

GATEWAY DISTRICT LADIES BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC.
2021 - 2023 PENNANT GENERAL INFORMATION

1. DEFINITIONS

Team Refers to composition of four (4) players.

Sides **Division 1** - three teams of four players each (12 players), **other divisions** - two teams of four players each (8 players). Preference will be given to Clubs entering a side in division 5 who have a side in a higher division.

Match Refers to **all divisions** – one (1) game between the opposing sides in order of the draw conducted by the G.D.L.B.A. match committee.

- GDLBA Pennant shall be played under the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
- The event shall be under the control of the GDLBA match committee. Any queries contact the match Co-Ordinator.
- Temporary adhesive markers on bowls will be permitted and all members of a side must use identical coloured markings on each side of their bowls and must not cover the serial number or the World Bowls Stamp on the bias side of the bowl. (Law 52.1.8)(DR 4.7.4)

Uniform: Only club (or white shirts) registered and approved. Players in composite sides should wear their own club uniform.

2. ENTRIES

- (a) Dual members must submit a player declaration form to be received by District Secretary a month prior to start of pennants (as per Conditions of Play 7 (a)).
- (b) Entries accompanied by fees must be in the hands of the District Secretary no later than the arranged closing date.
- (c) Composite sides if necessary will be allowed. Clubs need to apply to the Board of Management for approval.
- (d) A player can play pennant for one (1) club only during the GDLBA pennant season.

3. GREEN FEES

Green fees to be paid to your own Club.

4. DIVISIONS

The number of divisions shall be determined by the GDLBA match committee and the number of entries received.

5. PENNANT BADGES & FLAGS

Winners of each division will be presented with a framed pennant flag and badge. Runners Up will be presented with a framed pennant flag. Additional pennant badges may be purchased at Club's expense.

6. SOCIAL MEDIA

No player shall use social media to make derogatory comments about any Club, District, Bowls Qld. official, the event or any other player for the duration of the competition. Any infringement of this Condition shall render the offender liable to disqualification from the event.

7. UMPIRE

- (a) Before play commences, an umpire must be appointed and announced by the host club.
- (b) The umpire must be a non player. The umpire shall carry out all duties as per the Laws of the game.

8. MANAGERS

A manager (player or non-player) is to be appointed for each division. The club shall be responsible for issuing managers with a copy of the conditions of play.

Duties:

- (a) Distribute and collect scorecards and **retain them after each match.**

- (b) Complete score sheets with the opposing manager after each match and arrange for results to be emailed to GDLBA. Manager must ensure that players' details are correctly recorded ie: spelling of names and playing positions.
- (c) The manager shall be responsible for all appeals. If unable to agree they shall appeal to the umpire.

9. PROMOTION & DEMOTION

At the conclusion of the season, divisional winners will be promoted to the next highest division and the side with the least points in a division will be demoted at the discretion of the match committee. At no time can a club have more than 2 sides in any one division.

After promotion of a winning division, if it is found that a Club has two (2) sides in that division, a club may name them accordingly.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY - PENNANT.

1. GAMES

All games will be played on the host club's play day, weather permitting.

- (a) The draw showing venues and dates of play will be issued by the GDLBA match committee prior to the commencement of the Season.
- (b) Each team in a side shall play twenty-one (21) ends, one (1) match per side per week.
 - Morning Tea from 8.30am (format optional)
 - Trial ends to commence at 9.00am - Play at 9.15am.
 - Arrangements may be made for alternate commencement for island teams and teams that may be delayed due to traffic or unforeseen incidents. (Host clubs to be advised.)
 - All matches to be completed before refreshments are taken.
- (c) Should play be interrupted for a lengthy period of time luncheon may be taken during this period.
- (d) Weather affected matches: including finals. Division I - a combined total over Fifty (50) ends, other divisions - a combined total Thirty (30) ends will constitute a match. In all weather affected games score cards must be ruled off and signed by the Umpire. Score sheet must be forwarded to the office.
- (e) In the event of a green being closed, the host club will notify the GDLBA match committee. These games will be played, if needed, at the end of the round.
- (f) Where rain prevents commencement of play at the scheduled time, a later start will be permitted providing the waiting time does not exceed 1 hour.
- (g) It is imperative that score sheets are returned to the GDLBA match committee fully and correctly completed immediately by email (gdlba@bigpond.com). Scorecards remain with the respective managers until the conclusion of the season.
- (h) The GDLBA match committee has the right to conduct the event on synthetic, natural or covered greens.

2. SCORING

(a) Division 1:

- (i) The side scoring the highest number of shots in each match at the end of play, shall be the winner.
- (ii) Two (2) match points shall be awarded for each such win.
- (iii) In the event of a tied score, each side shall be awarded one (1) match point.
- (iv) Match points shall be recorded together with shots for and against and also the margin.

(b) Other Divisions:

- (i) The side scoring the highest number of shots in each match at the end of play, shall be the winner.
- (ii) Four (4) match points and One (1) point for each rink win shall be awarded.
- (iii) In the event of a tied score, each side shall be awarded two (2) match points and if rinks are tied 1/2 point for each rink.

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

(c) **Finals:**

- At the end of the rounds, the two (2) sides with the highest number of points will play the final.
- If two or more sides have scored an equal number of match points, the side with the highest margin shall be declared a finalist. (If there is still equality, the 'total shots against' each side shall be divided into the 'total shots for' each side. The side with the highest result shall be declared the finalist.

(d) **Determining a Finals Winner:**

In the event of a tie, a further end/s will be played until a winner has been decided.

3. COACHING DURING MATCH

The manager must advise the Controlling Body and the Umpire prior to commencement. There shall be only one coach per side. **Please Note:** Any person wishing to coach in this event must hold Bowls Australia Coaching Accreditation and must show it when registering.

4. PENALTIES

(a) **Non-Attendance:**

- (i) If a side fails to attend the match points will be awarded to the host club.
- (ii) In unusual and outstanding circumstances, the GDLBA Match committee shall have the power to deal with non-attendance on the merits of the circumstances.

(b) **Late Arrival:**

When a side's arrival is delayed, through unavoidable circumstances ie. accident or misadventure, the GDLBA match committee shall determine how long the opponents must wait before further action (if any) is taken.

(c) **Forfeit after the commencement of a match on the same day:**

The side receiving the forfeit shall be allotted Division 1 - 2 match points, other divisions - 4 match points and 2 rink points and an average of the winning margins scored by the other sides in that division in that round.

5. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- (a) No player shall be eligible to play in any club team unless she has been registered with the Gateway District Ladies Bowls Association Inc. as a member of such club for not less than thirty (30) days before the playing of any scheduled pennant match in the season.
- (b) After two (2) games or the fourth found in the same division, a player shall then become a registered player in that division and cannot be moved to a lower division. If clubs have more than one side in a division, players cannot interchange after the 2nd round.
- (c) In no circumstances will a player be permitted to play in more than one division in the same week. Where a side has a bye, this constitutes a match and the score sheet of intended players must be forwarded to the office. Therefore it is not permissible for a player to play in any other division in that same week. Should an ineligible player be used, the match shall be forfeited to the opponents.
- (d) **For Finals** - permission shall be sought to play a player who has not played before in the current competition.
- (e) If a club wishes to play a player in a higher division after she has completed playing the qualifying matches, permission must be sought from the GDLBA match committee. If the original division entered by the player is eligible to participate in the final, permission will not be granted.
- (f) To be eligible to continue through Group/State play-offs, sides should be as near as possible to that which won the district finals.
- (g) No player shall be allowed to play in any other game on any green before the pennant match.