

# WOMEN'S PENNANTS 2024-25 – CONDITIONS OF PLAY

**DAYS OF PLAY**      **TUES at:**      Asquith, Dee Why, Manly, Mosman, Turramurra  
**WED at:**      Harbord, Mona Vale, Neutral Bay, Pittwater, Seaforth

**STARTING TIME FOR PLAY:**      see table at end of document

**CONDITIONS OF PLAY**      (see *Bowls NSW 2024-25 Conditions of Play 14 - "Women's Pennant"*  
and 11.1 – "General - For All Pennants")

2 teams of Fours per side

42 ends / 21 ends per rink      (see "Inclement Weather" if play is abandoned for the day)

All clubs are required to submit their sides on BowlsLink at least 24 hours prior to game.

Home Club to enter results in BowlsLink within 6 hours after game. (CoP 11.1.10.1)

## **CATERING ARRANGEMENTS**

- Tea, coffee to be available before play at all clubs.
- At the following clubs, players may **NOT** bring own lunch, but can purchase lunch:  
**Asquith, Dee Why, Manly, Neutral Bay, Turramurra.**
- Bring Your Own Lunch at: Harbord, Mona Vale, Mosman, Pittwater, Seaforth.

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR A DIVISION**      (see *Conditions of Play 14.3*)

- Previous season player gradings **do not restrict a player's eligibility for Sectional Play in any Division in 2024-25** unless the player transfers to a new club after the new Region's competition was approved by Bowls NSW (e.g. a player who was graded Division 1 in 2023-24 can play in ANY Division in 2024-25 without seeking a regrade, unless directed otherwise by Bowls NSW).
- Where a **player changes clubs after their new Region's Pennant competition has been approved by Bowls NSW**, that player can play:
  - Only in a Division that their previous season's grading would allow, (e.g. a player who was graded Division 2 at the end of the 2023-24 season can not change clubs and play lower than Div 2 if their new Club has a Div 2 side) **OR**
  - If their new Club **has not entered the Division of that player's grading or higher**, a maximum of two transferred players are permitted to play in their new club's "next-highest Division" **AND**
  - Only if they have not played 2024-25 Women's Pennant at previous club.
- **Once a player has played 2 matches in a Division**, they are ineligible for any lower Division for the remainder of the 2024-25 season (see 14.3.4). A player may play in a higher Division once and remain eligible to go back to a lower Division.)
- A match that Region Match deems "not necessary to be played" **may be considered as counting** towards a player's grading and their eligibility for Post-Sectional Play.

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR POST-SECTIONAL PLAY (i.e. State Finals series)**

- Players will become graded for the season once they have played 2 matches. They will then be eligible for Post-Sectionals in that Division or a higher Div (see 14.3.5).
- **Players who have not played sufficient matches to become graded during the 2024-25 Pennant season** will also be eligible for Post-Sectional play if they
  - have a previous season grading in that Division or lower OR
  - have never been graded in Women's Pennants.

## **RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS** (changes for this year are underlined)

### **Position on the green at the start of an end**

At the commencement of each end, Leads and Seconds shall be at the mat end of the green and skips at the head end.

The Third may move to the head end of the green before the commencement of the end (before delivery of the jack to commence that end).

A skip may appoint a team member to direct the head should they need to leave the green until they return to the green.

### **Players Remaining at Head End**

Note that a skip and/or a third in a fours game who has been at the head since before the start of an end is now permitted to remain at the head when their opponent has "first bowl"; however, they must not then delay going to the mat when it is their turn to play.

*(See Condition of Play 1.36.7 regarding penalties).*

### **Moving to the Head**

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to move from the mat end to head end of the green in the following circumstances:

Leads: after delivery of their second bowl.  
Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.  
Thirds: after delivery of each of their bowls.  
Skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

Note: Thirds or Skips may move to the head end of the green before playing their final bowl of an end (as this is "after delivery of their first bowl").

## **DETERMINATION OF A DIVISION WINNER**

As there is only one section in each of the Women's Pennant divisions this season,

- (i) The side scoring the highest number of points shall be the winner.
- (ii) If points are equal, the side with the largest difference between 'total shots for' and 'total shots against' ("margin") shall be the winner.
- (iii) If "margin" also equal, the side with lowest total of shots against will be the winner.
- (iv) If sides still remain tied, the winner of the matches between those sides wins Divn.

*(Bowls NSW 2024-25 Conditions of Play "General Conditions for All Events", Condition 1.40.2.)*

## SCORING

Total points awarded for each match shall be 7, allocated on the following basis:

- (i) The SIDE WIN 5 points (side with highest shots aggregate)
- (ii) SIDE DRAW 2½ points each
- (iii) Each TEAM WIN 1 point
- (iv) A TEAM DRAW ½ point each

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Controlling Body at each venue club must understand their responsibilities under the Bowls NSW **Extreme Weather Guidelines** (downloadable from Bowls NSW website). If the venue club has its own, stricter, policy the club's policy will prevail.

The Side Manager should contact the venue club for information **no later than 1 hour before the scheduled start time**, i.e. by 8.50am. A match not commenced **must** be played on one of the "rain dates" or by mutual agreement **unless Region Match declares the match does not need to be played** (in which case each side will be awarded 3.5 pts).

NOTE: Sides cannot agree not to play and split points without approval of Region Match.

During a match, any appeal to the umpire regarding weather conditions must be made by the **SIDE MANAGER** on behalf of the whole side.

Interruptions to play (see *BNSW General Pennant Condition of Play 11.1.4*):

- i. If a match is stopped due to inclement weather, the Controlling Body can allow up to 60 minutes to determine whether play can be re-commenced.
- ii. If a match is stopped and unable to be resumed, the match shall be
  - a. Deemed to be completed if 36 or more ends have been completed, or
  - b. resumed at a later date if less than 36 ends have been completed.

If a match in progress is abandoned for the day, Region Match will advise clubs if the match needs to be completed.

**RAIN DATES** 24-25 SEPT, 1-2 OCT, 8-9 OCT, 15-16 OCT

**STATE FINALS** Tues 11 – Thurs 13 MARCH 2025

## REGION CHAIR OF MATCH

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SCHEDULED PLAYING TIMES FOR CLUBS' "HOME GAMES"			
CLUB	DAY	TRIAL ENDS	START OF PLAY
ALL CLUBS -- UNLESS LISTED SEPARATELY BELOW	TUESDAYS or WEDNESDAYS (see Draw)	9.30 am	9.50 am
MOSMAN	TUESDAYS	10.00 am	10.20 am

**\*\*\*\* PLEASE CAR POOL WHEN PLAYING AT MANLY & NEUTRAL BAY \*\*\*\***