppose each other on match day, the Home Manager should randomly place their (completed) rink cards downwards on a table, with the Away Manager then randomly placing their (completed) rink cards on top of the Home Team's cards. The match sheet & rink cards should then be completed accordingly.

F.11 DECIDING PLAYOFF FINALISTS

- F.11.1 In Division 1 – (only 2 entered sides), the sides will play one home and away match each. The outright Division 1 winner will be the team with the highest match points. In the event of both sides having equal match points, then a final will be played at a neutral venue to determine the Division 1 winner.
- F.11.2 In Division 3, the top four teams at the conclusion of the rounds will progress to finals. The play off in semi-finals as per the draw. In the event of a tie, rules F.11.4 to F.11.6 will apply.
- F.11.3 In Division 4, the side qualifying for the playoff final shall be the side accumulating the highest number of match points in each section of that Division.
- F.11.4 In the event that more than two (2) sides in a division tie with an equal number of match points, the two (2) higher-ranking sides will be decided by dividing each side's "total shots for" by "total shots against." The two (2) sides with the highest results shall be declared the higher ranked sides.
- F.11.5 If two (2) or more sides are still tied, then the two (2) sides with the highest number when the "total shots against" are subtracted from the "total shots for" shall be declared the two (2) higher ranked sides.

- F.11.6 If two or more sides are still tied, then the two (2) higher-ranking sides will be decided by dividing each side's "total shots for" by "total shots against" for the last game played by each side and this approach will be applied to each preceding game until a winner is declared.

F.12 FINALS

- F.12.1 A player is eligible to play in a particular division final if they have played a minimum of one (1) game in that particular Division during the current pennant season (but note F.12.7 and F.12.8).
- F.12.2 In all Divisions, the winner of the final shall be that side which has a greater "total shots for".
- F.12.3 If at the conclusion of a finals match in these Divisions, scores are tied, an extra end (or ends) will be played by all teams in the opposing sides to determine a winner.
- F.12.4 A player may play in one (1) division final only during the current ladies club pennant competition.
- F.12.5 Where a player has not played any games during the current ladies club pennant competition, the player may play in any division final provided that the player's club has obtained approval from the Match Committee.
- F.12.6 Where a player's division does not make the finals but a higher division at their club does, the player may play in that higher division final after obtaining permission from the Match Committee.
- F.12.7 The playing of finals in all divisions will be at neutral venues determined by the Match Committee.
- F.12.8 Saturday Division finals will be played on a Saturday commencing with trial ends and play will commence after trial ends (times and venue to be advised by the Match Committee).
- F.12.9 If possible, each Division's final will be played at the same times and venues as each Men's Division final (subject to it being at a neutral venue).
- F.12.10 Midweek Division finals will be played at a neutral venue on a Friday morning or the morning of another day determined by the Match Committee commencing with trial ends at 9.05am with play scheduled to commence at 9.30am. Rinks will be randomly allocated.
- F.12.11 All finals shall be played over twenty-one ends.
- F.12.12 Should inclement weather prevent play no later than one and a half (1.5) hours after the scheduled commencement time (Saturday finals - 10.30am, Midweek finals – 11.00am), the final will be reconvened to a date determined by the Match Committee.
- F.12.13 If the final cannot be completed due to inclement weather, the final will be reconvened at the same venue on a date determined by the Match Committee commencing with the scores and completed ends as were played when inclement weather previously prevented the conclusion of the final.

F.13 HOST CLUB ACTS AS CONTROLLING BODY

- F.13.1 Prior to play commencement, the host club shall inform players of;
- F.13.1.1 who is acting for the club as the controlling body "responsible person";
- F.13.1.2 who the umpire is: and
- F.13.1.3 if there is no umpire, what arrangements are to be applied when a call is made for an umpire.

F.14 GREEN FEES

- F.14.1 All Saturday and Midweek Pennant Green fees shall be paid to the side's own club. No lunch will be provided.

F.14.2 For all Pennant finals, green fees are to be paid to the host club.

F.15 HAT PENNANT BADGES

F.15.1 Upon winning a Pennant Flag, in all Divisions up to ten (10) eligible players shall be presented with a badge. Purchase of extra badges is the responsibility of the club concerned.

F.16 PROMOTION OR DEMOTION OF CLUBS

F.16.1 Following completion of the competition, club standing is determined by the following procedures:

- Commencing from the lowest division, the side that wins the Pennant in the final may be promoted to the next higher division.
- Starting from the highest division, the side that is last in the division may be demoted to the next lower division.
- If a Member Club enters a new/additional side, the Match Committee will assess that side's divisional grading as part of developing the draw for the upcoming year.

F.17 SCOREBOARDS

F.17.1 Host clubs are responsible for providing a master scoreboard and assigning a scoreboard attendant with the task of updating the scoreboard on a regular basis.

F.17.2 The host club name will be displayed first (L.H.S.) on all score boards (rinks and master).

F.18 ZONE & STATE PLAYOFFS

F.18.1 The winning side in division one (1) is expected to represent the BDBA in the Zone playoffs and if successful, to play in the State division one (1) playoffs.

F.19 GENERAL

F.19.1 Throughout the Pennant season results will be available on BowlsLink and the BDBA website www.brisdistba.org.au.