



POLICY TITLE:

Bowls Tasmania Pennant Policy

RELATED DOCUMENTS:	BA Player and Club Clearance Policy BTAS Discipline and Suspension Policy BTAS State Events Conditions of Play Region Pennant Conditions of Play
RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:	Chief Executive Officer
AUTHORITY:	Chief Executive Officer BTAS Match Committee
APPLICABLE FORMS:	BTAS Permit to Play Form BA Interstate Clearance Forms BA Interstate Pennant Declarations
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1. PREAMBLE

1.1 This policy documents:

- who has authority and responsibility for organising and running pennant,
- restrictions (if any) imposed by BTAS on pennant, and
- anything else relevant to organising and running pennant in Tasmania.

1.2 This Policy applies to BTAS State Pennant Finals and any pennant run in Tasmania by:

- Bowls North West,
- Bowls North, and
- Bowls Tasmania South.

2. BTAS STATE PENNANT FINALS

2.1 BTAS State Pennant Finals are the responsibility of BTAS to organise and run.

2.2 BTAS can determine the format and conditions of play for BTAS State Pennant Finals.

2.3 BTAS State Pennant Finals will be run on the weekend immediately before Anzac Day each year. , If that weekend falls during Easter they will be run on the weekend before Easter.

2.4 Individual regions must ensure Saturday Pennant is completed in time to enable winners to compete in BTAS State Pennant Finals if they wish to.

2.5 Responsibilities for BTAS State Pennant Finals for BTAS, Host Regions and competing clubs are outlined in the BTAS State Events Conditions of Play.

3. REGIONAL PENNANT

3.1 Regional pennant is the responsibility of each region to organise and run.

3.2 Each region has authority to determine the format and conditions of play for their own pennants.

- 3.3 Regions are encouraged to share their conditions of play and seek alignment or uniformity of their conditions of play where possible.
- 3.4 There is no compulsory break of pennant over the Christmas and New Year period. Regions can determine the length of their own break.
- 3.5 Regions may play pennant whilst a State or National event is on – outside of the restricted dates mentioned in clause 4.1 below.
- 3.5.1 If a club has a team which has two or more players and/or officials absent because they are officially at the State or National event, it can request the other club to reschedule that game to another date but the other club can refuse that request.

4. RESTRICTIONS ON WHEN REGIONS CAN RUN PENNANT

- 4.1 Whilst pennant is the domain of regions, no pennant or regional championships are permitted to be played on dates outlined by BTAS in May each year. The following dates are set aside for State and National events:
- BPL Cup Regional (Second Sunday in September).
 - BPL Cup State Finals (Last Sunday in September).
 - The Nationals whilst the Senior and Open Sides Championships are being played but only if they are being played in Tasmania.
 - State Senior Mixed Pairs Championships (Last Monday and Tuesday in November).
 - Gala Week January (First week in January after New Year's Day from Saturday to Wednesday).
 - State Junior and Para Championships (Second week in January from Monday to Wednesday).
 - State Senior Championships (Beginning Southern Tasmanian long weekend in February from Sunday to Wednesday).
 - Gala Week March (Beginning long weekend in March from Saturday through to the following Friday).
 - Saturday Pennant State Pennant Finals (Weekend before Anzac Day except when that weekend falls during Easter when they will be played during the weekend before Easter).
 - State Champion of Champion Singles Championships – First weekend in May.
 - State Qualifying Final – Australian Indoor Singles Championships – Third weekend in May.

- Statewide Challenge –(Three Sundays for Open and Junior Statewide Challenge and three Tuesday’s for Senior Statewide Challenge).

4.2 Pennant will be permitted to be played when The Nationals are being played (usually the first three weeks in October) provided that a club that has a team which has two or more players and/or officials (including Under 18 parents / guardians) absent because they are officially at The Nationals, can request the other club to reschedule that game to another date within twenty-one days of the date of the original game as agreed to by the clubs or as directed by the region and the other club cannot refuse that request. If a re-scheduled game is not played within twenty-one days it will be deemed to be a drawn game and pennant points will be shared. Rescheduled games cannot be played on dates outlined in 4.1 above.

5. PERMIT TO PLAY

- 5.1 The BTAS Permit to Play Form enables a member of a club in one region in Tasmania to become a member of a club in another region in Tasmania and play pennant in both regions in Tasmania.
- 5.2 It is up to individual regions to determine in their Conditions of Play if and what they will allow for Permit to Play players.
- 5.3 Players require approval from their own club and the region where they intend to play before they can play. No approval is required from BTAS.
- 5.4 There is no right of appeal if a region refuses a Permit to Play request.

6. MARQUEE PLAYERS

- 6.1 A “marquee player” is defined as a talented and well-known players with primary clubs outside Tasmania (including international players who play for Australian clubs, with credentials that extend from State representation in BA events to participation in any BA program e.g. Pathways, Emerging Jackaroos (See Pathway to Podium roadmaps published by BA).
- 6.2 Interstate players who do not play in their primary club’s highest division in pennant are not deemed to be marquee players.
- 6.3 Talented and well-known Tasmanian players with primary clubs in another region of Tasmania are not deemed to be marquee players – and clause 5 Permit to Play applies

to such players. At their primary club, such players would normally play in that club's highest division in pennant.

6.4 It is up to individual regions to determine in their Conditions of Play if and what they will allow for marquee players. Such Conditions of Play may include but are not limited to:

- the maximum number of marquee players allowed to play in a game,
- the maximum number of games that a marquee player can play for a club in any one season,
- notice required to be given to a region, and
- restrictions on when marquee players are not permitted to play.

6.5 Marquee players will not be permitted to compete in BTAS State Pennant Finals.

6.6 BA's Player and Club Clearance Policy is applicable and Interstate Clearance Forms and Interstate Pennant Declarations must be completed as required.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Where Statewide Challenge (including the Bowling Arm Regional Round Robin) is being played in the South, North-West players and/or officials travelling to the South can request an early pennant start of a minimum of sixty minutes and that request cannot be refused.

7.2 Where Statewide Challenge (including the Bowling Arm Regional Round Robin) is being played in the North-West, South players and/or officials travelling to the North-West can request an early pennant start of a minimum of sixty minutes and that request cannot be refused.

7.3 Individual regions must complete their Champion of Champion Singles Championships to enable winners to compete in the State Champion of Champion Singles Championships.

7.4 Whilst regional events are not permitted to clash with State events, there are no restrictions on clubs who schedule events that clash with State events.

8. PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

8.1 A protest or complaint regarding pennant is to be dealt with by the region's Match Committee in accordance with that region's protests, complaints and/or appeals

policy. Where a region does not have such a policy, the BTAS Discipline and Suspension Policy shall be used.

8.2 Each region should establish an independent appeal body to hear a club's appeal against the decision of the region's Match Committee.

8.3 The decision of the independent appeal body is final. The club cannot appeal that decision to Bowls Tasmania.

9. LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY

9.1 State and Regional Conditions of Play cannot over-ride the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

9.2 In the event of any actual or apparent conflict between the Laws and Conditions of Play, the Laws of the Sport of Bowls must prevail.

9.3 In the event of any actual or apparent conflict between the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and a policy statement, email the CEO Bowls Tasmania for clarification.