

# **LSEBA**

# **CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

# **FOR PENNANT**



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## **LSEBA CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

### **THESE RULES APPLY TO PENNANTS AND ALL OTHER EVENTS CONDUCTED BY THE LSEBA**

#### **1. DEFINITION**

- a) Club: refers to a member club of the LSEBA
- b) Match: refers to a scheduled Pennant match.
- c) Side: refers to a number of teams designated to represent a Club in a division of the pennant competition.
- d) Team: refers to the four (4) players (Captain, Third, Second and Leader) who are part of a side.
- e) Manager: refers to a person elected or nominated by the Side or Club to be responsible for the management of each side.
- f) Disputes Committee: refers to the current LSEBA Management Board plus the current Chairman of the Match and Programme Committee, who will rule on any dispute or protest properly entered in regard to any pennant or other match.

#### **2. RULES**

- a) All clubs shall conform to the Constitution, By Laws and Laws of Bowls Australia and the rules and regulations of Bowls SA and LSEBA.
- b) Any infringement of the above or of these conditions of play will result in such penalties as are imposed by the Board of the LSEBA.
- c) A player must be a full registered member of Bowls SA to be eligible to play pennant or other LSEBA events.
- d) A player who is a member of two or more Clubs is only eligible to play pennant for the club with which he/she is registered with Bowls SA unless under exceptional circumstances the Board may vary the conditions of this rule. At any time, he/she may transfer the Bowls SA registration to another club and be eligible to play pennant for that club upon receipt of an official clearance from Bowls SA.
- e) Player Permits: When a club does not have any sides in Midweek Pennant or Ladies Pennant a player can apply for a permit to play for another club in that competition using the form on the BSA website. The player must be a financial member of both clubs, get approval from both clubs on the form and pay a fee of \$20 to the LSEBA.

#### **3. PENNANT PLAY**

- a) The names of the official umpire of the day shall be shown on the home club notice board and announced before commencement of play.
- b) All matches are to be played on dates and times, fixed at the previous AGM or as amended by the Match and Programme Committee.
- c) All matches to be of twenty-five ends. Dead ends do not count.
- d) When a game is stopped by the Umpire, owing to inclement weather or for any other valid reason, it shall be deemed completed if a combined total of 30 ends for an 8 player side or 45 ends for a 12 player side have been completed. The leading side shall claim a win.

- e) Each team shall consist of four (4) players. Law DR2.4 & 2.6 shall apply to substitutes or incomplete teams or sides. No substitute may be made, nor may a substitute be replaced without the approval of the Umpire. (**NOTE:** DR2 overrides Law 39.2)  
Special circumstances may apply as per incomplete side rule 8.5 and 8.6
- f) Each side shall consist of the number of teams agreed at the AGM each year.
- g) A two end roll up is permitted before each match on the rink allocated.
- h) Club discs shall be on all bowls – substitutes are exempt.
- i) If the venue is altered before the game commences, the host club shall receive green fees.
- j) Should one side fail to appear at the time appointed or within 30 minutes thereof, the opposing side, if ready to commence play, shall be awarded the match.

Notwithstanding the above condition, any player, team or side who notify the opposing team of late arrival for any justifiable reason may be allowed 45 minutes, to commence play.

After that time pennant rule 7.1 and 7.2 shall apply.

**Common Sense and Good Sportsmanship shall apply**

**k) WEEKDAY CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR OPEN PENNANT & LADIES PENNANT**

1. Matches shall be played on days as programmed.
2. All matches to commence at 10am unless earlier start as per pennant rule 14
3. There shall be a lunch break of 30 minutes after 15 ends.
4. Minor round matches shall be completed by 3pm (or 2pm if started at 9am)
5. If a match is in progress at 3pm the Umpire shall indicate that the match is to be concluded when ends in progress are completed. If this end becomes dead it shall not be replayed. An end is considered to be in progress if the jack has been rolled before the conclusion is announced.
6. If play is stopped because of the Heat rule, play is to stop when the end in progress has been completed see rule 14 (Heat Rule in monitoring the heat) for recommencement of play.
7. If play is stopped for rain, storm or lightning then play stops immediately without finishing any ends in progress. Rule 12.5 these ends are replayed when play restarts. If players take temporary shelter from a short rain shower without the umpire officially stopping play then that end continues when players return to the green and is not restarted.

**l) SATURDAY CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

1. All minor round matches to commence with roll up at 1 00pm and play to commence at 1 15pm
2. Practise will be allowed from 12 15pm to 12 45pm on the green of play, or any other green, but not on the rinks of play allocated for that Division.  
**Mats and Jacks must be cleaned/sterilised as soon as the practice is over.**
3. There shall be no practise by any home or visiting player on the green of play between 11 30am and 12 15pm.
4. If a side or individual is practicing outside the allowed times and does not cease when told by the umpire or captain then the umpire at his/her discretion can

penalise the side or individual by denying them the normal roll up trial ends on the rink of play.

5. There shall be a 15 minute break in any minor round pennant game at 3 pm.  
**DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS THERE SHALL BE A 10 MINUTE STAGGERED BREAK AT 3 PM FOR A DRINK/SNACK ONLY - Bowlers can go into the club and purchase a drink but must immediately move back outside. Refer LSEBA memo**
6. Minor round matches shall be completed by 6pm.
7. If a match is in progress at 6pm the Umpire shall indicate that the match is to be concluded when ends in progress are completed. If this end becomes dead it shall not be replayed. An end is considered to be in progress if the jack has been rolled before the conclusion is announced.
8. If play is stopped because of the Heat rule, play is to stop when the end in progress has been completed see rule 14 (Heat Rule in monitoring the heat) for recommencement of play.
9. If play is stopped for rain, storm or lightning then play stops immediately without finishing any ends in progress. Rule 12.5 these ends are replayed when play restarts. If players take temporary shelter from a short rain shower without the Umpire officially stopping play then that end continues when players return to the green and is not restarted.
10. If a club with a Division Four side cannot fill a full side, each team can play with 3 players with 8 bowls (leader plays 2, third 1, leader 1, third 2 and skip 2 bowls)

#### 4. MANAGERS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Managers and Umpires must be fully aware of duty of care towards players.
2. a) In case of inclement weather, the Manager shall check with Club Greenkeeper re the closure of greens.  
b) Notify opposition Team Manager if greens unsuitable.  
c) Temperature – refer Pennant Heat Rule 14
3. Check that all players are financial members.
4. Collect side's Green Fees, place in envelope marked with the Clubs name, Division and Colour and hand to host club appointee.
5. a) Use sheet and cards as provided by Bowls SA.  
b) Managers to bring sheet/cards with **FULL** names of teams already printed up.  
**c) Bring a sheet with player's names and contact details for Covid tracing purposes.**
6. Ascertain available rinks.
7. Toss for mat.
8. Name replacement player and notify Umpire before play.
9. Any substitute must be identified on the score sheet.
10. At the end of the game, check score cards carefully.
11. Scores to be placed on the front of cards, with time of completion of game and signed by both seconds.
12. The club host side Manager is responsible for emailing the official score sheet to the recorder and copies kept for future reference by home side.
13. The Managers of home sides are responsible for emailing the results of Saturday matches before, or as close to 6pm to the LSEBA recorder.

14. Team Sheets: **Due to Covid19 all team sheets must record the name of the Club Marshal.**

All sides team sheets to be sent (to recorder) if games are cancelled due to heat/inclement weather or in the case of a forfeit for player qualifications and must be received within 24 hours.

## 5. SCORING

1. The second of each team is responsible for maintaining and checking the score cards after each end. The home team shall be responsible for adjusting the score board on the rink. The second must complete, sign and counter sign the team and opposition score cards, and enter the finishing time of the game, before handing to their Manager for recording on the score sheets.
2. The total number of shots scored by each side determines the result of the match. The winning side receives 10 premiership points and the loser nil. In the event of two sides scoring equal shots overall, each side shall receive 5 premiership points. In addition, each winning team in each side shall receive 2 points, or 1 point each in the case of a drawn game.
3. The side scoring the most premiership points for the series will determine the leading pennant sides, in each Division. If two sides share the same number of points on the premiership table at any stage of the season, the higher position will go to the side with the most shots up, or the least shots down, whichever is applicable. If sides are still equal the position shall be decided by percentages, which shall be arrived at by dividing total shots 'for' by total 'for' and 'against'
4. In a Division with a bye sides receive no points for their bye in the first round **BUT** sides having a bye in the second part round receive the average number of points, shots for and against compiled in the first round.
5. Any side having a bye shall not score any points or shots for or against, should that round be abandoned for any reason.

## 6. DUTIES OF HOST CLUB

1. Ensure Flag is flying.
2. Notify side managers of the rinks available for play.
3. Provide tea/coffee/biscuits. **Covid rules must be followed.**
4. Host club to supply Umpire (not necessarily from own club)  
Opposite Gender Umpires may be appointed.
5. Announce Conditions of Play and Umpire/Measurer.
6. **Ensure that a Covid Marshal is present for the entire duration of the game. This Marshal's name must be recorded on the white side sheet.**

## 7. FORFEITS

1. The side receiving the forfeit will be credited with maximum points and 5 shots up per team.
2. The side forfeiting will record a loss and lose 5 shots per team.
3. The side forfeiting will be fined \$24 (green fee per team)  
i.e. \$48 for a 2 team side and \$72 for a 3 team side.
4. The fine shall be paid to the Treasurer of the LSEBA within 7 days of the club receiving written advice from the Treasurer that a fine has been imposed.

- a) if the offending team is the away team LSEBA shall pay the fine to the home team.
- b) if the offending team is the home team the LSEBA shall retain the fine.
5. If a club has insufficient players to fill sides then the lowest rank side shall be the side that forfeits. However, all sides can play with 9 players in order to prevent the lowest side forfeiting refer 8.5 and 8.6
6. The forfeit penalty for a clubs lowest pennant side will be given special consideration by the Board to waive/uphold/or is flexible.

## **8. INCOMPLETE SIDES/TEAMS**

1. Up until the commencement of a game a Replacement Player can be brought into the team /side for the absent player.
2. A substitute is only allowed if a player is not able to continue because of illness or other reasonable cause.
3. A substitute can only be introduced if both the skips agree, or if the opponents cannot agree, the umpire or controlling body shall decide that the substitute is necessary Law 33.3
4. Substitutes names and the word sub must be noted next to the original players name on all scorecards and result sheets.
5. In a side game a team may play with 3 players without a second, the other second plays two bowls straight then play continues. DR 2.5 Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
6. If a club with a Division Four side cannot fill a full side, each team can play with 3 players with 8 bowls (leader plays 2, third 1, leader 1, third 2 and skip 2 bowls)
7. If one team (rink) has a car breakdown and fails to arrive, then the side must be rearranged into three sides of 3 or more using substitutes from the host club or else must forfeit. Refer DR 2.4 & 2.6 Laws of the Sport of Bowls. Division 1, 2 or 3 sides with three (3) players use six (6) bowls and Division 4 sides use 8 bowls.

## **9. NOMINATION OF SIDES/PROMOTION AND RELEGATION**

1. Member clubs are required to apply to the LSEBA for inclusion of sides to, or withdrawal of sides from the following season's Pennant Programme no later than the Delegates Meeting, in accordance with the LSEBA Constitution clause 18.1.2
2. Promotion and Relegation of Pennant sides shall be automatic, under the conditions listed.
3. Match & Programme will allocate sides to Divisions for ratification at the AGM in May. Any club withdrawing after the season opening day will be fined at the discretion of the Board.
4. **The two (2) winning teams in Division 4 South & Division 4 North shall be promoted to Division 3 and the two (2) lowest teams in Division 3 will be relegated to Division 4.**  
**The new list of sides maybe re-allocated to North and South on a "best fit arrangement by the Match & Programme committee.**

### **PROMOTION**

- The side winning the premierships through Pennant Finals play, other than Division 1, shall be automatically promoted to the next higher Division in the ensuing season.

### **RELEGATION**

- The side finishing bottom of the Premiership Ladder in any Division, other than the nominated lowest Division in any year, shall be automatically relegated to the next lower Division in the ensuing season.
- Refer Nomination of Side/Promotion & Relegation 9.4

**EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

- The Board may in exceptional circumstances only, direct that the above rules be varied.

**10 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

1. A player must play 3 games of Pennant in the Minor Rounds in that competition in any division in the current season to qualify for Pennant Finals.
2. A player is eligible to play Pennant Finals in a Division or Colour within a Division, if 3 or more of the last 5 games they have played were in that Division or Colour. They cannot play finals in a Lower Division or Colour without permission from the LSEBA Board, but can play finals in any higher colour or division.
3. A player who has qualified for finals, as per rule 10 (1) but has not played 3 or more games in the same Division or Colour in the last 5 games they have played, is only eligible to play finals at the highest level they competed at in those 5 games unless they get permission from the LSEBA Board to compete at a different level.
4. Maximum Penalty – side loses all points and all shots scored for each infringement.
5. Clubs with more than one side in a Division must rank the colours in order when nominating their sides with red becoming the top side then blue.
6. If a side has a bye, a player who has played more than one of the last four games in that side is not eligible to play in a lower colour in that Division, or play in a lower division on the day of the bye, without the approval of the LSEBA Board.
7. The LSEBA Board may vary these conditions on application of a club claiming exceptional circumstances.

**11. DEATHS**

In the case of the death of a player during a match, either on the green or within the club premises, that match shall be abandoned immediately. The conditions applicable to inclement weather shall apply refer Pennant Rule 12 (5)

If insufficient ends have been played the match shall be declared a draw and not re-scheduled.

**12. INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

The LSEBA has adopted the Bowls SA Inclement Weather Policy which is printed below. All members should read this document so that they are responsible for their own duty of care.

All umpires and controlling bodies and any other person in control of an event must make sure that they are familiar with this policy and must ensure it is complied with.

**Anyone who breaches this policy will not be covered by the Bowls SA Insurance policies. Put simply this could risk all the assets of the bowling club involved and the assets of the officials who ignore the policy.**

**We are still adopting some of our previous rules which do not contravene the Bowls SA Policy.**

### **RAIN, HAIL, WIND etc**

1. Before commencing Pennants or a scheduled event, the Side Manager, Event Manager, Umpire of the Day and Greens Manager will be responsible to assess the expected weather conditions for the duration of the event.
2. When inclement weather is forecast LSESBA or the Controlling Body for that event is required to monitor Bureau of Meteorology Weather Reports for local weather conditions and initiate procedures to reschedule, cancel or modify play in accordance with the Conditions of Play for the event.
3. When play has commenced or is about to commence and the weather conditions deteriorate, play may be stopped on appeal of a Side Manager to the Umpire of the Day on the grounds that the weather conditions are such that continuing to play would constitute a breach of duty of care. A Side Manager's appeal shall only affect the game in which their side is engaged and shall not affect any other games at the same venue.
4. If play has been stopped or could not be commenced at normal starting time, it shall not be resumed without permission of the Umpire of the Day. Play will be cancelled for the day if it is not possible to resume after one hour from the time of the last stoppage or from the commencement time. Play may not be cancelled until the expiry of the hour from the last stoppage unless there is insufficient time to get a result as per rule 12.5. **Common sense can allow the one hour limit to be extended if the weather forecast or radar image, indicate that conditions will improve quickly and there is adequate time available.**
5. **When a game is stopped owing to inclement weather, or for any other valid reason, it shall be deemed completed if a combined total of 30 ends for an 8 player side or 45 ends for a 12 player side have been completed. The leading side shall claim a win.**

**(For Heat the end in progress is finished refer rule 14; Monitoring Heat)**

- When play is stopped for rain, hail, wind, or lightning they shall cease immediately without finishing any ends in progress.
- **An end commenced but not completed, shall be declared dead.** Law 32.2
- If all required bowls in the end have been played but the result of the end has not been decided, **the result should be decided before the game stops.** Law 32.3
- The players can agree to stop play only when the Umpire or a Representative of the Controlling Body is not present. Law 32.1.3

### **6. Weekday Open Pennant & Women's Pennant**

If the LSEBA has not cancelled the event the night before, then all sides must travel to the venue and the local Controlling Body/Umpire will apply the above rules.

### **7. Uncompleted Rounds**

In rounds where heat or inclement weather results in some games not being completed, there will not be any replayed games. If 50% or more of the sides in each Division of Pennant have played, the results of those games will count, but the rest of the sides in that Division will not play a catch up match.

**The points for these unplayed games in that Division will be split – half side and rink points plus 5 shots per team.**

If less than 50% of the sides in each Division have played, then the whole round is called off for that Division and no points are allocated.

**NOTE:** The results in each Division are independent from the results in each of the other Divisions.

## 8. Open Pennant

The Chairman of the Match & Programme Committee shall be the authority for determining, prior to 10am on Saturday, whether Pennant Play shall be postponed for the day due to inclement weather.

If it has not been announced that all play be postponed for the day, the Umpire or the Greens Manager of the Host Club or his Deputy, shall be the authority for determining whether play may, or may not commence as per Pennant Rule 12.3 to 12.5.

If the round is not completed Pennant Rule 12.7 will apply.

The event shall be cancelled if in the opinion of the Umpire a result cannot be reached in the remaining time available. The Umpire shall consult with both Team Managers and shall use an allowance of ten (10) minutes per end, and for pennant a completion of 15 ends per team.

## 13. LIGHTNING

We are adopting the Bowls SA policy in its entirety as listed below.

## 14. HEAT

### SATURDAY OPEN PENNANT

#### MINOR ROUNDS:

**IF THE TEMPERATURE PREDICTED ON WIN TV AT 6pm THE NIGHT BEFORE IS 38 DEGREES OR ABOVE AT NARACOORTE OR MOUNT GAMBIER THEN ALL PENNANT IS ABANDONED FOR THAT DAY** and will not be rescheduled.

#### EVENING MINOR ROUNDS: (Privately arranged by clubs on Friday night)

#### NIGHT MARQUEE/SUPER LEAGUE GAMES

Please refer to the LSEBA Heat and Inclement Weather Policy

Because we are scheduling commencement of play at 6 pm we are expecting the temperature to be declining, so the Rule to cancel play if the predicated temperature on the day of play as per Win TV at 6 pm the previous night is 38 degrees or above **WILL NOT APPLY**

If the temperature is 38 degrees or above at the scheduled practice time, then no practice ends will be allowed , and if still above 38 degrees at 6pm the start will be delayed until the temperature is below 38 degrees, as per LSEBA rules.

Starting time is by mutual agreement (recommended time is 6 pm)

A duty of care drinks break at end 13 must be taken (no food or hot drinks) and all games must finish by 11pm (as per normal 6pm finishing rules)

**FINALS: IF THE TEMPERATURE PREDICTED ON WIN TV AT 6pm THE NIGHT BEFORE IS 38 DEGREES OR ABOVE AT THE SCHEDULED VENUE THEN THAT FINAL IS ABANDONED FOR THAT DAY** and will be rescheduled.

**MIDWEEK OPEN PENNANT & LADIES PENNANT:  
PLAY WILL CEASE WHEN THE TEMPERATURE REACHES 36 DEGREES**

If the forecast temperature on the Win Television 6 pm news on the night prior to the game day is predicted to be 36 degrees or 37 degrees at Naracoorte or Mount Gambier then play shall commence at 9am and proceed until 36 degrees is reached, with monitoring as below. If the temperature is forecast to be 38 degrees or higher the round will be abandoned.

**In the event of day of Catastrophic Fire Danger (100+ reading) all LSEBA Pennants and Events will be cancelled in the area affected. This clause overrides any other direction in this Policy.**

**OTHER EVENTS:**

Events like Champion of Champions, Opening Day, Pennant Finals, playing other Associations etc will have the same inclement weather rules using the conditions at the VENUE of the EVENT and using 38 degrees for male events and 36 degrees for female events.

**MONITORING THE HEAT:**

If the temperature is predicted to be 35 degrees or higher, the umpire (or an appointed assistant) must check the temperature at the designated Bureau of Meteorology site for that club (as listed below) at least once every 30 minutes. This temperature reading at the BOM is only updated on the hour and half hour, so we recommend the umpire sets an alarm (eg on mobile phone) at 2 minutes past the hour and half hour so the reading obtained is the most recent.

If the BOM temperature exceeds the cut-off limit for that event then the umpire MUST tell all teams to cease play when the end in progress has been completed. If that end becomes dead then it is not replayed until the temperature has dropped and play has recommenced.

No players can ignore the umpire and continue play, and if they do the scores will not be allowed.

The umpire will continue to monitor the BOM site every ½ hour and will only allow play to restart when the temperature has fallen below the designated cut-off level.

If play is delayed for more than 1 hour from the last stoppage (when the last rink finished the end in progress) and there is no possibility of resuming, then play will be abandoned for the day, and the rules for incomplete rounds will apply. The umpire cannot stop play until this hour has past unless there is insufficient time available to complete the game, using an allowance of 10 minutes per end and an average of 15 ends per team. The umpire should calculate how much time is required to play enough ends at 10 minutes per end to reach 15 ends, and deduct this from the scheduled end of play time limit. (6 00pm for Saturday, 3 00pm Weekdays or (2 00pm if started early, 11pm for night pennant games). This calculation will set a time by when play must have resumed to be able to get a result. If the umpire considers there is a good chance of resuming due to the temperature declining enough before this calculated time, then he/she waits longer than one hour before calling the game off.

When play resumes the game continues until the earlier of either 25 ends or the time limit is reached.

Please note that the umpire also has a DUTY OF CARE to all players and can call for extra drinks breaks (eg on humid days) and can stop play if he/she considers conditions warrant stopping even if the BOM temperature has not exceeded the allowable limit. The umpire must consider this option if the opposition manager appeals regarding the playing conditions. To assist the umpire with such decisions, we recommend that the clubs continue to have a thermometer which the umpire can refer to during the 30 minute interval between BOM readings.

**This is a summary of the BSA rules including our additions.**

**Please read the full BSA INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY for a complete understanding.**

## **BOWLS SA INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

### **1. POLICY INTENT & COMPLIANCE**

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Bowls SA is conscious of its responsibility to provide direction to its Member Clubs and Associations in relation to the conduct of the game of bowls under extreme weather conditions such as heat and humidity, rain, hail, high winds and squalls, lightning and prolonged heat.

The intent of this Policy is to enable play to continue wherever possible, empowering Event Managers to display leadership, consult and make decisions in the interests of good sportsmanship and preserving the safety and well-being of members at all times.

As such the following Bowls SA Heat & Inclement Weather Policy has been developed after research and consultation with appropriate bodies.

The Bowls SA Heat & Inclement Weather Policy is recommended for adoption by Member Clubs and Associations.

In all instances the Bureau of Meteorology 1196 Weather Service (Adelaide area) or website [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) for your closest weather station, is to be used to access the current or forecast temperature, rainfall, potential high winds and squalls, lightning or the Fire Danger rating for the local area.

#### **Non Adoption or Breach of Policy**

Member Clubs and Associations that breach, or choose not to adopt, the Bowls SA Heat & Inclement Weather Policy will be required to source their own adequate insurance cover.

Bowls SA recommends that all levels of Member Clubs and Associations governance record the adoption of a Heat & Inclement Weather Policy.

### **2. HEAT & INCLEMENT WEATHER**

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#### **a. Heat**

**Play must not proceed in any capacity if the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius or more on the Bureau of Meteorology 1196 Weather Service (Adelaide area) or the Bureau of Meteorology website [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) for your closest weather station.**

**When the Bureau of Meteorology or Country Fire Service declare a day of Catastrophic Fire Danger (100+ reading), all bowls must be cancelled in the area affected.**

**To access the current temperature for Adelaide phone 1196.**

#### **b. Inclement Weather**

Inclement weather includes rain, hail, high winds, squalls and lightning.

Before commencing a scheduled event, the Event Manager, Umpire of the Day and/or Greens Manager or their proxy will be responsible to assess the expected weather conditions for the duration of the event.

When play has commenced and the weather conditions deteriorate, play may be stopped by the Event Managers, Umpire of the Day and/or Greens Manager or their proxy on the grounds that the greens are closed or the weather conditions are such that continuing play would constitute a breach of duty of care.

When the Greens Manager or their proxy has closed the greens, play shall not be resumed without the permission of the Greens Manager or their proxy.

If play has been stopped it shall not be resumed without permission of the Event Manager and/or Umpire of the Day. Play will be cancelled for the day if it is not possible to resume after one hour from

the time of the last stoppage. Play shall not be cancelled until the expiry of the hour from the last stoppage.

In regional areas when inclement weather is forecast, the controlling body's Event Manager is required to monitor Bureau of Meteorology weather reports for local weather conditions and initiate procedures to cancel, or if feasible, postpone play or modify the Conditions of Play for the event.

In all cases players will be advised of the reschedule date for the postponed games, by Bowls SA or the controlling body, as soon as practicable.

### **c. Lightning**

Lightning can occur without other typical storm characteristics (i.e. thunder, rain and wind) being present.

Bowls SA is committed to ensuring that all players, officials, administrators and spectators are safe during lightning activity.

When lightning is sighted by the Event Manager or Umpire of the Day, play will be suspended and all players will be required to leave the green immediately and move to a safe structure.

No place is absolutely safe from lightning strikes, but the Event Manager or Umpire of the Day is to ensure that all parties are made aware of the location's safe areas.

SAFER areas include:

- Enclosed vehicles with windows closed (car, bus). Do not touch metal parts.
- Substantial enclosed buildings
- Low ground, sheltering in clumps of low bushes
- Trees of uniform height i.e. forest

UNSAFE areas include:

- High ground
- Open ground
- Water
- Isolated or tall trees
- Near outdoor metal structures such as shade shelters, fences, flag poles, gates, seats, steps, hand rails, boundary pegs
- Equipment such as Bowling Arms, bowls lifters, bowls rakes, umbrella, etc.

When the Event Manager or Umpire of the Day deems it safe to return to the green, play should resume as per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Law32.

## **3. DUTY OF CARE**

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- a. In all circumstances Member Clubs, and Associations are urged to ensure a duty of care of participants by exercising caution and regularly monitoring the temperature and any potential inclement weather conditions before commencing, continuing or terminating Pennants, Championship Events, Open Tournaments, training and trial matches and Social and Night Bowls.
- b. If the forecast temperature is 35 degrees or more it is the responsibility of Member Clubs, and Associations to monitor, at regular intervals of no longer than 30 minutes, the temperature during all practice and play and cease play when the temperature reaches 38 degrees Celsius.
- c. Bowls SA is committed to the safety and well-being of its Members and those playing bowls throughout South Australia. The following directions have been developed with the duty of care of participants as a paramount consideration, whilst enabling all members to participate in a safe environment.

## **4. MEMBER CLUBS & PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY**

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- a. In addition to adopting and applying a Heat & Inclement Weather Policy before commencing, continuing or terminating any Club events, Member Clubs have the responsibility to ensure that they

exercise a duty of care to all players by providing adequate breaks, water for player hydration, and shade and sun protection products on all days of play.

- b. Players also have a personal responsibility to ensure that they apply sound self-management practices to minimise any likely effects of heat on their health and well-being.
- c. Cancer Council Australia recommends protecting the eyes from UV at all times when outdoors during daylight hours by wearing close-fitting wraparound sunglasses and a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style hat to protect the eyes from ultraviolet (UV) radiation.
- d. Any player who considers that the effects of prolonged heat or the forecast temperature for the day of play will have an adverse effect on their health, safety and well-being can withdraw from the competition or event without penalty.
- e. Such withdrawal may also occur during the course of play where the temperature on the green is at a level that the player considers places them at risk.

## **5. PENNANTS**

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For the Heat & Inclement Weather Policy applicable to pennant competitions please refer to the relevant Association Conditions of Play. These Conditions of Play must be lodged with Bowls SA.

## **6. BOWLS SA EVENTS & TRAINING**

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- a. Bowls SA may determine the conditions under which play in a Bowls SA conducted event may commence, continue or be terminated due to extreme weather.
- b. In the event of extreme weather, Bowls SA reserves the right to alter the Conditions of Play for any Bowls SA conducted event to ensure that play continues whilst maintaining a duty of care to all participants and volunteers involved in the event.
- c. Any player who nominates for a Bowls SA conducted event shall be deemed to have accepted the Bowls SA Heat & Inclement Weather Policy conditions applicable to that event, but may withdraw from the event as per clauses 4d and 4e of this policy.

Bowls SA reserves the right to cancel a State Event or postpone rounds if the event has already commenced, two days prior or earlier, if the forecast temperature is deemed to be excessive during times of prolonged heat.

### **Regional Qualifying Rounds**

If the Bureau of Meteorology website temperature for the local postcode on the day of play is forecast to be 38 degrees Celsius or above play, two days prior to the event at 4.30pm, the applicable Event Manager in conjunction with Bowls SA will postpone play to an alternate day or make adjustments to the timing of play to ensure no play occurs when the temperature is 38 degrees or above.

### **Metropolitan Qualifying Rounds**

At 4.30pm two days prior to the scheduled event, if on the Bureau of Meteorology website the Adelaide forecast is 38 degrees Celsius or above for the day of play, the Bowls SA Event Manager will postpone play to an alternate day or make adjustments to the timing of play to ensure no play occurs when the temperature is 38 degrees or above.

### **Major Events**

- *Country Carnivals*
- *Country Round Robins*
- *Prestige Medleys*
- *Champions Week*
- *Under 18 Championships*
- *Seniors Supa Series*

- *SA Super League*

At 4.30pm two days prior to the scheduled event, if on the Bureau of Meteorology website the local forecast is 38 degrees Celsius or above for the day of play, the Bowls SA Event Manager will cancel or, if feasible, make alterations to the schedule to enable play on an alternate day or time, which may include the option of playing morning or night games and modifying the Conditions of Play, i.e. reducing the number of ends whilst maintaining a duty of care to all participants and volunteers involved in the event.

In making the decision to play at an alternate time, the Bowls SA Event Manager will take into account all relevant factors including the age and health of players and officials, prolonged heat, the level of humidity, the Club's evacuation and emergency plans and the amount of shade or shelter available.

In the event of high humidity, the Event Manager may, prior to the commencement of all games, announce that up to three 10 minute breaks will be taken during play at times as determined.

If the temperature on the day of play is forecast to reach less than 38 degrees all major events will commence as scheduled however, if considered necessary due to deteriorating weather conditions such as extreme heat, inclement weather or lightning:

- At the discretion of Bowls SA and the Event Manager the Conditions of Play may be modified which may include scheduling night games.
- Play may be stopped by appeal of a player/team to the Umpire of the Day or Event Manager. If the Umpire of the Day or Event Manager determines that conditions warrant cessation of play they may act on their decision without right of appeal. Play will be cancelled for the day if it is not possible to resume after one hour from the time of the last stoppage.

#### **Management of Heat Policy for State Events (Member Clubs)**

For each State Event competition conducted by Bowls SA, an attempt will be made to commence and complete all matches, as per the guidelines provided in 3, 4 & 5 below.

When a match is rescheduled to an earlier starting time, or on a day of extreme heat it is imperative that Member Clubs have a process in place to monitor the temperature of the day.

Member Clubs are provided with the following guidelines and procedures to ensure that no matches continue at their venue once the temperature at their designated Weather Station hits the cut-off temperature determined below for the competition of the day. (refer to Annexure A for guidelines)

1. On a day where matches have been rescheduled to start at an earlier time, or on days where the temperature has the potential to reach either 38 degrees Celsius the Umpire of the Day is responsible for delegating the duty of monitoring the temperature of the day. Although not compulsory, it is recommended the person tasked with this duty is "non-playing" for the day.
2. Member Clubs are required to make the name of this person, and the name of the Umpire of the Day, available to all players
3. For the purpose of temperature monitoring above, Member Clubs are required to make available a computer with internet access, where they can access [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au). Bowls SA will also approve the use of an Apple or Android Application on a mobile phone, if the application is a direct feed from the Bureau of Meteorology.
4. When on [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au), the nominated person is to click on "SA", on the light blue menu at the top of the page, and then select "Adelaide Observations" for metropolitan clubs and the relevant observation area for country clubs.
5. It is a minimum requirement that a check of the temperature is done at least once per every 30 minutes of play, however it may be checked more than once if necessary.
6. If at any stage, the temperature of the day hits the cut-off temperature, the responsible person is to advise the Umpire of the Day, who after confirming the temperature, will call all players off the green/s at the completion of the end in play.
7. Once players are called off the green, a 30 minute break will be provided. After 30 minutes, from the time of the initial suspension of play, has passed, the responsible person and the Umpire of the

Day will once again check the temperature of the day. If the temperature has dropped below the cut-off temperature, play may recommence. If the temperature remains at or above the cutoff temperature, a further 30 minutes break will be had.

8. Once play recommences, any further instances of the temperature of the day reaching the cut-off temperature or above will see 6 repeated.
9. If any stage, play is deemed to have been suspended for an hour, and at that time there is no possibility of resuming, the match will be suspended and resumed, rescheduled or cancelled at the discretion of Bowls SA.

Club managers and Umpires are advised to be mindful of the duty of care for all participants and monitor the conditions and consider breaks, if necessary, to provide participants with opportunities to hydrate.

### **SA Representative Events**

If the temperature for the day of play is forecast to reach 38 degrees Celsius or inclement weather or lightning is forecast on the Bureau of Meteorology website for the local area, South Australia's Side Manager, in consultation with their opponents Side Manager, will discuss commencing, postponing, rescheduling, cancelling or modifying the Conditions of Play.

### **Elite Athlete Squad Training**

If the temperature for the day of any Elite Athlete Squad Training is forecast to reach 38 degrees Celsius on the Bureau of Meteorology website Adelaide forecast at 4.30pm, two days prior to the training, the Squad Training will be cancelled. The training may, if necessary, may be rescheduled to the evening, at the discretion of Bowls SA.

Bowls SA reserves the right to cancel Squad Training, two days prior, if the forecast temperature is deemed to be excessive during times of prolonged extreme weather.

## **7. BOWLS AUSTRALIA EVENTS**

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The Bowls Australia Extreme Weather Policy, is available on the Bowls Australia website [www.bowlsaustralia.com.au](http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au) and will apply for all Bowls Australia conducted events.

### **Annexure A – Guidelines for Nearest Weather Stations**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Station</b>
Beachport	Robe Airport
Bordertown Bowling Club	Keith West
Coonalpyn Bowling Club	Keith West
Frances Bowling Club	Naracoorte
Kalangadoo Bowling Club	Mount Gambier
Keith Bowling Club	Keith West
Kingston SE Bowling Club	Cape Jaffa
Lucindale War Memorial Bowling Club	Naracoorte

Millicent Bowling Club	Mount Gambier
Mount Gambier Bowls Club	Mount Gambier
Mount Gambier RSL Bowling Club	Mount Gambier
Mundulla Bowling Club	Keith West
Naracoorte Bowls Club	Naracoorte
Naracoorte RSL & District Bowling Club	Naracoorte
Padthaway Bowling Club	Padthaway
Penola Bowling Club	Coonawarra
Port MacDonnell & District Bowling Club	Mount Gambier
Robe Bowling Club	Robe Airport
Tintinara Bowling Club	Keith West

## 15. APPEALS AND PROTESTS

- At all times it is expected that games be played with true sportsmanship and common sense.
- Any appeal or protest shall first be directed to the Umpire by the Manager. The game shall be continued, or a result achieved, based on the Umpires decision.
- A side wishing to lodge a protest or an appeal against an Umpires decision may do so under the following procedure.
  1. The Umpire and the opposing Manager shall be notified verbally within ten minutes of the completion of the match that an appeal or protest is contemplated.
  2. The Club Management Committee must support the grounds for such appeal or protest with a letter from the Club Secretary to the LSEBA Secretary within seven days of the alleged offence and a copy of the letter to the other club involved.
  3. The LSEBA Secretary shall immediately call a meeting (to be held not less than seven days of receipt of the letter) of the LSEBA Board, to deal with the appeal or protest.  
A representative from each club involved will be requested to attend.
  4. The decision and any penalty, decided by the LSEBA Board shall be final, subject only to an appeal by either club, in accordance with Bowls Australia Appeals Policies page 125 Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

## 16. FINALS PLAY

1. A decision as to whether to play Finals and the format thereof shall be made by resolution at the Delegates Meeting.
2. If the number of shots are equal, at the conclusion of play, between two sides in a Final series all teams in the side shall play an additional end to determine the winner Law 28 Laws of the Sport of Bowls. The captains shall toss and the winner shall have the right to decide which side shall play first. The extra end shall be played from where the previous end on each rink was completed, and the mat shall be placed at the discretion of the first to play. If any of the ends are declared dead then that end shall be replayed. Law 20.3, Laws of the Sport of Bowls.  
If needed the above procedure shall be repeated until a result is obtained.
3. No time limit shall apply to Finals, Semi-Finals or Preliminary Finals. Finals shall continue until each team has completed 25 ends, unless delayed by the Heat Rule, or Inclement Weather Rule, the Umpire shall, after a total combined delays in excess of one hour, deduct one end for each cumulative ten (10) minute delay, or part thereof.
4. Host Club shall supply Umpire and Measurer/s.
5. Duty of Care break for drinks and food will be the same as for minor rounds.
6. Host club may convene raffle to cover expenses.
7. Pennant Finals green fees to be sent to LSEBA Treasurer.
8. In finals, if play is held up for any valid reason, and fifteen (15) ends cannot be completed, allowing ten (10) minutes per end remaining, the game shall be abandoned and rescheduled.
9. **OPEN PENNANT/MIDWEEK/LADIES**  
In the first week of OPEN PENNANT/MIDWEEK/LADIES finals, in each Division the team finishing top in the minor round table shall choose the venue for the semi-final between teams 1 & 2 with Match & Programme approval of the green. Teams 3 & 4 shall play at the same venue unless the Match & Programme decides otherwise.
10. The Match & Programme shall allocate the venues for Preliminary and Grand Finals taking into consideration, neutrality of grounds, and quality of playing surface and travelling distances.
11. The venue/s for the Grand Final shall not be decided until after the Preliminary Finals have been completed.
12. Where practical all Grand Finals shall be played at one venue but can be played at multiple venues.
13. In any Division of six or less sides, only the top three sides shall contest the Finals, with the Minor Premiers going direct to the Grand Final. Second and third sides shall play a Preliminary Final on the afternoon of other Divisions Semi-Final.
14. Eligibility to play in finals in any Division or Colour is covered in Rule 10 1) 2) & 3)
15. The minimum time between all Pennant Finals not to exceed two (2) weeks if possible.

**SYSTEMS FOR PLAYING PENNANT FINALS:**

1. In a Division of 7 or more sides, side 1 plays side 2  
The winner goes to the Grand Final  
The loser plays the winner of side 3 v side 4 and the winner goes to the Grand Final.
2. In a Division of 6 or less sides, side 1 goes straight to the Grand Final.  
Side 2 plays side 3 and the winner goes to the Grand Final.

**STARTING TIME, LUNCH/DRINK BREAKS TIMES IN FINALS ARE THE SAME AS FOR MINOR ROUND GAMES.**

**17. OPPOSITE GENDER SUBSTITUTES IN LSEBA WOMEN'S PENNANT**

**The spirit of these rules allowing Opposite Gender Substitutes is to enable a match to take place when a substitute is necessary, and the spirit of sportsmanship should always apply.**

1. All available full female members must be selected before any Opposite Gender member is selected.
2. When there are insufficient female members available, Opposite Gender members may be selected in the following manner:
  - a) Each club shall be permitted to select Opposite Gender members at a level commensurate with the ability as judged by the club selectors. (As such player is an Open Gender their playing ability must not be better than the absent player they are replacing)
  - b) Opposite Gender members can only be selected as lead or second.  
Opposite Gender members must play three (3) games in the Minor Round to qualify for Women's Pennant Final.
  - c) Blatant disregard of these rules can be referred to the LSEBA Board and they will have the power to investigate the circumstances of any such case and apply penalties if it considers a penalty is necessary.
  - d) If an Opposite Gender member is selected as a substitute he must be identified on the team sheet with an (OG) in brackets alongside his name and also on the score card.
3. A maximum of one less than half the side can be Opposite Gender players with a maximum of two in any one rink.
4. **HEAT RULE:** Any Opposite Gender person allowing themselves to be selected shall be deemed to have accepted the heat rule of that competition.
5. If no substitutes of either gender can be found then the club can either:
  - Approach their opponents to see if they can supply any substitutes or
  - Play with three players in one (or more) rinks as per DR 2.4 & 2.6
6. If one team (rink) has a car breakdown and fails to arrive, then the side must be rearranged into two sides of 3 or more using substitutes from the host club or else must forfeit. Refer DR 2.6 & rule 34 in Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

## **18. INSTANTANEOUS PENALTIES**

- 2.1 If an umpire, by observation or on appeal by the Controlling Body, a side manager, a skip or an opponent, decides that a breach of any Law or Rule has taken place, or any action by a player (where there is no penalty specified in that Law or Rule), such as: 1. Acting in an abusive, threatening or intimidating manner; 2. Using obscene, offensive, abusive, threatening or intimidating language; 3. Threatening any person with physical violence or assault; 4. Assaulting any person; has occurred, 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 in a singles game, or opposing team in a team game, or team in a side game.
- 2.2 Upon a second such offence by the same player in the same game, the player shall be excluded from taking any further part in that game according to Laws of the Sport (Crystal Mark Third Edition).
- 2.3 Should this penalty be applied, no replacement or substitute player will be allowed for his/her team.
- 2.4 In a team game the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponent.
- 2.5 In a side game BA Domestic Regulations will apply.
- 2.6 A replacement player is not permitted for a singles player. BA Domestic Regulations will apply.
- 2.7 Serious offences may also be subject to police action. Consultation should occur between the venue manager, the Controlling Body and umpire/s before such action is undertaken.
- 2.8 The umpire must forward a detailed written report about any incident involving an instantaneous penalty to the Controlling Body and the relevant STA/s within seven (7) days of the incident.

## **19. ALTERATION TO RULES**

1. These rules may be altered, amended or repealed from time to time by the Board of Management of the LSEBA;
2. Or by a notice of motion or by a motion from the floor of an LSEBA General Meeting;
3. Voting shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the LSEBA;