Bowls Queensland Pennant Conditions/Guidelines

1. **ELIGIBILITY**
   - **(a)** All Clubs affiliated with the District within its Group affiliated with Bowls Queensland shall be eligible to play.
   - **(b)** Each player must hold **Competition/Primary Club Status** with a club affiliated with Bowls Queensland. A player may also hold **Secondary Membership** within the same district at another Bowls Queensland–affiliated club, provided that a **Bowls Queensland Pennant Permit** has been allocated to that player in accordance with each districts conditions of play.
   - **(c)** Players under suspension or expulsion are ineligible to play.
   - **(d)** It is each District's decision to determine how they decide player movement between divisions and player eligibility for finals.

2. **DISTRICT NOMINATIONS**
   - **(a)** Districts may apply to nominate for 2nd or 3rd division as their top division.
   - **(b)** Nominations to be submitted via email to the Match Committee 2 months prior to the commencement of your pennant competition and notification of the date set down for commencement.
   - **(c)** Districts that don't wish to do this will be automatically considered as a division 1 district, subsequently 2nd, 3rd and lower.

3. **NOMINATIONS**
   Districts **MUST** set up their District Pennant competition in BowlsLink.
   Contact BQ, for assistance.
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4. **COMPOSITION OF SIDES**
   - **(a)** From Club level to State Finals all Divisions (from Division 1 down) to be **Open Gender** (all men, all women or any combination of) picked on **ability not on gender bias.**
   - **(b)** Each Division will consist of twelve (12) players – 3 rinks of 4 players.
   - **(c)** Applications should be sorted by district based on the division in which each club wishes to compete. However, the final decision on divisional allocations rests with the district.
   - **(d)** Divisions 1 to 3 will have the opportunity to proceed to Group/State finals.

5. **DURATION OF PLAY**
   - **(a)** All games are to be played to 21 ends **(no time limit**), including Group play-offs.
   - **(b)** Starting times are to be set by the districts or by mutual agreement by the competing clubs depending on location and extreme weather conditions.
   - **(c)** All competitions are to be conducted to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 4th latest Edition.

6. **DEAD ENDS**
   Dead ends shall be replayed as per Law 20.

7. SUBSTITUTES / REPLACEMENT PLAYERS

Eligible substitutes are permitted throughout the Competition. **There will be no substitutes/replacement players allowed for ineligible players.**

The Controlling Body and Umpire must be advised in every circumstance.

8. WITHDRAWALS AND FORFEITS

Withdrawals

(i) If a Side withdraws from the competition, this will be treated as a bye and no score need be recorded as all Sides will be equally affected.

(ii) Sides who find withdrawal unavoidable, are required to notify the Controlling Body as soon as possible.

Forfeits

Should a forfeit occur during play, the remaining teams shall be credited with two points plus an average of net shot margin recorded in all matches in that round, in that Division. As per clause 12 (b)

9. PLAYER MOVEMENTS DURING PLAY

Leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl.

Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.

Thirds: after delivery of their second bowl.

Skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

Restricting the Movement of players does not prohibit a player being called to the head by the Skip. However, care should be taken not to delay play.

10. UNCOMPLETED MATCHES

If a match is not completed because of inclement weather, bad light or any other justifiable cause, the following conditions will apply:

If any of the incomplete games have a bearing on the final standings, another date should be utilised to complete only those relevant matches**.** The remaining matches, where outcomes would not impact the standings, should remain unplayed.

This approach may offer a fair resolution and help avoid any perception of impropriety, particularly from teams that may miss out due to shared points.

11. DURATION OF SEASON

This decision is to be determined by each individual district, taking into account the number of nominations and the size of the district. As each district understands its unique challenges best, it is in the strongest position to act accordingly.

12. SCORING

(a) "All Divisions" **MUST** be scored the same at each level. (District to Group Playoffs and State finals).

(b) Two (2) match points will be awarded for the overall win. No rink win points are to be allotted.

(c) In the event of a tied score, each team shall be awarded one (1) match point.

(d) Match points shall be recorded together with shots for and against and the margin.

13. DETERMINING THE LADDER

(a) The side scoring the highest number of **match points** shall be declared the winner.

(b) In the case of a final's series being played, highest points finish first, followed by second in points, etc.

(c) In the event of two (2) or more sides scoring an equal number of match points, the side with the highest difference between "total shots for" and "total shots against" **(margin)** shall be declared the winner.

(d) If there is still equality, the "total shots against" each side shall be divided into the "total shots for" each side. The side with the **highest percentage** shall be declared the winner.

Note: If there is still equality, the result of the game between the equal sides will determine the winner.

FINALS

If your district proceeds to a final's series, these will be at the discretion of each district. As each district understands its unique challenges best, it is in the strongest position to act accordingly.