

SATURDAY PENNANT MATCH DAY INFORMATION 2024-25

- **Match times:**

Roll-Up:	1.00pm
Break:	2.45pm
Resume:	3.15pm
Latest time to complete match:	6.30pm

- If a match cannot commence at the scheduled commencement time, play may be suspended for up to 1 hour. If after 1 hour of play being suspended the game cannot commence, the game will be abandoned and points shared between both teams.
- Where a match has commenced and is then suspended because of inclement weather, if the game cannot commence after 1 hour of play being suspended, the game will be abandoned.
- Where a match has been suspended due to inclement weather play may resume at the agreement of the Side Managers, as long as the green is considered fit for play by the Greens Director or their representative.
- Should inclement weather persist, then options available include taking the break earlier, if the game has commenced at 1.00pm. If further play is not possible, either because the Greenkeeper closes the green, or both Side Managers agree or the Umpire rules that conditions are too poor or dangerous, then the game will be abandoned.
- Review the Bureau of Meteorology site for your area and consult with the Greenkeeper or their representative, the opposition Side Manager and the umpire as to the way forward and a decision.
- A match is to be abandoned immediately if lightning is present (unless the venue is completely closed in). Players should go inside and wait 30 minutes after the last sight of lightning. Both Team Managers must agree; if they are unable to agree, the appointed Umpire of the day will rule.
- *Please note that any decision regarding the state and condition of the greens and whether the greens should be closed is a decision for the Greenkeeper of their representative. Home clubs are expected to have someone present who can make that decision on behalf of the Greenkeeper or the club. If there is no greenkeeper or representative present and the Side Managers cannot agree, then the decision will be made by the appointed Umpire.*
- A match that has commenced after the normal break will constitute a match if all 21 ends have been played or, if rain is persistent or starts again, 75% of ends are completed. (Obviously, if inclement weather persists, a decision may be made to abandon the game as in the fourth point above.)
- Matches that are abandoned will have the available points shared between both teams.
- All games in any division/section that is completed or has 75% of the game's ends completed, will play for all points on offer.
- If the number of ends played does not reach 75% of the total ends due to be played (63 ends in a 4 rink match; 48 ends in a 3 rink match; 32 ends in a 2 rink match) before the game is abandoned, points will be shared between both teams.

Duties of a Side Manager

- The Side Manager shall ensure that all members of their side for the day are available, particularly when playing away from home, and that all players are wearing approved pennant clothing, headwear and footwear.
- The Home Side Manager will meet with the Away Side Manager prior to the commencement of the game and allocate cards and rink numbers to each scorecard and toss for the choice of the mat.
- Once cards have been swapped and players names entered on the cards, then there can be no alterations made unless a substitute player is called upon during the course of the match. Players may not change scorecards at any time.
- The Side Manager shall make sure that all players' names, including opponents, names of clubs, the division that the side is playing in and the 'rink' number on which each team is drawn are entered on the team sheet or scorecards as applicable. At the completion of the day the Side Manager will check with the Seconds of each of the teams and make sure the scorecard is completed in all details and signed by the Second of each rink at the end of play. It is important that the finish time of the game is recorded.
- Please ensure that all players' names are correct as they have been registered on your club Listing on Bowlslink, including Christian names where there are two members of the one family registered. No nicknames are to be entered.
- Both Side Managers are also responsible for monitoring the venue's designated thermometer on days of extreme heat.
- Side Managers have a '**duty of care**' to ensure the health and safety of all bowlers at all times.
- Side Managers are to ensure that the results sheets are entered onto Bowlslink or forwarded to their club's Bowlslink administrator for processing.
- Forfeits by teams should be advised to the opposing club as soon as possible. Teams must be entered on Bowlslink regardless of forfeiture of any team.