

The laws of the sport of Indoor Bias Bowls as set by the Australian Indoor Bias Bowls Council with the addition of the undermentioned local rules shall apply to the pennant competition.

### **RULE 1 – COMPETITION**

- A. The Pennant competition shall comprise divisions of 6 or more teams where possible. Relegation and promotion will be dependent on the number of teams entered each year and decided by the match committee.
- B. The pennant competition shall consist of home and away matches plus finals conducted on the Page System (For division with 10 or less sides). The top four teams at the end of the home and away matches shall play in the finals.
- C. In all divisions 4 players shall comprise the team and 18 live ends comprise the match.
- D. The team scoring the most shots for the match shall be the winner.
  - 1. 4 points awarded for the win and 2 points for a draw.
  - 2. A team receiving a forfeit shall receive 4 points plus 10 shots and the team giving the forfeit shall receive nil points, minus 10 shots.
  - 3. A team having a bye shall receive 4 points.
- E. Clubs must register all players with the Association Secretary 3 Days before the start of pennant.
- F. Additional players can be registered with the Association Secretary up to 7:15pm on the day of play. No registration will be accepted after 7:15pm.
- G. A player is not eligible to play pennant until registered with the Association.
- H. Penalty for non-compliance of rule 1G is the game will be awarded to the opposition team and points awarded as per rule 1D. Further penalties are at the discretion of the match committee.
- I. A player can only play pennant or club championships for 1 affiliated club with IBW (except as a “loan player”) during each pennant season but can transfer from another Association during the season. Rule 6B(4) is the only exception.
- J. Ladder positions will be determined by points and shots up. In the event of teams being level then positions will be decided on percentage.

- K. In finals if the total shots up are equal at the conclusion of the game a further end shall be played to obtain a result. Order of play will be decided based on the start of a new game.
- L. Any protests must be lodged in writing with the Secretary of the Association within 48 hours from the commencement of the game.

## **RULE 2 – CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

- A. Official starting time is 8pm. If both teams are agreeable the match may start from 7:30pm.
- B. A 2 end roll up is permitted, which **MUST** commence prior to 7:45pm. If both teams are agreeable no roll up is required.
- C. Supper to be taken at the completion of the game. The last teams to finish shall be responsible for packing up the supper trolley.
- D. In the event of a knock off the end shall be re-played in the same direction.
- E. Seconds may score if both skippers agree. Both cards must be kept at the same end.
- F. A team may use a loan player from another club. The loan player must play in lead or second position only. If more than 1 loan player is required the second loan player should be played in a different team where possible. A maximum of 2 loan players per team is allowed. Loan players can only play against their own club on confirmation from their club that it is OK.
- G. Score cards must be marked “Loan Player”
- H. Loan players cannot play in finals.
- I. A club having 2 or more teams in the same division may interchange players at any time during the home and away games.
- J. Teams may play with 3 players versus 3 players, by agreement between the 2 clubs involved and **after consultation with the match committee**. In this case 8 bowls per team are still used
- K. Teams may play one short if necessary. The team(s) playing one short should be the club’s lowest ranked teams. Team members will still use 2 bowls each with the order of play as laid out in AIBBC rules. ( 6 bowls vs 8 bowls)
- L. A club needing to forfeit a pennant match must notify the Match Committee chairman as soon as possible. The side to forfeit should be the club’s lowest ranked side.

## **RULE 3 – DUTIES**

- A. The skippers are to collect all money from their team at the start of the evening and place in the money box provided.

- B. The winning skipper of each match shall arrange for the score cards of the game, signed by both skippers, to be placed in the score card box.
- C. Failure to do so by the completion of the nights play will result in a warning from the Match Committee for the first occasion and on future occasions the loss of 4 points.

#### **RULE 4 – MEASURERS AND UMPIRES**

- A. If any clarification of rules is required a Duty umpire shall be called.
- B. The Notice Board will contain a list of current umpires. An umpire from a mat close by should be called when required.

#### **RULE 5 – FINALS**

- A. Each club's teams will be ranked by ladder position from Division 1 down. The highest ranked side being number 1.
- B. A player must play 3 games in that team and/or lower numbered teams of that club to play in finals in the current season. i.e if you have played 3 games in team number 2, you can play finals in team number 1 or 2 but not in team number 3.
- C. A player playing in a composite side (A side containing players from 2 or more clubs) must play 3 games in that team to qualify for finals.
- D. In exceptional circumstances a club may make written request to the match committee nominating up to 3 players as a replacement player from the same club to be considered for the finals.
- E. Only 1 replacement player is eligible to play in each final.

#### **RULE 6 – TRANSFERS**

- A. Player's yearly registration is from the 1<sup>st</sup> October and will cease the following 30<sup>th</sup> September or any part of this period.
- B. Any player wishing to change club during the year may do so, after the completion of summer pennant but at least 7 days prior to the start of winter pennant by the following method –
  - 1. The signing and dating of a transfer form which includes the signature of both club Secretaries and the player.
  - 2. The transfer form together with a registration form and the required fee must be presented to the Match Committee at least 7 days before the start of the next winter pennant to complete the transfer.

3. Any transfer not lodged before the required 7 days must be approved by the Match Committee and the player requesting the transfer cannot play pennant until approval is given which will be as soon as is reasonably possible.
  4. If a player wishes to transfer between clubs after the start of the season, the Match Committee at their discretion may grant this if submitted prior to the half way point of the season. Registration fee applies. Transfer form must be signed by both clubs.
- C. Any disputes regarding transfers will be heard by the IBW Board as soon as is reasonably possible on receiving a written notice of dispute.

In all matters not covered by the foregoing rules, the decision of the Match committee shall be final. The Match Committee reserves the right to change the conditions of play at any time.