



bowls victoria

**RULES FOR
COMPETITION**

2016/2017 SEASON

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Bowls Victoria (BV) Rules for Competition in Victoria

SECTION 1

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL COMPETITIONS

DEFINITIONS

- (1) For the purpose of interpretation in these Rules the expressions Member, Bowler, Player or Opponent will refer to an affiliated Player of an affiliated Club.
- (2) Words importing one gender include the other gender.
- (3) Unless otherwise stated words and phrases in the Laws, Rules and Regulations will have the same meaning as in the BV Constitution.
- (4) References to 'will' within these Rules mean that the action is compulsory.
- (5) References to 'can' within these Rules mean that the action is optional.

Rule 1 - QUALIFICATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 Responsibility

Subject to the control of the Board, the BV Championship Committee will be responsible for the satisfactory conduct of all BV Championships, and the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee will be responsible for the conduct of Metropolitan Pennant Competitions and will have authority to take any action deemed necessary for this purpose and can delegate its authority to other Regions and/or Divisions for BV events at these levels. Any disciplinary matters requiring investigation from these events will be referred to the BV Disciplinary Committee.

1.2 Laws

All competitions will be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Bowls Australia (BA) Domestic Regulations (DRs), BA Policies and BV Regulations and these BV Rules for Competition (together, hereinafter referred to as the Laws, Rules and Regulations) except when specifically stated otherwise.

1.3 Infringements

1.3.1 The infringement of any of the Laws, Rules and Regulations can involve monetary fines (not exceeding \$1,000) and/or disqualification, and/or match points penalty and/or a replay or such other penalty or sanction as the BV Disciplinary Committee, BV Championship Committee or the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee can in its complete discretion determine in respect of an affiliated Player, Team, Side, Club or match provided that in doing so the BV Disciplinary Committee, BV Championship Committee or the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee has applied natural justice to any Player, Team, Side or Club involved. BV Regions and Divisions do not have the power to suspend, fine or expel any affiliated Player other than in the case of a dispute that involves non-appearance by a person or persons who having nominated or been nominated by their BV Region, Division or Club for a State event fail to appear at the appropriate time and location without prior advice to the controlling body at least 24 hours prior with good cause.

In such circumstances the onus is on the player/s to provide satisfactory reason and medical or other evidence for non-appearance. Such penalty shall be \$50 for each occasion payable within 21 days from the date of the scheduled event. Failure to make payment within the prescribed time will result in the person/s being rendered ineligible in further State events for a period of 12 months from the date of the offence.

- 1.3.2 Prior to the imposition of any such penalty or sanction the BV Disciplinary Committee, BV Championship Committee or the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee must by notice in writing (**Notice**) within 21 days of the matter being reported otherwise the matter will lapse,
- 1.3.2.1 provide to an individual Player, Team, Side or Club involved (**Defendant**) full details of the conduct or omission by which it is alleged that there has been such infringement including details of the specific law, rule or regulation said to have been infringed.
- 1.3.2.2 Inform the defendant of the following:
- 1.3.2.2.1 the date, time and place for hearing of the allegations by the BV Disciplinary Committee, BV Championship Committee or the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee (hearing) which date will not be earlier than 7 days or later than 28 days after the date of the notice;
- 1.3.2.2.2 that the defendant can appear at the hearing and make oral or written submissions to the BV Disciplinary Committee, BV Championship Committee or the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee and can, at the defendant's expense, call such evidence as can be permitted by the BV Disciplinary Committee, BV Championship Committee or the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee;
- 1.3.2.2.3 that the defendant can be assisted at the hearing by a person who is not legally trained or qualified.
- 1.3.3 At the hearing the BV Disciplinary Committee, BV Championship Committee or the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee must:
- 1.3.3.1 give the defendant an opportunity to be heard;
- 1.3.3.2 give due consideration to all matters put before it;
- 1.3.3.3 determine whether or not the defendant is guilty of the offence alleged, or any other offence, provided the defendant is given a reasonable opportunity to defend an allegation that the defendant has breached a different law, rule or regulation than the one with which the defendant was charged;
- 1.3.3.4 determine what, if any, penalty or sanction is to be applied to the defendant.
- 1.3.4 If a match point penalty is imposed the game will be treated as a forfeit by the offending Club with the total match points available for the game being awarded to the opponent and 15 shots being awarded to the opponent and against the offending Club.
- 1.3.5 Smoking
Smoking (defined as having a lit cigarette, pipe, cigar, electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) including *e-cigs, *e-cigarettes and any other form of smoking device) on the green is not permitted under any circumstances by participating Players at any time whilst a game or match is in progress. If a Player is observed to be smoking on the green by the Umpire he will warn the Player and advise his Skip, the manager and/or the controlling body. If the Player is found to be smoking on a second occasion the Umpire will immediately suspend him from play for the remainder of the day. Should this penalty be applied, no replacement or substitute Player will be allowed for his Team.

In a Team game the defaulting Team will forfeit the game to their Opponent and in a Side game BA Domestic Regulations 2.5.1.1, 2.5.1.2 and 2.5.1.3 will apply.

*<http://docs.health.vic.gov.au/docs/doc/Electronic-cigarettes-containing-nicotine-are-prohibited-in-Victoria>

Information on e-cigarettes may be downloaded from the above URL.

1.3.6 Mobile Phones/MP3 Players/iPods/iPads/Pagers/Communication Devices and/or other similar Sound Devices.

The use of Mobile Phones/MP3 Players/iPods/iPads/Pagers/Communication Devices and/or other similar Sound/Communication Devices on the green is not permitted. Should a Player have a legitimate reason (medical or emergency services personnel ONLY) to answer a mobile phone, the phone must be left in their bowls bag or with a spectator on the bank. If a Player is observed to be using a mobile phone or any sound device as described above on the green by the Umpire he will warn the Player and advise his Skip, the manager and/or the controlling body.

If the Player is found to be using a mobile phone or any other sound device as described above on a second occasion the Umpire will immediately suspend him from play for the remainder of the day. Should this penalty be applied, no replacement or substitute Player will be allowed for his Team.

In a Team game the defaulting Team will forfeit the game to their Opponent and in a Side game BA Domestic Regulations 2.5.1.1, 2.5.1.2 and 2.5.1.3 will apply

1.3.7 Attire

It is the responsibility of the Club president to ensure that all Members of a Club Pennant Side and above Competitions or representative Team are correctly attired at all times. If a Club fails to comply with the BV Regulations for Attire for a Pennant match and a formal complaint is made by the opposing Club to the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee or the Region and/or Division Controlling Body for the Competition in question it will then take action under Rule 1.3 relevant to the misdemeanour which can result in either a fine, loss of points or forfeiture of the Match.

1.3.8 Consumption of Alcohol

The consumption of alcoholic beverages (defined as any beer, wine, spirit, spirit mixer or any drink containing alcohol) is not permitted by a participant whilst a game or match is in progress at any BV controlled event.

An event is defined as any BV State Championship or Region Sides Championships.

If a participating Player is observed to be consuming alcohol (other than a Player in a Team in a Side game whose Team has completed its game) by the Umpire he will warn the Player and advise his Skip, the Manager and/or the Controlling Body.

In relation to BV Pennant alcohol is not permitted on the green under any circumstances whilst a game is in progress on the green in question.

If the Player is found to be consuming alcohol on a second occasion the Umpire will immediately suspend him from play for the remainder of the day. Should this penalty be applied, no replacement or substitute Player will be allowed for his Team.

In a Team game the defaulting Team will forfeit the game to their Opponent and in a Side game BA Domestic Regulations 2.5.1.1, 2.5.1.2 and 2.5.1.3 will apply.

1.4 Appeals and Inappropriate Behaviour

Whenever under any of the Laws, Rules or Regulations any decision is made or penalty imposed, other than by an Umpire or the BV Disciplinary Committee pursuant to this Rule 1.4, any Defendant aggrieved thereby can appeal under BV Regulation 15 to the BV Disciplinary Committee by notice setting out the grounds of appeal and forwarded to the Chief Executive of BV not later than seven days after the date when such decision is made or penalty imposed. The Controlling Body can extend this time in a particular case at its complete discretion and no appeal will arise from a decision by the Controlling Body in this regard.

1.5 Penalties

Every BV affiliated Member undertakes to conduct themselves in a polite and sportsman like manner when participating in any bowls event anywhere in Australia.

- 1.5.1 If the Umpire, on appeal by the Controlling Body, a Side Manager, a Skip or an Opponent, or by observation, in their opinion decides that a breach of any Law or Rule or any action by a Player at any BV bowls event including:
- 1.5.1.1 acts in an abusive, threatening or intimidating manner towards any person,
 - 1.5.1.2 uses obscene, offensive, abusive, threatening or intimidating language towards any person,
 - 1.5.1.3 acts in a unsportsmanlike manner,
 - 1.5.1.4 threatening any person with physical violence or assault,
 - 1.5.1.5 assaulting any person,
 - 1.5.1.6 acting in a manner likely to bring the sport of bowls into disrepute
 - 1.5.1.7 acting in a manner likely to bring Bowls Victoria into disrepute.

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 singles or opposing Team in a Team game. Serious offences may also be subject to police action. If the incident occurs between ends the last played end will be adjusted as prescribed. This penalty will not apply to the last end of the match as the match is deemed to be then completed.

Upon a second such offence by the same Player in the same game, the Umpire shall award the game to the Opponent/s and shall forward a written detailed report about the incident to the Controlling Body within seven (7) days of the incident.

- 1.5.2 If an infringement of a law or rule which does not have a penalty included in its statement is established after an appeal by a controlling body, Side Manager, Skip, or an Opponent, or the Umpire by observation, the Umpire shall warn the Player.
- 1.5.3 In a Team game a warning to one Member of a Team shall be considered as a warning to all Members of the Team, in a Side game the warning of a Member of the Side shall only apply to the Members of the Team.
- 1.5.4 Any of the above Umpire-imposed sanctions are final and cannot be contested, disregarded or appealed.

1.6 Protection

If any matches in a Club, Bowls Division or Region Championships, any scheduled Victorian Development Squad activity or a BV event (being a Championship or Interstate Match or trial game, including Regional or Under 18 Sides trial games - one per season), a Bowls Australia Championship, World Bowls Event, or International selection, herein expressed in ascending order of grading, are scheduled to be played on the same date, no Player or official engaged in such events will be penalised in a lower graded championship by reason of absence through participation in a higher graded event. If the game cannot be rescheduled then the Player or official will decide which event, to compete in or officiate at.

1.7 Protected Event

The BV Victorian Open is a "protected event" and as such the playing of Pennant, Regional or Divisional State or local Championships during the playing days of the event is prohibited. Penalties for a breach are contained in Rule 1.3.1.

Rule 2 – ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Playing Status

Notwithstanding any provision in these Rules relating to the eligibility to play in competitions including the eligibility of affiliated Players, no person will be eligible to play in any bowls event arranged by Bowls Australia (BA), any Bowls Australia State or Territory Controlling Body, Bowls Victoria (BV) or any Victorian Region/Division or Club affiliated with BV during any period in which the person is suspended from Membership of an affiliated Club. No suspended Player may be cleared or transferred to any other Club in Australia during the period of a suspension.

2.2 Interstate Transfers

A Player who has already played Pennant in a corresponding or similar competition in another State or Territory is required to complete a BA Interstate Pennant Declaration Form and submit to BV for approval prior to commencing to play in a BV affiliated Club's Pennant Side.

2.3 Identification and Clearances

Members will be identified with a Club in accordance with Regulations 16, 17, 18 and

2.3.1 any Member desiring

- 2.3.1.1 to transfer from another State Authority, or Territory Association, or
- 2.3.1.2 to transfer the Player's Membership from the Club with which the Player was a nominated Member (or identified with), or
- 2.3.1.3 to become an identified Member of another affiliated Club within 2 years of having been identified with a Club, will obtain a clearance in accordance with Regulation 16, and no clearance is to be considered effective until notice of its approval by BV has been received by the Club to which the Member has transferred.
- 2.3.1.4 no clearance will be issued for the period 31 December through to the 31 March unless, in special circumstances, Bowls Victoria decides otherwise;

2.3.2 in any one season

- 2.3.2.1 a Member can only play in BV Championships as an identified Member of one Club only (Member's nominated Club) and the Member's entries will be made through that Club unless the Member obtains a clearance;

- 2.3.2.2 a Member can play in the Club Singles, Pairs, Triples or Fours Championship of only the nominated Club. The Member will not be eligible that season to play in such championships of any other Club unless the Member obtains a clearance, but in any case the Member will be eligible to play in the championships of one Club only;
- 2.3.2.3 if a clearance is issued in respect of any Member, that Member will thereupon no longer be eligible to play in the championships of the Club of the Member's former identification or to play on in the Division, Regional or State Championships representing their former club.

2.4 Eligibility for Masters Qualification Events other than Sets Play

Provided that qualifying rounds (as a minimum) in Singles are 21 shots up in sectional play (sections of 4) and 25 shots up in knockout play, and in Team games are 15 ends in sectional play and 18 ends in knockout play, qualifying for entry in a Masters Tournament for all Players, subject to proof as required, will be:-

- 2.4.1 Masters Singles Tournaments - Singles Champion of a Controlling Body;
- 2.4.2 Masters Pairs Tournament - Singles or Pairs Champion of a Controlling Body;
- 2.4.3 Masters Triples Tournament - Singles, Pairs or Triples Champion of a Controlling Body;
- 2.4.4 Masters Fours Tournament - Singles, Pairs, Triples or Fours Champion of a Controlling Body;
- 2.4.5 Masters Mixed Pairs Tournament – Singles, Pairs or Mixed Pairs Champion of a Controlling Body.

2.5 Sets Play Only

Provided that qualifying rounds are of 2 sets of 9 ends per set with tie breakers best of 3 ends as per Law 56 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark 3rd Edition), qualification for entry into a Masters sets play tournament, subject to proof as required, will be:-

- 2.5.1 Masters Singles Sets Play Tournament – Singles Sets Play Champion of a Controlling Body;
- 2.5.2 Masters Pairs Sets Play Tournament – Singles Sets Play or Pairs Sets Play Champion of a Controlling Body;
- 2.5.3 Masters Triples Sets Play Tournament – Singles Sets Play, Pairs Sets Play or Triples Sets Play Champion of a Controlling Body;
- 2.5.4 Masters Fours Sets Play Tournament – Singles Sets Play, Pairs Sets Play, Triples Sets Play or Fours Sets Play Champion of a Controlling Body;
- 2.5.5 Masters Mixed Pairs Sets Play Tournament – Singles Sets Play, Pairs Sets Play, or Mixed Pairs Sets Play Champion of a Controlling Body.

All Players with existing Masters Qualifications will retain the right to Masters Entry. Corresponding titles of another Country will also qualify.

Rule 3 - COMMENCEMENT OF PLAY

3.1 Availability for Play

A Player, Team, or Side not available for play within 30 minutes (or sooner if the Controlling Body decides) of the appointed time for commencing any match will automatically forfeit the match.

3.2 Failure to Keep Appointment

Failure of any Player, Team or Side to keep an appointment to play will be deemed to be an infringement of the Laws, Rules and Regulations and will be dealt with under Rule 1.3 unless suitable action has been taken to notify the Controlling Body with a satisfactory reason. The Player, Team or Side Manager will be responsible to advise BV and/or the respective Region/Division Championship Committee and the host Club of their withdrawal.

Bowls Victoria fines will be applied (not exceeding \$1000 as contained in Rule 1.3) where suitable and appropriate action (in the opinion of Bowls Victoria) has not been taken to advise of the withdrawal.

3.3 Trial Ends

Trial ends as in Law 5.1 will be completed prior to the appointed time for commencing play, regardless of the period of grace.

Rule 4 - SECTIONAL PLAY

4.1 Section Winner

The winner of a Section, in accordance with Law 27, will be the contestant with the highest number of points at completion of sectional play. Two points will be allotted for each win, forfeit, walkover or bye and one point for each tie. If two or more contestants in a section have equal highest points the winner will be the one with the greatest margin of net shots. If one or more of these contestants have received a forfeit, walkover or bye they will be credited with a margin of 7 shots in a 15 end game, 6 shots in a 12 end game or 5 shots in a 10 end game (margins for games of other durations will be as determined by the BV Championship Committee or the respective Region/Division Championship Committee) for each unplayed game.

The contestants conceding the walkover or forfeit will be debited with a shots margin equal to that credited to their opponent. If points and margin of net shots are equal, the contestants with the highest proportion of 'total shots for' divided by 'total shots against' will be the winner, and if these proportions are equal, 3 ends knockout will be played.

4.2 Defeats

A Player, Team or Side defeated in Sectional play but qualified for Post-Sectional play will not be regarded as having been defeated until subsequently defeated.

Rule 5 - GENERAL PLAY

5.1 Damage to Green

5.1.1 If on appeal by the Greens Director or appointed deputy of the Club on whose green the match is being played, or the Umpire by observation, is of the opinion that a Player in the course of play including but not limited to delivery of the Jack or Bowl, use of power or manual wheelchairs and/or walking frame with or without wheels is causing or may cause undue damage to the green the Umpire will warn the Player's Side Manager in a Sides match or the Skip in a Teams match or the Player in a Singles match, and if the offence be repeated in the case of delivering the Jack or Bowl, the Umpire will direct that the offending Player must use a "dump mat" if available (a personal mat of suitable material & size at the discretion of the host Club) to be deployed in front of the offenders bowls mat to prevent further damage to the green.

*For the avoidance of doubt use of the "dump mat" option is only for players who may cause damage with the delivery of the Jack or Bowls.

Any action/direction imposed in relation to alleged dumping by the Greens Director, their appointed deputy, or the Umpire is final and cannot be contested, disregarded or appealed.

Should a Player refuse this direction to use a "dump mat" in accordance with this rule they will be considered to be a defaulting Player in accordance with Definition C.2, and be removed from the game. In a singles game the defaulting Player will forfeit to their Opponent. In a Team game the defaulting Team will forfeit the game to their Opponent and in a Side game BA Domestic Regulations 2.5.1.1, 2.5.1.2 and 2.5.1.3 will apply. The offending Player may also retire from the game of their own volition and an eligible substitute be made if one is available. Dump Mats may not be used on all rinks by all players in a Pennant game to negate the groundsheet provisions Rule 5.1.2

Players using an approved wheelchair or walking frame that is causing or may cause damage or leaving wheel groves on the green must retire from the green when requested to by the Greens Director, their nominee, or by direction of the Umpire. A substitute is permitted if available. If the offending player refuses to leave the green then they are deemed a defaulting player in accordance with definition C.2.

5.1.2 The use of groundsheets (Definition C.12 & law 6.1.5) for Pennant or above games will not be permitted. If the Greenkeeper, the Greens Director or their authorised deputy, believe that groundsheets are essential to the preservation of a green, unless an alternative venue is readily available, the game will be abandoned and points allocated accordingly. Rule 5.1.1 will still apply to any individual who is dumping, in which case a dump mat for that individual will be used.

5.2 Delaying Play

If the Umpire by his own observation, or on appeal by an opposing Player, or by the Side Manager or Controlling Body deems a Player to be deliberately delaying the delivery of his bowl or Skip acting or issuing instructions designed to delay play, the Umpire will warn the Player or the Skip. If in the opinion of the Umpire the Player or Skip commits the same offence a second time the end will be regarded as completed, and the Opponent of the offender will score as many shots as there are bowls in use by such Opponent.

SECTION 2 - BV CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rule 6 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

6.1 Draw

- 6.1.1 The draw for BV Championship events will be an open draw. Seeding of entries is not permitted.
- 6.1.2 For State Championship events, subject to the provisions of Law 3.3 and BA DR 1.1.1 practice is allowed at the venue on the day preceding the event, or before commencement of play on the day, subject to the greens being available for practice and approval being granted by the Club or the Venue Manager. Practice on the day of the event will be on rinks as allocated by the Venue Manager.

6.2 Sectional Play

Events can be played partly in Sections and partly in knockout.

6.3 Sets Play

Events can be played in a Sets Play format.

6.4 Club Identity

Each pair, triple and four will consist of Members identified for competition within the same Club or Bowls Division or Region.

6.5 Pairs Match

- 6.5.1 In a Pairs match each Player will play four bowls in the following order: Leads two bowls alternately, Skips two bowls alternately, then repeat this order of play.
- 6.5.2 If, in a Pairs match played 2 x 2, a Player delivers three bowls at one visit to the mat and the mistake is noticed before any further bowls are played then, in respect of the third bowl, the provisions of Law 29.1 will apply. If before the mistake is noticed, one or more further bowls have been played, the opposing Skip will have the option of allowing the head to remain as it is, in which case the end will be completed with the erring Player missing his next turn to play, or having the end declared dead.

6.6 Inclement Weather

- 6.6.1 For BV Men's & Women's Championships conducted in the Metropolitan area the game will be suspended by the Controlling Body if the actual dry bulb temperature recorded at the nearest BV designated (refer Appendix A) Melbourne Bureau of Meteorology official recording station (not the venue club itself) has reached 36 degrees Celsius, every effort must be made to complete the ends in progress prior to leaving the green for the suspension of play. The game should be completed on the same day providing time allows and the temperature falls below 36 degrees prior to recommencement, otherwise, the game will be continued at a time and place as determined by the Controlling Body with the scores as they were at the time of the stoppage.
- 6.6.2 For matches conducted by BV in or by other Divisions/Regions the local heat policy will be applied. The game will be continued at a time and place as determined by the Controlling Body with the scores as they were at the time of the stoppage.

Rule 7 - EVENTS AND ENTRIES

7.1 Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships of Victoria

- 7.1.1 will be open to all affiliated Players of Bowls Victoria;
- 7.1.2 will be played within Regions to produce the Region Champion for each event;
- 7.1.3 will be played within Bowls Divisions to produce the Division Champion for each event;
- 7.1.4 winners of respective Bowls Division Championships will play within Regions to produce the Region Champion for each event;
- 7.1.5 the Region winners will play knockout rounds under an open draw to produce the State Champion for each event.
- 7.1.6 in a Team game substitutes are permitted under certain circumstances as described in Law 33 and Domestic Regulation 2.

7.2 Champion of Champions

- 7.2.1 will be open to the winners of the affiliated Club Championships played;
 - 7.2.1.1 in the current season, and
 - 7.2.1.2 with the duration of the matches not less than as specified in Rule 7.4.5 for Champion of Champions Singles.
- 7.2.2 will be played;
 - 7.2.2.1 within Regions in knockout rounds to produce Region Champion of Champions;
 - 7.2.2.2 within Bowls Divisions and Regions in knockout rounds to produce Bowls Division and Region Champion of Champions.
- 7.2.3 The Region winners will play knockout rounds under an open draw to produce the State Champion of Champions.
- 7.2.4 Substitutes are not permitted under any circumstances as only the actual current Club champion(s) is eligible to compete as per Rule 7.2.1 above.

7.3 Region Sides Championship

- 7.3.1 Will be open to all BV Regions.
- 7.3.2 Each Region will nominate from affiliated Players identified with any Clubs allocated to it 12 Players and 1 emergency from whom three fours will be selected for each round.
- 7.3.3 A Manager (preferably non playing), whose name will be advised to all Players of the Side, will be appointed for each Side
- 7.3.4 Play will be conducted in sections of four Regions.
- 7.3.5 Section winners will play knockout matches as necessary to determine the Champion Region Side.
- 7.3.6 All matches will be of 15 ends per rink with a time limit of 2 1/2 hours with a final of 18 ends per rink (with no time limit) or as otherwise determined by the Controlling Body.

7.4 Duration of Matches (for Masters Events see Rule 2.4)

7.4.1 Singles Championships

All events, all rounds (unless otherwise specified below) - 25 up.

7.4.2 Pairs Championships

7.4.2.1 all events, rounds before Division/Region Finals

Sectional play – 15 ends

Knockout play – 18 ends

7.4.2.2 Division and Regional Finals and Victorian Final 18 ends.

7.4.3 Triples Championships

7.4.3.1 All events, rounds before Division/Region Finals

Sectional play – 15 ends.

Knockout play – 18 ends.

7.4.3.2 Division and Region Finals and Victorian Final 18 ends.

7.4.4 Fours Championships

7.4.4.1 All events, rounds before Division/Region Finals

Sectional play - 15 ends.

Knockout play - 18 ends.

7.4.4.2 Division and Region Finals and Victorian Final 18 ends.

7.4.5 Champion of Champions (Singles)

All rounds - 25 up.

7.4.6 Over 60s Singles Championship

All rounds - 21 up.

7.4.7 Over 60s Pairs Championship.

Sectional play - 12 ends.

Knockout play - 15 ends.

Final – 15 ends.

7.4.8 U18 Singles Championship.

All rounds up to final – 21 up.

Finals games 25 up.

7.4.9 U18 Pairs Championship.

All rounds – 15 ends

Final 18 ends.

7.4.10 U18 Triples Championship

All rounds – 15 ends

Final 18 ends.

7.4.11 Novice Singles Championship

All events, all rounds - 21 up.

7.5 Entries for all BV events.

- 7.5.1 Entries for all BV events will be made:-
- 7.5.1.1 by the due date for such entries, and
 - 7.5.1.2 through the Club with which Members are identified for competition.
- 7.5.2 Bowls Victoria, BV Regions and BV Divisions and Clubs cannot accept late entries for any Championship Event.
- 7.5.3 Teams will finally be constituted as provided in Domestic Regulation 2.2.1 and 2.2.7 and if such a Team be of Members different from the original entry, the Division/Region will be informed in writing prior to the commencement of the event of the names of the constituted Team. Members in the original entry but not constituted in any Team will be regarded as not having entered the competition.
- 7.5.4 If after the closing date for entries and before the date of the first round a clearance to a Club within the same Region or Division is issued in respect of any entrant that Player will remain eligible to play in the Singles event as a Player identified with the Player's new Club; if to a Club outside such boundaries, eligibility to play in the respective Singles events will be forfeited as the Rules 7.5.2 strictly state for Singles events no late entry will be accepted after the draw for the event has been made. For Team events the original entry will stand and another eligible Player, if necessary can take the place of the Member transferred. The Player to whom a clearance was issued is eligible to join a Team from the Member's new Club if a vacancy occurs.

SECTION 3

METROPOLITAN PENNANT COMPETITION

Rule 8 - FORM OF COMPETITION

8.1 Scope

The BV Metropolitan Pennant Competition will be open only to a Side or Sides from affiliated Metropolitan Clubs and other affiliated Clubs as can be decided by BV Board. Subject to the Bowls Australia Domestic Regulation 2.3 & 2.4 relating to replacements and substitutes, each Side will comprise affiliated Members of the Club concerned.

8.2 Format

Pennant Sides may be configured as desired by the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee and will always be subject to the number of entries received.

8.3 Divisional Play - Incorporating

Saturday Pennant – Competition 1 –

16 Players per Side – playing 21 completed ends

- Premier Division and
- Number of other Divisions decided by entries received.

Saturday Pennant – Competition 2 -

6 Players per Side playing 2 Bowl Triples – playing 21 completed ends

- Number of Divisions decided by entries received.

Midweek Pennant – Competition 1 –

12 Players per Side – playing 21 completed ends

- Women Only -
- Premier Division and
- Number of other Divisions decided by entries received.

Midweek Pennant – Competition 2 –

12 Players per Side – playing 21 completed ends

- Open Competition
- Number of Divisions decided by entries received.

Midweek Pennant – Competition 3 -

6 Players per Side playing 2 Bowl Triples – playing 21 completed ends

- Open Competition
- Number of other Divisions decided by entries received

Other Competitions

The BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee may decide to conduct pennant competitions in other formats.

8.3.1 Saturday Pennant – Competition 1

- 8.3.1.1 The Senior Division in the Saturday Pennant will be called 'Premier Division' and other Divisions will be numbered in descending order of ability.

- 8.3.1.2 Division 1 will comprise four Sections, each of 10 Sides. After promotions and relegations to and from Division 1 in accordance with Rule 8.3.2.1 and 8.3.2.2 have been completed the 40 Sides in Division 1 will be divided into four sections of 10 sides competing under a zoned draw designed to limit travel as much as practicable, but no section will include more than one Side which has been relegated from Premier Division at the end of the previous Pennant Season and more than two Sides which have been promoted from Division 2 at the end of the previous Pennant Season. The Section to which promoted, relegated and remaining Sides are allotted will be decided by open draws conducted by the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee.
- 8.3.1.3 Subject to Rule 8.3.2.4 below, other Divisions will comprise eight Sections, each of 10 Sides, competing under a zoned draw designed to limit travel as much as practicable.
- 8.3.1.4 The lowest Division will comprise such number of Sections as the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee determines.
- 8.3.2 Subject to Rule 8.3.4 in determining the competition of each season, and subject to determination otherwise by the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee for reasons of zoning, at the conclusion of each season and on the basis of final sectional positions at the end of the season:
- 8.3.2.1 in Premier Division the bottom two Sides will be relegated to Division 1,
- 8.3.2.2 in Division 1 the two finalists as per Rule 8.5.1.2 will be promoted to Premier Division and the bottom two Sides from each section at the end of the sectional play will be relegated to Division 2, except that;
- 8.3.2.2.1 no Club will have more than one Side in Premier Division;
- 8.3.2.2.2 if either of the finalists is a Side from a Club which already has a Side in Premier Division, that Club's promotion will be awarded to the loser of the Semi-final in which that Club played;
- 8.3.2.2.3 if each of the finalists is a Side from a Club which already has a Side in Premier Division, promotion will be awarded to the losers of both Semi-finals;
- 8.3.2.2.4 if there are not sufficient Sides among the section winners eligible for promotion, then promotion will be awarded to the second Side in any section of Division 1 which does not already have a Side in Premier Division and has the best performance as determined under Rule 8.4.
- 8.3.2.3 in Division 2 the winners of each Section Final will be promoted to Division 1 and the bottom two Sides in each Section will be relegated to Division 3.
- 8.3.2.4 in other Divisions the two finalists of each Section will be promoted and the bottom two Sides in each Section (other than for the last Division in each event) will be relegated between adjacent Divisions in each event.

- 8.3.2.5 a Side which is withdrawn after the draw has been made and published will be considered as finishing in last position in the section and one of the Sides to be relegated to the next lower Division at the end of the season.
- 8.3.3 If a Club has more than one Side in a Division each Side will be placed in a different Section unless the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee determines otherwise.
- 8.3.4 Sides entered for the first time will normally be placed in the lowest Division of the relevant event but the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee can place such Sides in other Divisions for the first or second year of entry and for that purpose can relegate an additional Side or Sides. The additional Side or Sides to be relegated will be the Side which was the worst performed in the previous year determined as under Rule 8.4.
- 8.3.5 Saturday Pennant – Competition 2 will be an open competition. The number of Divisions in Competition 2 and sections will be dependent on the entries. Sides in Competition 2 will be made up of 6 Players per side.
- 8.3.6 Midweek Pennant – Competition 1 – Midweek Metropolitan Pennant Competition 1 will be for Women Only. The Senior Division will be called 'Premier Division' and other Divisions will be numbered in descending order of ability.
- 8.3.6.1 Premier Division will comprise one Section of 10 Sides.
- 8.3.6.1.1 Division 1 will have sections of 10 Sides depending on entries received, and will be divided into two groups of 10 Sides to reduce travel.
- 8.3.6.2 Subject to Rule 8.3.4 in determining the competition of each season, and subject to determination otherwise by the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee for reasons of zoning, at the conclusion of each season and on the basis of final sectional positions at the end of the season:
- 8.3.6.2.1 in Premier Division the bottom two Sides will be relegated to Division 1;
- 8.3.6.2.2 in Division 1 the two finalists in Post-sectional play will be promoted to Premier Division and the bottom two Sides from each section at the end of the sectional play will be relegated to Division 2, except that;
- 8.3.6.2.2.1 no Club will have more than one Side in Premier Division;
- 8.3.6.2.2.2 if either of the finalists is a Side from a Club which already has a Side in Premier Division, that Club's promotion will be awarded to the loser of the Semi-final in which that Club played;
- 8.3.6.2.2.3 if each of the finalists is a Side from a Club which already has a Side in Premier Division, promotion will be awarded to the losers of both Semi-finals;

- 8.3.6.2.2.4 If there are not sufficient Sides among the section winners eligible for promotion, then promotion will be awarded to the second Side in any section of Division 1 which does not already have a in Premier Division and has the best performance as determined under Rule 8.4.
- 8.3.6.2.3 in Division 2 the winners of each Section Final will be promoted to Division 1 and the bottom two Sides in each Section will be relegated to Division 3.
- 8.3.6.2.4 in other Divisions the two finalists of each Section will be promoted and the bottom two Sides in each Section (other than for the last Division in each event) will be relegated between adjacent Divisions in each event.
- 8.3.6.2.5 a Side which is withdrawn after the draw has been made and published will be considered as finishing in last position in the section and one of the Sides to be relegated to the next lower Division at the end of the season.
- 8.3.6.3 If a Club has more than one Side in a Division each Side will be placed in a different Section unless the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee determines otherwise.
- 8.3.6.4 Sides entered for the first time will normally be placed in the lowest Division of the relevant event but the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee can place such Sides in other Divisions for the first or second year of entry and for that purpose can relegate an additional Side or Sides. The additional Side or Sides to be relegated will be the Side which was the worst performed in the previous year determined as under Rule 8.4.
- 8.3.6.5 At the end of the season promotion and relegation for Premier Division and Division 1 (WO) will be in accordance with Rule 8.3.2.1 and 8.3.2.2. For all other divisions BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee will determine the composition of each Section taking into account the final sectional position and number of entries nominated for the following season.
- 8.3.7 Midweek Pennant – Competition 2
- 8.3.7.1 All Divisions will comprise of 8 Sections each of 10 sides competing under a zoned draw designed to limit travel. Divisions will be numbered 1, 2, 3 etc.
- 8.3.7.2 The lowest Division will comprise such numbers of Sections as the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee determines.
- 8.3.7.3 in Division 1 the bottom two Sides from each section at the end of the sectional play will be relegated to Division 2
- 8.3.7.4 in other Divisions the two finalists of each Section will be promoted and the bottom two Sides in each Section (other than for the last Division) will be relegated between adjacent Divisions.
- 8.3.7.5 a Side which is withdrawn after the draw has been made and published will be considered as finishing in last position in the section and one of the Sides to be relegated to the next lower Division at the end of the season.

- 8.3.7.6 If a Club has more than one Side in a Division each Side will be placed in a different Section unless the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee determines otherwise.
- 8.3.7.7 Sides entered for the first time will normally be placed in the lowest Division of the relevant event but the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee can place such Sides in other Divisions for the first or second year of entry and for that purpose can relegate an additional Side or Sides. The additional Side or Sides to be relegated will be the Side which was the worst performed in the previous year determined as under Rule 8.4.
- 8.3.7.8 Midweek Pennant – Competition 3 will be an open competition consisting of 6 players per side. The number of Divisions and sections will be dependent on the entries.

8.3.8 Applicable for BV Midweek Open Season 2016-2017 Only

Despite anything contained elsewhere in these Rules for season 2016-2017 there will be no promotions in any division in BV Midweek Open Pennant in order to reduce Division One (Open) from 8 Sections to 4 Sections of 10. This will be done by dropping the bottom 5 finishing Sides in Division 1 to Division 2.

This will be followed by dropping the bottom 5 finishing sides in Division 2 to Division 3 and this relegation will continue through all BV Midweek Open Pennant Divisions. This is a temporary Rule and will be deleted once the process is implemented and completed for the 2017-2018 Season.

8.4 Sectional Play

- 8.4.1 Unless the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee decides otherwise, Sides in each section will be drawn to play each other twice, one game on the home green of each Side.
- 8.4.2 A Club with the advance permission of the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee, and the agreement of the opposing Club, can play a Sectional Saturday Pennant competition game, in any division, on a Friday evening or Saturday at either the scheduled location or at an alternative location by agreement with the scheduled home side – no play is permitted on a Sunday unless special permission granted by BV. A Player will not play in more than one Side in the same round of Pennant.
- 8.4.3 The order of Sides in each section will be determined by the total points gained. Ten points will be awarded for each Side win, forfeit or walkover and five points for each Side tie, and two points will be awarded for each Team win or forfeit and one point for each Team tie, no points will be awarded for a bye subject to:
- 8.4.3.1 if all play for the day is abandoned by the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee, points will be shared for scheduled matches that day and walkovers resulting from a Side withdrawal will be awarded to their Opponents' with the allocation of points and shots allowance,
- 8.4.3.2 if a match is abandoned before or during play before a result is obtained under Rule 10.5 each Side will share equally the maximum points, including Team points, available for the match.

- 8.4.3.3 if a match is abandoned during play and a result is possible under Rule 10.5 the points will be allotted as if the match had been completed with the points for Team wins allotted on the scores as they stand at the time of the abandonment.
- 8.4.4 if two or more Sides have the same number of points their order will be determined by net margin of shots 'for' minus shots 'against' each Side.
- 8.4.4.1 if net margins be equal the order will be determined by the higher proportion of 'total shots for' divided by 'total shots against'.
- 8.4.4.2 if there is still a tie for a position to qualify for Post-sectional play, the Sides concerned will play a deciding match.
- 8.4.5 In addition to the points awarded under Rule 8.4.3, a Side giving a forfeit or walkover will lose 15 shots and the Side receiving the forfeit or walkover will gain 15 shots.

8.5 Division Winners

- 8.5.1 To determine the respective Division winners:
- 8.5.1.1 in Premier Division the Final series will be conducted as follows:
- Week 1 - Qualifying Match 1 v 2
- Elimination Match 3 v 4
- Week 2 - Preliminary Final (Loser of Qualifying Match will play Winner of Elimination Match)
- Week 3 - Final (Winner of Qualifying Match will play Winner of Preliminary Final)
- 8.5.1.2 in all other Divisions, Section Winners will be decided as follows:
- Day 1, 1 v 4, 2 v 3 at the venue of the Side finishing higher on the ladder.
- Day 2, Winner of 1 v 4 will play Winner of 2 v 3 at a venue advised by Bowls Victoria (Winner of this match proceeds to the Division knockout games to be conducted in accordance with Rule 8.5.2)
- 8.5.2 In Divisions other than Premier Division, knockout games between Section Final Winners will be played and a random draw will be conducted to determine the order of play. The winner of each game will be the Side which, at the end of the game, has the highest total score of shots. If scores are equal additional ends will be played by each team until a winner is decided in accordance with Law 28.

Rule 9 – SIDES

9.1 Numbers and Composition

A Club can enter any number of Sides up to the maximum number which can be accommodated on the rinks available for its use and

- 9.1.1 Sides of a Club will be numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 etc in descending order of ability.
- 9.1.2 If a Club does not have sufficient Players to form a Side it can seek approval from the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee to combine with another Club or Clubs to enter a side in the lowest Division available. The application must be made by the Club accepting responsibility for the Side and be accompanied by written approval of the other Club or Clubs.

- 9.1.3 Notwithstanding Rule 8.2, if a Club does not have sufficient Players to form a Side for the Club's lowest numbered Side, the Side can play with one or more Teams playing in accordance with BA Domestic Regulation 2.5.
- 9.1.4 Sides will be filled by available Players in descending order of ability. Subject to Rule 9.1.3, if there are insufficient Players available to fill all Sides entered by the Club in the Pennant Competition the lowest Side will be the Side which forfeits.
- 9.1.5 Prior to round 15 of Sectional play there will be no restriction on the interchange of Players between the Sides of a Club.
- 9.1.6 For the last four rounds of Sectional play, no Side will include more than three players who have played the majority of their games, prior to the fourth last game, in a higher numbered Side.
- 9.1.7 In any Post-sectional match a Side will not include any Player who, during the current season, has played less than four games for the Club in that actual competition (the Saturday Pennant Competition and the Midweek Pennant competition are separate competitions and games played in one competition do not count towards Player eligibility in the other competition).
- 9.1.8 In any Post-sectional match a Side will not include any Player who, during the current season, has played more than four games in the higher numbered Sides unless the Player has also played in four or more games in the Side concerned and/or lower numbered Sides.
- 9.1.9 If any Club has insufficient Members who are eligible under Rule 9.1.8 it can apply to the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee for permission to play other nominated Members and if permission is granted such Members can play in any position other than Skip.

9.2 Replacement Players/Substitutes

- 9.2.1 Prior to 12 noon for Saturday Pennant and prior to 9:30am for Midweek Pennant on the day of the match, a Club will not introduce a replacement Player under the provisions of Domestic Regulation 2.4 except for its lowest numbered Side.
- 9.2.2 After the commencement of play in a match in both Saturday Pennant & Midweek Pennant, a substitute Player can take the place of any Member of the Side in accordance with Law 33.2 and D.R. 2.3 only if such Member becomes unable to continue to play in the match by reason of circumstances arising after the commencement of the match.

9.3 Incomplete Side

If at the latest time for the commencement of a match a Side (both fours & triples) does not have sufficient Members to form a Side,

- 9.3.1 A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player; the Skips of the respective teams carry the scorecard and update the score at completion of each end.
- 9.3.2 The order of play shall be maintained by the second of the complete team playing consecutive bowls;

- 9.3.3 If a player has commenced the game, however is unable to continue the game and no eligible substitute or replacement is available or allowed, play will continue as if one player is absent as per Rule 9.3.1.and 9.3.2.
- 9.3.4 If an absent player arrives late, they must take their original place in the team when they arrive and enter the game at the completion of the end in progress.
- 9.3.5 If an eligible substitute or replacement player becomes available and is permitted by the Controlling Body they may be introduced to the game at the completion of the end in progress.

9.4 Side Manager

Wherever under any of the Laws, Rules and Regulations a Side is given any right of decision or choice, it will be exercised by the Side Manager who will act on behalf of the Side.

9.5 Allocation of Rinks

- 9.5.1 If a club has insufficient rinks available for the number of games scheduled to be played at home it must endeavour to find an alternative venue prepared to make excess rinks available.
- 9.5.2 In the event that an alternative venue is available the agreement of the opposing side to transfer the game must be obtained and the Chairman of the Metropolitan Pennant Committee must be advised.
- 9.5.3 If an alternative venue is available the club must first allocate its home rinks to the home sides in order of seniority of the sides drawn to play at home before transferring games to the alternative venue

Rule 10 – MATCHES

10.1 Pre-Match Practice

Before 12 noon on the day of a match any Player due to play in that match can, with the permission of the Venue Club, practice on any rink other than the rinks on which they may be drawn to play or any part of the rinks allocated for the match (including east west or on the pegs if game was to be played north south & vice versa if game was to be played east west by direction of the host Club). For games scheduled for commencement other than 1:00pm on Saturday any practice undertaken must be completed 1 hour prior to the rescheduled commencement time.

10.2 Draw for Rinks

The draw for rinks and Opponents will be conducted prior to the commencement of trial ends by the opposing Managers who will exchange cards and shuffle them, after which the cards of one Side will be placed name face down by one of the Managers and the other Manager will then place a card face down on each and the Teams will play as thus drawn. Rinks allocated for Pennant play must be consecutively numbered and where possible played on the one green (splitting up Teams that are part of a Side is not permitted on the same green - i.e. allocating rinks 1, 2, 6 & 7 for a Pennant Side).

10.3 Time for Commencement

The appointed time for commencement for Sectional and Post-sectional Saturday matches will be no later than 1:00pm (except when rescheduling of a game has been approved by the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee), with trial ends to be completed before that time, if Rule 10.5 has not been implemented; and for Sectional and Post-sectional Midweek Metropolitan Pennant will be not later than 10:30am, with trial ends completed before that time and play will terminate at 4:00pm, points will be allocated in accordance with Rule 10.5.6.1 for Sectional play and Rule 10.5.8 for Post-sectional play. Commencement times for Saturday & Midweek Pennant may be varied by the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee.

10.4 Duration

Each match will consist of 21 or 25 ends per rink as specified in Rule 8.3. A break may be taken as defined in the Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play for the current season.

10.5 Inclement Weather

In this Rule "weather" means wet weather, lightning, excessive heat, excessive wind or dust or any other similar like weather conditions that effects play.

- **Code Red Fire Danger Rating Days:**

If the day before a scheduled Metropolitan Pennant game a Code Red Fire Danger Rating Day is forecast and announced by the Bureau of Meteorology for the Central Fire District for the day of play all Metropolitan Pennant will be abandoned on that day.

10.5.1 HEAT

10.5.1.1 (Pre-match) For **Saturday Metropolitan Pennant** play will not commence if the dry bulb Temperature at the venue clubs designated BOM (☎ 1196) Weather Station (refer Appendix A) reaches *36 degrees Celsius or above as broadcast at 12.30pm on the Pennant day. The commencement of the match will be suspended until such time as the temperature falls back below *36 degrees Celsius and in addition if play has not commenced by 2:00pm then the match will be abandoned.

If it is unlikely that the temperature will drop below 36 degrees Celsius the Side Managers may by mutual agreement abandon the game and share the points available. Any disputes that may arise are to be referred to the venue clubs officially appointed Umpire of the day whose decision will be final.

* Note – all temperature determinations MUST be by phone to ☎ 1196, smart phone weather applications MUST not be used due to the time delay in updating.

10.5.1.2 (During game) For **Saturday Metropolitan Pennant** if play has commenced and the dry bulb Temperature at the venue clubs designated BOM (☎ 1196) Weather Station (refer Appendix A) reaches *36 degrees Celsius or above at any time on the Pennant day then play will be suspended until such time as the temperature falls back below *36 degrees Celsius (all play will be abandoned at 6:30pm as per the provisions of Rule 10.5.6.3).

Every effort must be made to complete any ends in progress prior to leaving the green for the suspension of play.

If play is suspended due to Heat and the game is not recommenced within 1 hour of the cessation of play, then that game will be abandoned immediately.

10.5.1.2.1 If a Sectional match is abandoned it will count as a tie provided that if the scores are such that one Side must win the match if all the remaining ends were played, that Side will be awarded the match with the scores as at the abandonment, or

10.5.1.2.2 If less than half the matches in any Division are completed, all matches due to be played that day in that Division will be deemed to be tied provided that the results will stand in any Section of that Division in which all of the matches are completed. A forfeit or walkover will count as a completed game for the purposes of this Rule.

Any disputes that may arise are to be referred to the venue clubs officially appointed Umpire of the day whose decision will be final.

* Note – all temperature determinations MUST be by phone to ☎ 1196, smart phone weather applications MUST not be used due to the time delay in updating.

10.5.1.3 (Pre-match) For **Midweek Metropolitan Pennant** play will not commence if the dry bulb Temperature at the venue clubs designated BOM (☎·1196) Weather Station (refer Appendix A) reaches *36 degrees Celsius or above as broadcast at 10:00am on the Pennant day. The commencement of the match will be suspended until such time as the temperature falls back below *36 degrees Celsius (all play will be abandoned at 4:00pm as per the provisions of Rule 10.5.6.3) and in addition if play has not commenced by 11:30am then the match will be abandoned. If it is unlikely that the temperature will drop below 36 degrees Celsius the Side Managers may by mutual agreement abandon the game and share the points available. Any disputes that may arise are to be referred to the venue clubs officially appointed Umpire of the day whose decision will be final.

* Note – all temperature determinations MUST be by phone to ☎·1196, smart phone weather applications MUST not be used due to the time delay in updating.

10.5.1.4 (During game) For **Midweek Metropolitan Pennant** if play has commenced and the dry bulb Temperature at the venue clubs designated BOM (☎·1196) Weather Station (refer Appendix A) reaches *36 degrees Celsius or above as broadcast at any time on the Pennant day then play will be suspended until such time as the temperature falls back below *36 degrees Celsius (all play will be abandoned at 4:00pm as per the provisions of Rule 10.5.6.3).

Every effort must be made to complete any ends in progress prior to leaving the green for the suspension of play.

If play is suspended due to Heat and the game is not recommenced within 1 hour of the cessation of play, then that game will be abandoned immediately.

10.5.1.4.1 If a Sectional match is abandoned it will count as a tie provided that if the scores are such that one Side must win the match if all the remaining ends were played, that Side will be awarded the match with the scores as at the abandonment, or

10.5.1.4.2 If less than half the matches in any Division are completed, all matches due to be played that day in that Division will be deemed to be tied provided that the results will stand in any Section of that Division in which all of the matches are completed. A forfeit or walkover will count as a completed game for the purposes of this Rule.

Any disputes that may arise are to be referred to the venue clubs officially appointed Umpire of the day whose decision will be final.

* Note – all temperature determinations MUST be by phone to ☎1196, smart phone weather applications MUST not be used due to the time delay in updating.

10.5.2 OTHER INCLEMENT WEATHER (excluding Heat)

10.5.2.1 If a decision to abandon play is made by the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee, its decision for abandonment will be announced under procedures defined from year to year.

10.5.2.2 For the purpose of this Rule, each Club upon whose green a match is to be played will appoint a nominated deputy for its Greens Director who will be present to act in the event the Greens Director is absent, and

10.5.3 if the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee has not determined that play be abandoned, The Greens Director or the appointed Deputy will be the sole authority for determining whether play can be commenced on the green of the Greens Director's Club;

10.5.4 if a decision against play for the day or for delayed commencement is reached before the arrival of the visiting Side or Sides, such decision will promptly be telephoned to the Club or Clubs concerned.

10.5.5 if due to inclement weather a match has not commenced by 11:30am for a Midweek Match or 2:00pm for a Saturday match it will be abandoned.

10.5.6 if play for the day has commenced and subsequently

10.5.6.1 due to consideration of the weather one Side wishes to leave the green but the other does not, neither Side can leave the vicinity of the green and the Umpire will resolve the dispute, or

10.5.6.2 due to inclement weather has been stopped officially by the Controlling Body or by direction of the Umpire, or by agreement between the Managers when the Umpire or a Representative of the Controlling Body is not present or because the Greens Director or the appointed deputy closes the green as unfit for play, it will not be resumed if the green remains closed, but if otherwise:

- 10.5.6.2.1 the Umpire on his own observation or on appeal of the Managers will decide whether or not to resume, and
- 10.5.6.2.2 if resumed, the provisions of Law 32.2, 32.3 and 32.4 will apply.
- 10.5.6.3 If due to inclement weather the start of a Sectional match has been delayed or play interrupted in accordance with Rule 10.5.6.2 and the match has not been completed before 4.00pm for a Midweek Match or 6.30pm for a Saturday Match, it will then be abandoned but if play is in progress at 4.00pm for a Midweek Match or 6.30pm for a Saturday Match, it will be abandoned thereafter upon the interruption or completion of any end or ends in play at 4.00pm for a Midweek Match or 6.30pm for a Saturday Match.
- 10.5.6.4 If the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee has not determined that all play will be abandoned for the day and due to inclement weather:
 - 10.5.6.4.1 If a Sectional match is abandoned it will count as a tie provided that if the scores are such that one Side must win the match if all the remaining ends were played, that Side will be awarded the match with the scores as at the abandonment, or
 - 10.5.6.4.2 If less than half the matches in any Division are completed, all matches due to be played that day in that Division will be deemed to be tied provided that the results will stand in any Section of that Division in which all of the matches are completed. A forfeit or walkover will count as a completed game for the purposes of this Rule.
- 10.5.7 In the event a post-sectional (knockout) match being abandoned for the day due to inclement weather it will be completed under such conditions as the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee decides.
- 10.5.8 Despite anything contained in this Rule 10.5 Side Managers may by mutual agreement abandon the game at any time due to the prevailing weather conditions.

10.6 Death of a Player

- 10.6.1 If after the commencement of any sectional Pennant match the death of any participating Player occurs at the Club, all matches in progress at the Club will be abandoned and the matches deemed a tie, provided that if the scores are such that one Side must win the match if all the remaining ends were played, that Side will be awarded the match with the scores as at the abandonment
- 10.6.2 If after the commencement of any Post-Sectional Pennant finals match in which the death of any participating Player occurs at the venue Club, all matches in progress at the Club will be abandoned for the day and it will be resumed under such conditions as the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee decides with the scores carried forward as they were when play was abandoned.

Rule 11 – RESULTS

11.1 Notification

- 11.1.1 Each Club will arrange for the results of all matches played on its green to be entered on the prescribed forms and sent to the BV office on the day of play, or by direct data entry via the Bowls Connect online IT system or other electronic means, if forms are provided for notifying the daily press of the results of matches, the Club will comply with current procedure prescribed by BV. All Results (other than those entered on the Bowls Connect IT system online) must be phoned through to BV immediately upon completion of the match at the host club,
- 11.1.2 Failure to notify results in the prescribed forms and time will be deemed to be an infringement within Rule 1.3 and fines will be applied.

11.2 Alterations

No alteration to a completed form received by BV will be permitted unless a correction agreed to in writing by both Clubs is lodged within 14 days of the match, or such longer period as the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee allows, and failing such agreement the matter will be determined by the BV Disciplinary Committee.

Rule 12 - CONDITION OF GREEN

- 12.1 If a green of a Club after inspection by the BV Greens Committee in the normal course of its duties or following a complaint from an opposing side is deemed unfit for the playing of Pennant matches:
 - 12.1.1 the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee can direct the Club to make arrangements to play their remaining Pennant matches on another Club's green and if arrangements are not made:
 - 12.1.1.1 order the forfeiture by such Club of all Pennant matches scheduled to be played on its green, and
 - 12.1.1.2 withdraw approval to that Club for the conduct of any Open Tournaments for the remainder of that season.
 - 12.1.2 the Club concerned will, after notice from the Chief Executive of BV, take such steps as the Greens Committee considers necessary to bring the green to a reasonable standard and if, following such action, the Greens Committee subsequently certifies that the green has become fit for competition play the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee can authorise return to normal Pennant play on the Club's green and reinstate approval for any Open Tournaments previously scheduled for that part of the season remaining.
- 12.2 If a green is deemed unfit for Pennant play by the Greens Committee (at the time of closing of Pennant entries) in the following season the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee can refuse to accept entries for the Pennant Competition from that Club.
- 12.3 BV recommended speed for greens for the conduct of BV Pennant is between thirteen (13) and seventeen (17) seconds. Any greens used for Pennant that are outside these tolerances must be reported to Bowls Victoria so that the Bowls Victoria Greens Committee can investigate the situation.

SECTION 4 - PENNANT COMPETITION (DIVISION & REGION)

Rule 13 – QUALIFICATIONS

13.1 Scope

Subject to the Laws relating to replacements/substitutes each Side will comprise affiliated Players of the Club concerned. Pennant Competitions conducted by affiliated Divisions/Regions will be open to Clubs affiliated with them except that:

- 13.1.1 a Club can, with the approval of the Region and the two Divisions involved, enter a Side or Sides in the Pennant Competition of another Division provided that that Division is within the Region to which the Club is allocated;
- 13.1.2 in special circumstances approved by the BV Board, a Club or Clubs can play in a Division of another Region providing both Regions and Divisions agree;
- 13.1.3 in special circumstances approved by the BV Board, two neighbouring Divisions in the same or adjoining Regions can combine to form a Pennant Competition;
- 13.1.4 in special circumstances approved by the BV Board, two Clubs from within the same affiliated Division can combine to enter a Side in the lowest Division in the Pennant Competition with the approval of the Division involved;
- 13.1.5 Regional Pennant Competitions open to Clubs within the respective Region boundaries or part of such boundaries can be conducted by Regions with the co-operation and approval of the Divisions involved;

13.2 Format

The event will be conducted between Sides with Teams of fours, three or two Players with all Players playing the same number of bowls as can be determined by the Division/Region concerned.

13.3 Composition of Sides

- 13.3.1 A Club can field one or more Sides in Pennant Competitions.
- 13.3.2 If more than one Side is fielded by a Club
 - 13.3.2.1 in Pennant Competition/s comprising Sides from one or more Divisions, or
 - 13.3.2.2 in Division/Region Competition/s associated with that of one or more Divisions the following will apply:
 - 13.3.2.2.1 the second and subsequent Sides of the Club will be graded in numerical sequence as 2, 3, 4 etc. in descending order of their ability;
 - 13.3.2.2.2 Sides will be filled by available Players in descending order of ability. If there are insufficient Players available to fill all Sides entered by the Club in the Pennant competition the lowest numbered Side will be the Side which forfeits;

13.3.2.2.3 Prior to the last four rounds of Sectional play there will be no restriction on the interchange of Players between the Sides of a Club.

- 13.3.3 For the last four rounds of Sectional play, no Side will include more than three players who have played the majority of their games, prior to the fourth last game, in a higher numbered Side.
- 13.3.4 In any Post-sectional knockout match a Side will not include any Player who, during the current season, has played less than four games for the Club in that actual competition (the Saturday Pennant Competition and the Midweek Pennant competition are separate competitions and games played in one competition do not count towards Player eligibility in the other competition).
- 13.3.5 In any Post-sectional match a Side will not include any Player who, during the current season, has played more than four games in the Clubs higher numbered Sides unless the Player has also played in four or more games in the Side concerned and/or lower numbered Sides.
- 13.3.6 If any Club has insufficient Members who are eligible under Rule 13.3.5 it can apply to the Region/Division Pennant Committee for permission to play other nominated Members and if permission is granted such Members can play in any position other than Skip.

13.4 Replacement Players/Substitutes

- 13.4.1 Prior to a time on the day of the match as determined by the respective BV Region/Division Pennant Committee but not later than 1 1/2 hours before the commencement of the match, a Club will not introduce a replacement Player under the provisions of D.R. 2.4 except for its lowest numbered Side.
- 13.4.2 After commencement of play in a match, a substitute can take the place of any Member of the Side in accordance with Law 33.2 and D.R. 2.3 only if such Member becomes unable to continue to play in the match by reason of circumstances arising after the commencement of the match.

Rule 14 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

In addition to any other Rules adopted for Pennant Competitions, the following will apply in all Division/Region Pennant Competitions:

14.1 Incomplete Sides

If at the latest time for the commencement of a match a Side does not have sufficient Members to form a Side,

- 14.1.1 A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player as per Law 9.3.1;
- 14.1.2 The order of play shall be maintained by the second of the complete team playing consecutive bowls;
- 14.1.3 If a player has commenced the game, however is unable to continue the game and no eligible substitute or replacement is available or allowed, play will continue as if one player is absent as per Rule 14.1.1 and 14.1.2

14.1.4 A team with an absent player plays as though the second is the missing player; the Skips of the respective teams carry the scorecard and update the score at completion of each end.

14.1.5 If an eligible substitute or replacement player becomes available and is permitted by the Controlling Body they may be introduced to the game at the completion of the end in progress.

14.2 Pre-Match Practice

Before 12 noon on the day of a match any Player due to play in that match can with the permission of the Venue Club practice on any rink other than the rinks on which they are scheduled to play or any part of the rinks allocated for the match (including east west or on the pegs if game was to be played north-south & vice versa if game was to be played east-west by direction of the host Club).

14.3 Draw for Rinks

The draw for rinks and Opponents will be conducted prior the commencement of trial ends by the opposing Managers who will exchange cards and shuffle them, after which the cards of one Side will be placed name face down by one of the Managers and the other Manager will then place a card face down on each and the Teams will play as thus drawn. Rinks allocated for Pennant play must be consecutively numbered and where possible played on the one green (splitting up Teams that are part of a Side is not permitted on the same green - i.e. allocating rinks 1, 2, 6 & 7 for a Pennant Side).

14.4 Time for Commencement

The appointed time for commencement will not be later than 1.00pm for Sectional and Post-sectional matches, unless otherwise specified by the BV Region/Division Pennant Committee and subject to Rule 3.1.

14.5 Duration

Each match will consist of a number of ends per rink as determined by the BV Division/Region Controlling Body and with a break taken as defined in the Conditions of Play (CoP).

14.6 Inclement Weather

A definitive inclement weather policy suitable for the local conditions, and using the guidelines contained in Rule 10.5, shall be adopted by the Division/Region Controlling Body and approved by the BV Laws and Rules Committee.

14.7 Scoring

14.7.1 The scoring method to be used in allocating points for a Side or Team win or tie and for a forfeit, walkover or bye in the Pennant Competition will be decided by the Division/Region Controlling Body.

14.7.2 In the case of an abandonment the following will apply:

14.7.2.1 If a Sectional match is abandoned before or during play before a result is obtained each Side will share equally the maximum points, including Team points, available for the match.

- 14.7.2.2 if a Sectional match is abandoned during play and a result is possible the points will be allotted as if the match had been completed with the points for Team wins and shots allotted on the scores as they stand at the time of the abandonment.

14.8 Promotion and Relegation

The method to be used in deciding if a Side is eligible for promotion or relegation in the Pennant Competition will be decided by the Division/Region Controlling Body.

14.9 Side Manager

Wherever under any of the Laws, Rules and Regulations a Side is given any right of decision or choice, it will be exercised by the Side Manager who will act on behalf of the Side.

14.10 Death of a Player

14.10.1 If after the commencement of any sectional Pennant match the death of any participating Player occurs at the Club, all matches in progress at the Club will be abandoned and the matches deemed a tie, provided that if the scores are such that one Side must win the match if all the remaining ends were played, that Side will be awarded the match with the scores as at the abandonment.

14 10.2 If after the commencement of any Post-Sectional Pennant finals match in which the death of any participating Player occurs at the venue Club, all matches in progress at the Club will be abandoned for the day and it will be resumed under such conditions as the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee decides with the scores carried forward as they were when play was abandoned.

Rule 15 – RESULTS

15.1 Notification

15.1.1 Each Club will arrange for the results of all matches played on its green to be entered on the prescribed forms and sent to the Division/Region Pennant Committee on the day of play and, if forms are provided for notifying the daily press of the results of the matches, the Club will comply with current procedure prescribed by the Division/Region. Should a telephone return be requested by the Division/Region, this will be given immediately upon completion of the match.

15.1.2 Failure to notify results in the prescribed forms and time will be deemed to be an infringements within Rule 1.3 and fines will apply.

15.2 Alterations

No alteration to a completed form received by the Division/Region Pennant Committee will be permitted unless a correction agreed to in writing by both Clubs is lodged within 14 days of the match, or such longer period as the Pennant Committee can allow, and failing such agreement the matter will be determined by the relevant Division/Region Committee.

SECTION 5 - OPEN EVENTS

Rule 16 – HANDICAP EVENTS

16.1 Proportional Competitions

- 16.1.1 The order of playing is modified after the first end in as much as the Player who had the nearest shot bowl will play first and not necessarily the Player with the higher score.
- 16.1.2 Points are awarded as follows:-
The bowl closest to the jack scores 4 points, the next one 3 points, the third 2 points and the fourth 1 point.
- 16.1.3 When two or more bowls are equidistant from the jack their total allotted points are divided equally between them.
- 16.1.4 The last end is not completed until all the bowls have been played and the points allotted, after which the Player with the greater aggregate will be the winner.
- 16.1.5 In the event of a tie, an additional end (or ends) will be played.
- 16.1.6 The number of points to be scored is optional.

16.2 Method of Drawing for Knockout Competition

- 16.2.1 Each competitor's name (in the case of Fours, Triples or Pairs the Skip's name) is written on a separate card or paper and placed in a suitable receptacle, and these will be drawn out one by one at random and copied on a list in the order in which they are drawn.
- 16.2.2 When the number of competitors is 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 or any higher power of 2, they will meet in pairs in the order of the draw and play out to a winner.
- 16.2.3 When the number of competitors is not a power of 2, byes will be given in the first round only. The number of byes will be equal to the difference between the number of competitors and the next higher power of 2. The competitors to play in the first round will be those first drawn and the number of them will be the difference between the number of competitors and the number of byes. The byes, if even in number, will be placed as the names are drawn with half their number above those paired to play in the first round and half below; if uneven in number, there will be one more bye at the bottom than at the top. (Thus, for example, with 75 competitors, 128 minus 75 equals 53 byes and 75 minus 53 equals 22 competitors to play in the first round. The first 22 names drawn will be paired to play in the first round in the order drawn; the next 26 names drawn will be placed in the second round above those in the first round and the remaining 27 below them).

16.3 HANDICAPS

All MINUS handicaps MUST be played off in full before commencing to score in any match.

Rule 17 - GENERAL CONDITIONS

17.1 Definition

A Club Open Tournament is one for which trophies/prizes are offered and formal entries are received from Members of more than one Club.

17.2 Conditions

All events will:

- 17.2.1 be open only to Members affiliated directly or indirectly with World Bowls or such Members in association with affiliated Members of a Controlling Body which is not a Member of BV;
- 17.2.2 be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, the BA Domestic Regulations and BV Rules for Competition;
- 17.2.3 have all conditions for the conducting of the event clearly stated on all advertising material and these will be announced before the commencement of play.
- 17.2.4 the draw for the events must be an open draw and seeding of Players is not permitted

17.3 Controlling Body

The Committee or person empowered to act for the 'Controlling Body' of an open event conducted by an affiliated Club or Clubs will be appointed by the Club or Clubs concerned.

17.4 Conduct of Club Championship Events

- 17.4.1 In all Club Championships there must be at least one match played in order to have a Competition Champion/s.
 - 17.4.2 A match MUST be played in order for a player or team to become constituted.
 - 17.4.3 In the final of the respective Championship a player/s may give a walkover or a forfeit to their opponent/s - the remaining player or team are still deemed to be Club Champion/s.
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APPENDIX A

BV Metropolitan Pennant – designated BOM official recording stations for temperature determination at clubs.

Please check that there have been no updates since this publication v1 1 August 2016 at the BV Website – For all temperature readings ring BOM on ☎ 1196 for the recorded information required and wait until your designated BOM station temperature is announced. Note Smart Phone Apps must not to be used due to time delays.

BV METRO PENNANT CLUB	SUBURB	POST CODE	BV DESIGNATED BOM WEATHER STATION
Aberfeldie	Essendon	3040	BOM Melbourne (8.2kms)
Aberfeldie Community	Essendon	3040	BOM Melbourne (8.2kms)
Albert Park	Albert Park	3206	BOM Melbourne (4.1kms)
Alphington	Alphington	3078	BOM Melbourne (5.3kms)
Altona	Altona	3018	BOM Laverton (6.6kms)
Altona North	Altona North	3025	BOM Laverton (8.4kms)
Altona Sports	Altona	3018	BOM Laverton (6.6kms)
Armadale	Caulfield South	3162	BOM Melbourne (10.5kms)
Ashburton	Ashburton	3147	BOM Melbourne (11.8kms)
Auburn	Hawthorn East	3122	BOM Melbourne (7.4kms)
Bayswater	Bayswater	3153	BOM Scoresby (3.6kms)
Beaumaris	Beaumaris	3193	BOM Moorabbin (4.9kms)
Bennettswood	Burwood	3125	BOM Melbourne (12.8kms)
Bentleigh	Bentleigh	3204	BOM Moorabbin (8.2kms)
Berwick	Berwick	3806	BOM Scoresby (20.4kms)
Black Rock	Black Rock	3193	BOM Moorabbin (5.8kms)
Blackburn	Blackburn	3130	BOM Scoresby (10.3kms)
Blackburn North	Blackburn North	3130	BOM Viewbank (8.9kms)
Boronia	Boronia	3155	BOM Scoresby (3.2kms)
Box Hill RSL	Box Hill	3128	BOM Viewbank (9.2kms)
Brighton	East Brighton	3187	BOM Moorabbin (10.1kms)
Brighton Beach	Brighton	3186	BOM Moorabbin (11.7kms)
Broadmeadows	Jacana	3047	BOM Melbourne Airport (7.0kms)
Brunswick	Brunswick	3057	BOM Melbourne (4.2kms)
Buckley Park	Essendon	3040	BOM Melbourne (8.2kms)
Bundoora RSL	Bundoora	3083	BOM Viewbank (5.4kms)
Burden Park	Springvale	3172	BOM Moorabbin (5.7kms)
Burwood District	Glen Iris	3146	BOM Melbourne (9.8kms)
Camberwell Central	Camberwell	3124	BOM Melbourne (9.4kms)
Cardinia Waters	Pakenham	3810	BOM Scoresby (30.3kms)
Carrum	Carrum	3197	BOM Frankston (7.5kms)
Caulfield Park	Caulfield North	3161	BOM Melbourne (8.7kms)
Chadstone	East Malvern	3145	BOM Melbourne (11.2kms)
Chelsea	Chelsea	3196	BOM Moorabbin (8.1kms)
Cheltenham	Cheltenham	3192	BOM Moorabbin (2.5kms)
Chirnside Park CC	Chirnside Park	3116	BOM Coldstream (7.5kms)
City of Heidelberg	Heidelberg	3084	BOM Viewbank (2.6kms)
City of Melbourne	West Melbourne	3003	BOM Melbourne (3.5kms)
Clayton	Clayton South	3169	BOM Moorabbin (3.9kms)
Coatesville	East Bentleigh	3165	BOM Moorabbin (7.1kms)
Coburg-Moreland	Coburg	3058	BOM Melbourne (7.5kms)
Cockatoo & District	Cockatoo	3781	BOM Scoresby (15.0kms)
Craigieburn	Craigieburn	3064	BOM Melbourne Airport (12.0kms)
Cranbourne	Cranbourne	3977	BOM Scoresby (25.4kms)
Cranbourne RSL	Cranbourne	3977	BOM Scoresby (25.4kms)

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Croydon	Croydon	3136	BOM Scoresby (8.1kms)
Dandenong Club	Dandenong	3175	BOM Moorabbin (10.0kms)
Dandenong RSL Rec	Dandenong	3175	BOM Moorabbin (10.0kms)
Darebin City	Thornbury	3071	BOM Melbourne (6.3kms)
Deer Park	Deer Park	3023	BOM Laverton (10.7kms)
Diamond Creek	Diamond Creek	3089	BOM Viewbank (9.6kms)
Doncaster	Doncaster	3108	BOM Viewbank (5.8kms)
Donvale	Donvale	3111	BOM Viewbank (9.1kms)
Doutta Galla	Essendon	3041	BOM Melbourne (8.2kms)
East Ivanhoe	East Ivanhoe	3079	BOM Viewbank (4.0kms)
Eastwood Golf	Kilsyth	3137	BOM Scoresby (7.8kms)
Edithvale	Edithvale	3196	BOM Moorabbin (6.7kms)
Elsternwick Club	Elsternwick	3185	BOM Melbourne (9.8kms)
Elsternwick Park	Brighton	3186	BOM Moorabbin (11.4kms)
Eltham Recreation	Eltham	3095	BOM Viewbank (5.2kms)
Epping RSL	Epping	3076	BOM Viewbank (11.6kms)
Essendon	Essendon	3041	BOM Melbourne (8.2kms)
Fairfield	Fairfield	3078	BOM Melbourne (4.0kms)
Fawkner	Fawkner	3060	BOM Melbourne (10.8kms)
Ferntree Gully	Ferntree Gully	3152	BOM Scoresby (2.3kms)
Fitzroy Victoria	North Fitzroy	3068	BOM Melbourne (3.5kms)
Flemington/Kensington	Flemington	3031	BOM Melbourne (4.0kms)
Footscray Park	Footscray	3011	BOM Melbourne (6.2kms)
Gladstone Park	Gladstone Park	3043	BOM Melbourne Airport (5.7kms)
Glen Eira McKinnon	Ormond	3204	BOM Moorabbin (10.1kms)
Glen Waverley	Glen Waverley	3150	BOM Scoresby (7.6kms)
Glenroy	Glenroy	3046	BOM Melbourne Airport (9.1kms)
Greensborough	Greensborough	3088	BOM Viewbank (6.0kms)
Greythorn	Doncaster	3108	BOM Viewbank (5.8kms)
Hampton	Hampton	3188	BOM Moorabbin (8.7kms)
Hampton Park	Hampton Park	3976	BOM Moorabbin (15.3kms)
Hampton RSL	Hampton	3188	BOM Moorabbin (8.4kms)
Hawthorn	Hawthorn	3122	BOM Melbourne (5.8kms)
Healesville	Healesville	3777	BOM Coldstream (12.0kms)
Heatherdale	Mitcham	3132	BOM Scoresby (7.5kms)
Heathmont	Heathmont	3135	BOM Scoresby (4.7kms)
Heidelberg Golf	Lower Plenty	3093	BOM Viewbank (2.3kms)
Highett	Highett	3190	BOM Moorabbin (5.8kms)
Hoppers	Hoppers Crossing	3029	BOM Laverton (6.0kms)
Hurstbridge	Hurstbridge	3099	BOM Viewbank (13.8kms)
Ivanhoe	Ivanhoe	3079	BOM Viewbank (5.2kms)
Keilor	Keilor	3036	BOM Melbourne Airport (4.9kms)
Kew Heights Sports	Kew	3101	BOM Melbourne (6.1kms)
Keysborough	Keysborough	3173	BOM Moorabbin (6.5kms)
Kingsbury	Kingsbury	3083	BOM Viewbank (6.3kms)
Lalor	Lalor	3075	BOM Viewbank (10.3kms)
Laverton	Altona Meadows	3028	BOM Laverton (3.3kms)
Lilydale	Lilydale	3140	BOM Coldstream (6.5kms)
Malvern	Malvern	3144	BOM Melbourne (8.4kms)
Maribyrnong Park	Maribyrnong Park	3039	BOM Melbourne (6.0kms)
Marysville	Marysville	3779	BOM Coldstream (38.1kms)
Marysville Golf	Marysville	3779	BOM Coldstream (38.1kms)
MCC	Hawthorn	3122	BOM Melbourne (5.5kms)

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Melbourne	Windsor	3181	BOM Melbourne (4.8kms)
Melton	Melton	3337	BOM Melbourne Airport (22.1kms)
Mentone	Mentone	3195	BOM Moorabbin (2.5kms)
Middle Park	Middle Park	3206	BOM Melbourne (4.8kms)
Mitcham	Mitcham	3132	BOM Scoresby (7.1kms)
Monbulk	Monbulk	3793	BOM Scoresby (14.3kms)
Montmorency	Montmorency	3094	BOM Viewbank (3.7kms)
Moonee Ponds	Moonee Ponds	3039	BOM Melbourne (6.0kms)
Moonee Valley	Moonee Ponds	3039	BOM Melbourne (6.0kms)
Moorabbin	Moorabbin	3189	BOM Moorabbin (4.4kms)
Mooroolbark	Mooroolbark	3138	BOM Scoresby (10.1kms)
Mordialloc	Mordialloc	3195	BOM Moorabbin (2.3kms)
Mt Cottrell	Mt Cottrell	3924	BOM Laverton (13.0kms)
Mt Waverley	Mt Waverley	3149	BOM Scoresby (11.1kms)
Mulgrave Country Club	Whealers Hill	3150	BOM Scoresby (7.4kms)
Murrumbeena	Carnegie	3163	BOM Moorabbin (10.4kms)
Murrumbeena Park	Murrumbeena	3163	BOM Moorabbin (9.1kms)
Narre Warren	Narre Warren	3805	BOM Scoresby (16.9kms)
Newport	Newport	3015	BOM Melbourne (8.6kms)
Noble Park	Noble Park	3174	BOM Moorabbin (7.4kms)
North Balwyn	North Balwyn	3104	BOM Viewbank (6.7kms)
Oakleigh	Oakleigh	3166	BOM Moorabbin (7.7kms)
Pakenham	Pakenham	3810	BOM Scoresby (30.3kms)
Palm Lakes Resort	Truganina	3029	BOM Laverton (3.0kms)
Parkdale	Parkdale	3195	BOM Moorabbin (1.8kms)
Point Cook Village	Point Cook Village	3030	BOM Laverton (5.9kms)
Port Melbourne	Port Melbourne	3207	BOM Melbourne (6.4kms)
Preston-Reservoir	Reservoir	3073	BOM Viewbank (8.4kms)
Princes Park Carlton	North Carlton	3054	BOM Melbourne (2.1kms)
Richmond Union	Richmond	3121	BOM Melbourne (3.0kms)
Ringwood	Ringwood	3134	BOM Scoresby (7.1kms)
Rosamond/Footscray Pk	Maribyrnong	3032	BOM Melbourne (8.2kms)
Rosanna	Rosanna	3084	BOM Viewbank (2.4kms)
Sandringham	Black Rock	3193	BOM Moorabbin (5.8kms)
Royal Melbourne GC	Black Rock	3193	BOM Moorabbin (5.8kms)
SOC	East Bentleigh	3165	BOM Moorabbin (7.7kms)
South Oakleigh	South Oakleigh	3167	BOM Moorabbin (5.7kms)
St Albans	St Albans	3021	BOM Laverton (9.4kms)
St Kilda	St Kilda	3182	BOM Melbourne (4.8kms)
Strathmore	Strathmore	3041	BOM Melbourne (9.6kms)
Sunbury	Sunbury	3479	BOM Melbourne Airport (14.3kms)
Sunshine City	Albion	3020	BOM Laverton (8.9kms)
Sunshine RSL	Sunshine	3020	BOM Laverton (10.6kms)
Sunshine VRI	Braybrook	3019	BOM Melbourne (9.8kms)
Templestowe	Templestowe	3106	BOM Viewbank (3.9kms)
Thornbury	Thornbury	3071	BOM Melbourne (6.3kms)
Toorak	Toorak	3142	BOM Melbourne (5.7kms)
Upwey/Tecoma	Upwey	3158	BOM Scoresby (7.2kms)
Vermont South	Vermont South	3133	BOM Scoresby (7.0kms)
Warburton	Warburton	3799	BOM Coldstream (25.7 kms)
Waverley Golf	Rowville	3178	BOM Scoresby (8.0kms)
Werribee	Werribee	3030	BOM Laverton (9.7kms)
West Coburg	West Coburg	3058	BOM Melbourne (7.5kms)

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Whittlesea	Whittlesea	3757	BOM Viewbank (25.6kms)
Williamstown	Williamstown	3016	BOM Melbourne (9.1kms)
Willow Lodge	Bangholme	3175	BOM Moorabbin (10.1kms)
Yarra Glen	Yarra Glen	3775	BOM Coldstream (7.9kms)
Yarra Junction	Yarra Junction	3797	BOM Coldstream (18.6kms)
Yarra Valley CC	Bulleen	3105	BOM Viewbank (3.3kms)
Yarraville/Footscray	Yarraville	3013	BOM Melbourne (7.1kms)

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