

SUNSHINE COAST DISTRICT LADIES BOWLING ASSOCIATION



SCDLBA PENNANT 2021

RULES AND CONDITIONS

Amended 23rd August 2021

Results email: scdlbamatch65@gmail.com

Please check all results with your opposition Manager before sending and note that all results are due by 9:30am on the morning after your game. Last year there were a number of occasions where the Match Committee was still chasing results the Wednesday after the game. This will no longer be tolerated; action will be taken against Clubs who fail to submit their results on time as set out in section 30(c).

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1. ELIGIBILITY / ENTRIES

- a) Open to all lady bowlers both senior and junior, of clubs which are affiliated with the Sunshine Coast District Ladies Bowling Association (SCDLBA) and subject to the Laws of the sport of Bowls in Australia Crystal Mark 3.2 Edition, Bowls Queensland By-laws, Bowls Australia Policies and SCDLBA By-Laws and the Conditions of Play governing Pennants. Any player from interstate wishing to play pennant in a District must obtain an Interstate Pennant Declaration from the state they came from. This declaration will be sent to Bowls Queensland and upon receipt of same, Bowls Queensland will advise the District who will in turn advise the club concerned. This declaration remains valid only for the current year's Pennant season for the nominated club.
- b) A player must be a full financial bowling member of the Club they elect to represent for a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the date of commencement of this competition. However, no member may play Pennant for more than any one Club in this State in any one Calendar year. The Controlling Body may waive either of these requirements if extenuating circumstances exist. No club will be permitted to play in this event if that club is not financial at the commencement of the competition. A player may be approved to play in another club other than their registered club by submitting an Intra-club Pennant Permit Request Form to their District prior to the Pennant Competition in which they wish to play. See Bowls Queensland By-law 12.3. This declaration is valid only for the current year's Pennant season.
- c) The Controlling Body shall disallow any player from playing Pennant if they are not financial in any Bowls Club of which they are nominated for Pennant, or is currently under suspension or expulsion.
- d) The SCDLBA Division 1 Pennant winners will become the District Representatives.
- e) The winner of each Pennant Division will be the District Champions for the Division they won.
- f) The Pennant competition as well as other District Champion of Club Champions will be conducted as set out in Bowls Queensland Conditions of Play and General Information.

COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Please note: As this event may well commence prior to the lifting of Covid19 social distancing restrictions, it is the responsibility of the District and their host clubs to ensure that any restrictions in force at the time are followed. Failure to ensure that this occurs may well mean that any offending club could find themselves disqualified from the event: it may place their club's insurance at risk and also, could be subject to prosecution from the relevant authorities.

2. CONTROLLING BODY

- a) The Match Committee of the SCDLBA shall be known as the CONTROLLING BODY. They shall control the Event and reserve the right to alter the format times of play and greens to suit unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical, to achieve a result.
- b) Subject to these Rules and Conditions, the Controlling Body shall have the power to inquire into and adjudicate should any dispute arise under any/all circumstances and its decision shall be final.

3. DURATION OF COMPETITION

- a) The Season shall commence **28th August** 2021 or earlier as per the dates on the draw sheets and shall conclude as per the dates on the draw sheets, unless extended or changed by the Controlling Body. Due to the lack of available rinks due to Covid 19 safety protocols the season may have more than 1 starting date. All clubs are to note that it may be necessary for some Divisions to play Double Headers as the pennant season timetable is very tight.

4. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- a) Number of Divisions—As required and is dependent upon the number of entries. Divisions 1– will consist of 12 players per side and all other divisions consist of 8 players per side. 2021 format has 6 Divisions: 1,2,3,4,5 & 6. Smaller clubs however may, if they wish, combine with another club to enter a composite team in the lower Divisions. Each team plays home and away.
- b) No club shall have more than one (1) side in any Division. There will be no finals. All Divisions shall be determined by the Match Committee giving regard to promotions and demotions.
- c) Number of players in a side—For Division 1—the number of players will be twelve (12), made up of three (3) teams of four (4) players in each team. The remaining Divisions will each comprise of eight (8) players, made up of two (2) teams of four (4) players in each team.

4. CONDITIONS OF PLAY (CONTINUED) ...

- d) Promotion of Sides—the winning sides of all divisions, that is the Sides that win that Pennant for the year, will be promoted to the next higher Division taking into consideration **clause (b) above**. Should clause b) apply then the runner-up of the division will be promoted.
- e) Demotion of Sides—The Side with the lowest score in all Divisions may be demoted to the next lowest division notwithstanding a Club may already have a Side in that Division and taking into consideration **clause (b) above**. Every effort will be made to ensure that only 1 team per club per division.
- f) With regard to (b), (d) and (e) above, there will be a new draw for all Divisions in 2021. Note that some alterations may occur to cater for our Covid 19 rink reductions. When all fixtures are finalized and published, no further changes will be considered excepting for errors or omissions.

5. MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS

A player may play in any division up to and including Round 5. After which time, the following Promotion and Demotion Rules will apply.

- a) **Promotion**—a player may be promoted to a higher division. Having played there once, a player may be moved back to the Division they were promoted from. If the player plays in the promoted Division for two (2), or more consecutive games, they can only be demoted to the next lowest Division in which their club has a side.
- b) **Demotion**—Except for clause (a) above, a player can only be demoted to the next lowest division in which their club has a side.

6. QUALIFICATION OF A PLAYER

- a) In order to qualify for a Pennant Badge a player must play a minimum of **Three (3) games in all Divisions**.

7. POSITION OF AND PLAYER MOVEMENTS

- a) Note: Movement of players will be subject to Covid 19 stage 3 safety protocols. A copy of which is available at www.covid19.qld.gov.au, click onto the link “Approved Covid Safe Business Plans”, then onto the link “Outdoor Team Sports”.
Note: the approved plan allows for up to 6 rinks per green with 48 players to each green. The positioning of players is also stipulated.
- b) The skip may call a player to the head at any time after a player has played their second bowl, however care should be taken not to delay play.
- c) Delaying Play: Players, excluding skips, are not permitted to remain at the head whilst their opposite number is delivering their bowl.
- d) Any skip remaining at the head end shall retire behind the head. Skips must return to the mat immediately their opponent’s bowl has come to rest.
- e) If the umpire on appeal from one the of skips decides that a player/team/side is acting in an unsportsmanlike manner by deliberately delaying play, the following shall apply: On the first occasion the umpire will warn the Manager and if the player/team/side commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed and the opponents of the offenders will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such opponents (8). If the player/team/side offends the third time the game will be forfeited to their opponents.
- f) Players at the mat end not delivering a bowl should stand a minimum of one (1) metre behind the mat.
- g) Players at the head end not controlling the head, should stand a minimum of two (2) metres behind the head, or on the surrounds of the green if the jack is in the ditch or well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the surrounds.
- h) At the start of each end only the skip or her deputy will be at the head.

8. INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS

- a) After round **three (3), in all Divisions**, no interchange/demotion of players will be permitted during the remaining rounds other than the promotion/demotion outlined in clause 5.

9. SCORING

- a) The position of the sides in each Division will be determined as per Law 27.
- b) In all Divisions the scoring will be 6 match points for the win, 3 match points for a draw and nil match points for a loss. In addition, all winning teams in a side shall be awarded 1 point per rink win. There will be 1/2 point awarded for a rink draw but nil points for a loss.
- c) The Match Committee recorder will, at the conclusion of each round, record the match points, progressive points, shot FOR, AGAINST and also the MARGIN.

10. INCOMPLETE TEAM OR SIDE

Play may proceed as set out in Law 39.2 DR 2.5.2 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls in Australia

If a player is unavoidably running late, but is on their way, then that rink will not commence until the player arrives or when 1/2 an hour is up, whichever is the sooner and then play shall commence as normal. If the player is still not in attendance after the 1/2-hour time delay, then play shall commence on that rink as per Law 39.2.2. DR 2.6.1 When the player arrives, the card shall be ruled off at the point the player takes their place in the team and play shall continue as normal. At the completion of the play on that rink, the team with the tardy player shall lose 1/4 of the shots scored up to the point the cards were ruled off as per Law 39.2.2. DR 2.6.1 If the play on that rink lasts for the duration of the game, then the team with the player short shall lose 1/4 of their total score.

11. PENALTIES AND / OR FORFEITS

The penalty for a breach of any conditions relating to promotion and demotion of players will be:

- a) During all rounds played, the loss of maximum points two (2) and the loss of average marginal points lost by the losing Clubs in that round in that Division.
- b) Any infringement of any Law, SCDLBA By Laws or Rules and Conditions of Play for the Competition will involve either disqualification or replay as the Controlling Body may determine.
- c) In the case of a withdrawal, forfeiture or disqualification, the Side which has withdrawn, forfeited, or was disqualified, will receive no game points and the loss of the average marginal points lost by the losing Sides in that round in the division.
- d) The Side receiving the forfeit or win through disqualification will receive the maximum game points and the average marginal points gained by the winning Sides in that round, in that Division and /or sections in that Division.

12. INCLEMENT / EXTREME WEATHER

- a) A decision to play or otherwise will be made no later than 9:30am prior to the scheduled start of play by the host club or if it impacts across the majority of the Sunshine Coast, then the Controlling Body will make the decision.
If games proceed and it turns out that the majority of all games in the District were washed out on the day, then all games will be considered washed out and these will not usually be replayed. If less than the majority of the games are washed out, then the sequence of the draw as set out will be continued.
- b) The Controlling Body can decide to postpone or abandon any game depending on the circumstances. Any rescheduled games may be played on a Sunday or at any other time by mutual agreement of the clubs involved and the Controlling Body must be informed accordingly.
- c) If during all rounds played, any matches where the maximum ends have not been played, a minimum of 48 ends for a side comprising three teams will constitute a completed round and 32 ends for a side comprising two teams. Where the minimum number of ends have not been played the match will be considered abandoned, not replayed, and such games will be declared drawn. Each Side will then be allocated half the match points on offer.
- d) Should any individual match or matches be impossible to commence due to inclement weather or an unplayable green at a particular Club or Clubs, and the balance of remaining matches of that round are unable to be completed, then the match or matches not commenced will be played prior to the end of the Pennant season. Should the result of that particular game or games have a bearing on the overall competition results, play under lights will be permitted.
- e) In the event of inclement weather during the games which cannot be completed on the day, the unfinished match will be completed at a time and venue to be determined by the Controlling Body.
- f) Artificial lights may be used during all rounds.

- g) Extreme weather: This event is to be conducted under the Bowls Queensland Extreme Weather Policy.

13. DEATH OF ANY PLAYERS/OFFICIALS/SPECTATORS

After the commencement of any pennant match, the death of any person attending that pennant game occurs at the Club, all matches at that Club will be terminated and:

- a) If not less than 48 ends, (12 players per side) or 32 ends (8 players a side) have been completed by the sides, the match will be decided on the aggregate score at the time of termination but...
- b) If fewer ends than (a) have been played, the match will be deemed to be a tie.

14. CARDS

Cards must be drawn in the presence of the respective Side Manager of both Clubs competing not later than 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time on the day of play. It is the responsibility of each Club to supply their own score cards. After having completed the front and back of both cards, the cards must be signed, and the time recorded immediately the match is completed by the seconds in fours (DR 3.2.4).

This signifies agreement of score and completion of the match. Once the cards are signed, the cards shall not be altered and shall be handed in to the Side Manager. If during the game, or at the conclusion of the game before the cards are signed, a mistake is discovered and the opponents cannot agree, then the umpire is called and if no resolution is found, the end where the mistake occurred shall be declared a nil score end (tied end) and the cards adjusted accordingly.

15. PRACTICE

As per Law 4, practice shall be allowed up until 10 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time and shall be allowed on the drawn rinks. This replaces the need for trial ends. This will also allow for the inspection of bowls in a timely manner prior to the scheduled start time.

16. INSPECTION OF BOWLS / TEMPORARY MARKING (DECALS)

- a) The umpire of the day will inspect the bowls prior to the start of each round.
- b) Clubs are requested where possible, to provide their players with distinguishing temporary markings (decals) to be affixed as per Law 52.1.8 and DR 4.7.4. It is each individual club's decision as to whether they use decals or not. Each club must have a policy as to whether they use large and small rings or centre dots and large rings.
- c) All bowls in a Side must be similarly marked.

17. COMMENCEMENT OF MATCH

- a) The scheduled starting time for the match will be 1:00pm however the game may commence earlier if practice has been completed and the bowls inspected. Note: Due to Covid 19 protocols, Season 2021 may have varying start times. These times will be published as part of the draw.
- b) No play shall start later than 1:30pm. SCDLBA may alter this condition to ensure that all games are completed.

18. GREEN FEES

- a) During all Rounds green fees will be paid to the players Home Club, at the Clubs ruling rate.

19. ENDS TO BE PLAYED

All matches will be 21 ends per team within a Side, except where provision is made under Clause 12, Inclement Weather / Failing Light.

20. ATTIRE

- a) Attire will be as per Bowls Queensland By-Law 14.
- b) Where a player is incorrectly attired, they shall not be permitted to participate until they become correctly attired.
- c) The Controlling Body shall exercise discretion where there are extenuating circumstances such as a player replacing a player.
- d) The Controlling Body shall have sole discretion regarding attire. It is not the responsibility of the umpire of the day to determine the suitability or otherwise of any attire being worn.
- e) Footwear. All players/officials playing/officiating in this event shall wear enclosed footwear (DR5.2 and Appendix A.2). Application for exemption must be submitted to Controlling Body for approval.

21. ELECTRONIC/ARTIFICIAL DEVICES

The use of electronic devices, e.g. mobile telephones, radios, ipods and paging devices, is not permitted within six (6) metres of the Green during play. After a warning from the Controlling Body, except in special circumstances which has been approved by the umpire e.g. ("on call" emergency personnel), non-compliance can result in disqualification of the Player/Side.

Any player using an Artificial Device for the delivery of a bowl must continue using that device from the time they first use it. However, they may roll the jack either by hand or with the device. A challenge on appeal to an umpire regarding a bowler's arm could occur before practice or up to 10 minutes after a game as similar to Laws 52.4.3 and 52.4.4.2 See Bowls Australia policy 5.

22. UMPIRES

- a) The Host Club shall appoint an accredited National Umpire as Umpire of the day to commence duties before the match starts.
- b) An accredited Measurer may be appointed but his/her duties will be limited to measuring on the Green only. Official attire must be worn.

23. SIDE MANAGER'S ROLE

- a) Each Side shall have a Manager who shall be at the venue in sufficient time, but no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start time, to complete all pre-match formalities, including draw for opponents, toss for the mat on behalf of their Side and obtaining Umpire's approval for any substitutes, coaches or use of electronic devices.
- b) Once the blind draw has been done no further changes are permitted.
- c) The Manager also must have correctly printed score cards for their Side.
- d) ***Both Managers Must Sign Pennant Result Sheet.***

24. REPRESENTATION

Each Host Club must appoint a responsible person to represent the Controlling Body, if required with regard to Dress Regulations and Appeals. This person must not be the Umpire of the day.

25. INFRINGEMENTS

- a) Any contravention of the Conditions of Play may result in the disqualification of a Side for that match, unless stated otherwise in these Conditions, with all match points being awarded to the opposing Side.
- b) A decision by the Controlling Body shall be made after consideration of all the relevant facts. This decision will be final and not subject to appeal.

26. APPEALS / PROTESTS PROCEDURE

- a) Appeals against an Umpires decision based on interpretation of the Laws shall be dealt with as per Bowls Australia
- b) Challenge to Bowls shall be dealt with as per Law 52.4. A protest resulting from alleged infringement of the Conditions:

Such protests shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Controlling Body by the Secretary of the protesting Club no later than 4:00pm on the Tuesday after the match concerned, accompanied by a deposit of a fixed amount decided each year by the SCDLBA, which shall be returned if the protest is upheld.

- c) Participants are reminded that true sportsmanship and common sense shall prevail.

27. COACHING DURING MATCH

- a) Players who intend to receive coaching during a match, must inform the respective Match Committee and Umpire before the game starts and shall only be coached as per Law 44. Any person coaching a side must hold BA accreditation.
- b) There shall be only one coach per side on any one day.
- c) All coaching shall be always conducted outside of the boundaries of the rink of play.

28. NOMINATION FEES

- a) Each Club is required to forward to the District Secretary, a nomination fee as advised by the District Secretary, for each Side entered in the Championship.
- b) All fees to be paid by 14th July 2021.

29. RESULTS

- a) Result sheets are available from the District and can be downloaded from our website:
<https://www.sunshinecoastlawnbowls.com.au/>
- b) The Host Club will be responsible for emailing the results of the day's play to the Match Committee recorder as per the email address on page 2 of this booklet as soon as practicable after the cessation of play, but no later than 9:30am on the Sunday after play. All results will be on the website, they will not be sent out to all clubs.
- c) ***PENALTY—Where the Host Club fails to observe this requirement without sufficient cause, a deduction of one (1) point will apply for each result not forwarded by the stipulated time. This will be strictly enforced.***

30. DIVISIONAL WINNERS

Winners of Divisions shall be the side that wins as per clause 9.

31. ALLOCATION OF CLUBS

During a nominated period after conclusion of the Pennant season but before the commencement of the next Pennant season, Clubs will be invited to fill their allocated positions, based on the results of the concluded Pennant season, subject to Clause 4.

32. PENNANT FLAG / BADGES

- a) The winning team of each Division will be presented with a Pennant Flag and a lapel badge for each qualified member of the Side. There will be 12 badges for Division 1 and 8 badges for Divisions 2 – 5.
- b) Clubs may purchase additional badges if players qualify.
- c) To be eligible, a player must have played **three (3) games** in all matches.
- d) Request for additional Pennant Championship badges must be in the hands of the District Secretary within 10 days of the completion of the Pennant Championships.