

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS ELECTRIC LIGHT BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC

(Inaugurated 1954)

COMPETITION BY-LAWS October 2017

To be read in conjunction with the Rules of the Association

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(A) GENERAL

A.1 INTERPRETATION OF BY-LAWS

In circumstance of doubt concerning by-laws and conditions herein, a decision by the Executive Committee shall be binding.

A.2 QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS

- (a) Member Clubs shall be from the Southern Metropolitan area of Melbourne entering sides in accordance with the by-laws and conditions herein. Area boundaries are defined as: Toorak/Burwood Roads in the north, Mordialloc in the south, Stud Road in the east, and Port Phillip Bay in the west.
- (b) All players must be members of Clubs affiliated with Bowls Victoria.
- (c) Except for substitution, a player may represent only one Club in a season of SDELBA pennant, refer also (d) below.
- (d) Players who transfer from a Club at which they were identified by Bowls Victoria, and for which they were playing in the SDELBA competition, may play at their new Club after they present to the SDELBA Match Committee a copy of their approved clearance.

A.3. VENUES

- (a) A Club without electric light facilities, or one located beyond the area boundaries specified in By-law A.2(a), may enter a pennant side subject to mutual arrangements with another Club to use their electrically lit Green with the concurrence of SDELBA.
- (b) In the event that a match is to be transferred to an alternative venue, the mutual agreement of the opposing side needs to be obtained as soon as possible. In the event of agreement not achievable within a reasonable period the Match Committee Chairman after discussion, will determine the venue. Noting that the home side has the right to allocate rinks/ green subject to the availability of the host club

(B) COMPETITIONS

B.1 LAWS AND RULES

The Competition and matches shall be conducted in accordance with Bowls Australia laws and Bowls Victoria rules, unless as specified herein, or as otherwise agreed by a General Meeting of delegates of member clubs (e.g. no dead ends).

B.2 ENTRY FEE

An entry fee for each *side* shall be set at the June meeting and the agreed fee shall be payable by participating Clubs at the time of their entry/entries. Note:- Such entry fees are designed for the provision of finance to cover the costs involved in the administration of the competition, provision of trophies, etc.

B.3 GREEN FEES

At the commencement of each season the delegates shall agree on a charge (i.e. green fee) payable by each Pennant Player to Home Clubs (Home Greens) for pennant matches or other games as may be applicable.

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B.4 DIVISIONS

- (a) The Match Committee shall decide the number of Divisions, the number of sides and byes in each division, and the number of home and away games to be played. Where a Club has two sides participating, home games shall be played together so far as is practicable; also where two or more Club sides participate, each should be drawn in different divisions. Use of electrically lit greens by another Club without lights or odd numbers of entries should be accommodated without undue effect on these general principles.
- (b) Under the circumstances the following guide should apply:-
The draw should be based on divisions of eight sides playing seven home and seven away matches, subject if necessary to one bye in each round per division involved (byes will be assigned normally to the lowest divisions). A typical base draw is outlined in Table A of the Appendix.
- (c) Should the total entries differ significantly from a multiple of eight, causing excessive byes, it would be desirable to introduce a variant using a multiple of ten sides playing fourteen matches in one and a part rounds as shown in Table B of the Appendix. No byes should be allocated to the ten side division. The eight and ten side draws are such that they may be used together thus ensuring the practice of home matches together.
- (d) For the record, Table C in the Appendix of fourteen sides playing thirteen matches in only one round is shown. This solution is useful to accommodate a high number of pairs of sides but otherwise is not favoured.

B.5 GRADING AND PROMOTION

- (a) The Match Committee shall produce gradings for Divisions with a view to eliminating uneven competition between sides.
The premiership side in lower divisions shall qualify for promotion to the next higher division in the following season, except when a Club would have more than one side in the same division.
The regression of sides from higher divisions, to balance the promotion from lower divisions, shall generally be the lowest side, but shall be left open for determination by the Match Committee.
- (b) Where a Club has more than one side in the Pennant Competition, the Number 1 side shall be chosen by the Club as evident to be the strongest and succeeding sides shall be chosen accordingly.
- (c) A player shall not represent their Club in a lower SDELBA division than the division normally played in Bowls Victoria pennant when their Club is represented in that or a higher SDELBA division, unless the higher-graded side is already constituted with higher-graded players.
- (d) Where a Club has more than one side in the Pennant Competition, then any person who plays in a Premier or Division 1 side in Bowls Victoria pennant shall play in either SDELBA Premier, Division 1, or only in the Club's first side, until they have not played in the Premier or Division 1 side in Bowls Victoria pennant for four consecutive matches. A breach of this by-law shall result in a walkover loss and By-law C.2 shall apply.
- (e) A person who plays in a Premier or Division 1 side in Bowls Victoria pennant may play with a Club other than the one with which they are identified by Bowls Victoria, only in a SDELBA Premier Division side (unless there are special circumstances of a previous substantial playing history with the Club, in which case prior approval of the Match Committee must be obtained). A breach of this by-law shall result in a walkover loss and By-law C.2 shall apply.
- (f) Each Club shall provide a list of intending players, nominating the Bowls Victoria division in which they played the majority of games in the previous season.
All players must be registered with SDELBA prior to the start of the season.
Additional players' details, as above, must be added to the reverse side of the match result sheet when playing their first match.

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- (g) Penalties. Any breach of these By-laws may, after consideration and discussion by the Match Committee, incur penalties which could include loss of match points and/or disqualification.
- (h) Appeals Committee. Shall comprise SDELBA President, Secretary and three Executive Committee representatives.

B.6 TEAMS PER SIDE

There shall be three teams of four players in each side

B.7 PENNANT MATCHES

Pennant Competition Matches shall:-

- (a) commence on second Tuesday in November each season in accordance with a fixture program drawn up by the Match Committee.
- (b) be played on Tuesday nights commencing at 7.15pm sharp.
- (c) terminate at or before 11.00pm. Any end in play at 11.00pm shall be completed to interruption and the jack will not be re-rolled.
- (d) Home Clubs shall provide an umpire.
- (e) All grass greens shall be cut and prepared on the day of the night match.

(C) DIVISIONAL PENNANT

C.1 INCLEMENT WEATHER

- (a) In the instance of obviously inclement weather the Match Committee may cancel play and inform all Clubs, preferably well prior to 6.00pm.
- (b) The decision to play or cancel may otherwise be made by the Home Club, preferably by 6.15pm, immediately following which time notification is to be made to the opposing side.
- (c) Should the divisional match not be commenced by 8.30pm, the match shall be abandoned.
- (d) A divisional match, whether it has been delayed or interrupted by inclement weather or power failure or any other reason, shall be terminated as per By-law B.7 (c).

C.2 SCORING

- (a) Points shall be allocated as follows:-

Side Win - 6 points plus the sum of the team points

Side Tie - 3 points plus the sum of the team points

Team Win - 2 points

Team Tie - 1 point

Bye - 0 point

Walkovers

- 12 points and 15 shots to the winner and subtract 15 shots from the loser

- Side giving a walkover will incur a fine as per Bowls Vic Regulations

- (b) If play for the night is abandoned, no points shall be awarded for matches that night including byes and walkovers.
- (c) If less than half of the matches in any division are completed, all matches due to be played that night shall be deemed to be tied and no points shall be awarded for team wins.
- (d) If a match is abandoned with 36 ends or more having been completed, the scores shall be taken as at the interruption. If less than 36 ends have been completed the scores shall be taken as tied.

C.3 INCOMPLETED GAME FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF A PLAYER

Death of a player - Match abandoned and points shared as per a tied match

6 points each

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C.4 RESULTS

- (a) The Home Club Manager shall be responsible for the completed results sheet to be emailed, faxed, attached to an SMS, reach the Match Committee Results Officer no later than the following Thursday. Failure to do so shall incur a fine of \$50 for each offence. Pennant points shall be withheld until fines are paid. By-law C.2 shall apply.
- (b) It is recommended that both managers keep a copy of completed result sheet which can be a photo on a mobile in case of a dispute
- (c) Where there is a complete washout of all fixtures, or in the case of a bye, clubs may send in their team sheets for that night. For the purposes of By-law D.4, all players named shall be credited with a match as if the match had been played.
- (d) Results – Ladders are available on the Sandbelt Bowls Region website:
www.sandbelt.bowls.com.au and Facebook: www.facebook.com/sdelba.nightbowls

C.5 DISPUTED RESULTS

In all cases of disputed results the allocation of points shall be decided by the Match Committee.

(D) FINALS

D.1 DETERMINATION OF FINALISTS

In each division the sides finishing first, second, third and fourth shall play in a final series to determine the division winner. The finals shall be played on Tuesday for two consecutive weeks (with an additional night being allocated on Thursday to allow for inclement weather).

The sides shall play as follows:

First Night:

1st Semi-final. 1st plays 4th. Winner to Final

2nd Semi-final. 2nd plays 3rd. Winner to Final.

Second Night:

Final. Winner of 1st semi-final plays winner of 2nd semi-final.

D.2 SELECTION OF GREENS

Selection of greens for the final series matches shall be made by the Match Committee.

D.3 TIED GAME

If a tie applies at the end of 51 ends, an additional end shall be played by all three teams until a result is obtained.

D.4 ELIGIBILITY FOR PENNANT FINALS

No Player shall participate in any final series of Pennant unless that player has played at least four matches in the side, or a lower ranked side representing the same Club, prior to the second last Pennant Match.

D.5 TERMINATION

A Finals Match shall be terminated at or before 11.15pm. Any end in play at 11.15pm shall be completed to interruption and the jack shall not be re-rolled.

Should the result be a tie then one or more ends shall be played on each rink until a result is reached. Should the match be terminated with less than 38 ends having been completed, because of inclement weather or any other reason, it shall be re-scheduled by the Executive Committee.

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APPENDIX
Competition by-laws B.4(b) to B.4(d)

TABLE A: DRAW FOR EIGHT SIDES PLAYING 14 GAMES IN TWO ROUNDS

Match 1	1 v 5	2 v 6	3 v 7	4 v 8
Match 2	6 v 1	5 v 2	7 v 4	8 v 3
Match 3	7 v 6	2 v 3	1 v 4	8 v 5
Match 4	6 v 8	4 v 2	5 v 7	3 v 1
Match 5	5 v 6	2 v 1	4 v 3	7 v 8
Match 6	6 v 4	8 v 2	3 v 5	1 v 7
Match 7	3 v 6	4 v 5	2 v 7	1 v 8
Match 8	5 v 1	6 v 2	7 v 3	8 v 4
Match 9	1 v 6	2 v 5	4 v 7	3 v 8
Match 10	6 v 7	3 v 2	4 v 1	5 v 8
Match 11	8 v 6	2 v 4	7 v 5	1 v 3
Match 12	6 v 5	1 v 2	3 v 4	8 v 7
Match 13	4 v 6	2 v 8	5 v 3	7 v 1
Match 14	6 v 3	5 v 4	7 v 2	8 v 1

TABLE B: DRAW FOR TEN SIDES PLAYING 14 GAMES IN ONE AND A PART ROUNDS

Match 1	4 v 5	2 v 6	3 v 7	1 v 9	10 v 8
Match 2	6 v 1	7 v 4	8 v 3	9 v 2	5 v 10
Match 3	2 v 3	1 v 4	8 v 5	9 v 6	7 v 10
Match 4	6 v 8	4 v 2	5 v 7	3 v 1	10 v 9
Match 5	5 v 6	2 v 1	7 v 8	4 v 9	10 v 3
Match 6	6 v 7	8 v 2	3 v 4	9 v 5	1 v 10
Match 7	4 v 8	1 v 5	2 v 7	3 v 9	10 v 6
Match 8	7 v 1	5 v 2	6 v 3	8 v 9	10 v 4
Match 9	1 v 8	3 v 5	4 v 6	9 v 7	2 v 10
Match 10	3 v 2	4 v 1	5 v 8	6 v 9	10 v 7
Match 11	8 v 6	2 v 4	7 v 5	1 v 3	9 v 10
Match 12	6 v 5	1 v 2	8 v 7	9 v 4	3 v 10
Match 13	7 v 6	2 v 8	4 v 3	5 v 9	10 v 1
Match 14	8 v 4	5 v 1	7 v 2	9 v 3	6 v 10

TABLE C: DRAW FOR FOURTEEN SIDES PLAYING 13 GAMES IN ONE ROUND

Match 1	2 v 1	3 v 13	4 v 12	5 v 11	6 v 10	7 v 9	8 v 14
Match 2	1 v 3	9 v 8	10 v 7	11 v 6	12 v 5	13 v 4	14 v 2
Match 3	3 v 2	4 v 1	5 v 13	6 v 12	7 v 11	8 v 10	9 v 14
Match 4	1 v 5	2 v 4	10 v 9	11 v 8	12 v 7	13 v 6	14 v 3
Match 5	4 v 3	5 v 2	6 v 1	7 v 13	8 v 12	9 v 11	10 v 14
Match 6	11 v 10	12 v 9	13 v 8	14 v 4	1 v 7	2 v 6	3 v 5
Match 7	5 v 4	6 v 3	7 v 2	8 v 1	9 v 13	10 v 12	11 v 14
Match 8	12 v 11	13 v 10	14 v 5	1 v 9	2 v 8	3 v 7	4 v 6
Match 9	6 v 5	7 v 4	8 v 3	9 v 2	10 v 1	11 v 13	12 v 14
Match 10	13 v 12	14 v 6	1 v 11	2 v 10	3 v 9	4 v 8	5 v 7
Match 11	7 v 6	8 v 5	9 v 4	10 v 3	11 v 2	12 v 1	13 v 14
Match 12	14 v 7	1 v 13	2 v 12	3 v 11	4 v 10	5 v 9	6 v 8
Match 13	8 v 7	9 v 6	10 v 5	11 v 4	12 v 3	13 v 2	14 v 1