

MEMO

TO: Metropolitan Member Clubs
FROM: MBA Match & Program Committee
DATE: Tuesday 7 November 2023
SUBJECT: Amended Side Listings / Game Procedures

Club Secretaries / Selectors

Amended Side Listings

All Competitions – Release of updated Pennant Side Listings

Updated side listings for all three competitions have been released.

Changes in **red text** (no changes to Thursday).

Side Listings will soon be available on the MBA Web site [here](#) and changes to BowlsLink will be completed next week.

Saturday Pennants

Hope Valley VI has been withdrawn from Division 7 North. Salisbury will field an extra side in Division 7 North in place of Hope Valley, beginning in Round 5 (11 November).

Wednesday Pennants (repeat notice)

Lockleys IV have withdrawn from Division 4 Central West. This has created a Bye in that Section.

Game Procedures

Pre game Practice - Opening of greens

Clubs are asked to remind their players that opening of greens for practice at times before the prescribed practice time (Rule 5.3.1) is solely at the discretion of the home club and is not a right (Rule 5.3.2).

Pre game Practice – Bells (refer circular 13 October 2023)

Pennant Conditions of Play indicate that a bell or P/A announcement should be used to signify the start of play (Rule 5.4). No other bells or announcements are required.

Completing sides - Round 4 and beyond (repeat notice)

Temporary permits that were issued at the start of the season have expired.

The MBA has a policy of encouraging clubs to fill teams and field Pennant sides wherever possible. **Clubs that foresee continuing difficulty in filling a bottom ranked side should contact MBA Match & Program committee to discuss options available through the Conditions of Play.**

If there are any questions regarding the above or further clarification required, please contact MBA Match & Program committee (MBAmatchcommittee@metrobowls.com.au)



Steve Franks

Chair, MBA Match & Program Committee