

EASTERN RANGES NIGHT PENNANT 2023/2024**RULES AND CONDITIONS**

1. **Club colours or whites/creams** shall be worn.
2. **Green Fee:** Each club will set and collect green fees for their players. (This has been aligned to Weekend and Midweek pennant). Finals at neutral venues will attract a fee to be paid to the Host club, the fee will be the same as that used by Bowls Victoria for finals games.
3. **Night Pennant Teams and Results** need to be entered into Bowlslink the following day at the latest. (Late Result Sheets are unfair to other Clubs who expect Pennant Ladders to be up to date. A fine of **\$20.00 or loss of game points** may be imposed on the offending Club).

Pennant Ladders Link can be found on the Eastern Ranges Website

<https://easternranges.bowls.com.au/night-pennant/>

- Clubs may seek a correction to the result submitted to Bowlslink. The request is to be emailed to the Night Pennant Convenor listed at the bottom of the Rules and Conditions of Play within 48 hours of the game being completed. Ensure the email includes a photo of the scorecards in error.
 - In the event of a disputed result, it is expected that all clubs will keep scorecards for the duration of the season.
4. Matches shall **commence at or before 7.30 p.m.** after one end **roll-up** (*including finals*).
 5. All matches shall be **2-Bowl Triples (4 rinks of 3 players) and of 21 ends** if completed by **10.30 p.m.** If not completed by this time, games shall terminate with the completion of the end in play at 10.30p.m. and no new end shall be started or replayed after this time.
 6. **18 Points** shall be allocated to each match: **10 Points** to the **winning side**, **2 Points** to each **winning team**. In the event of a tie, **5 Points** shall be awarded to **each tied side** and **1 Point** to **each tied team**. A side having a **Bye shall receive 18 Points**. A side receiving a **Walkover/Forfeit** shall receive **18 Points plus 12 Shots up**.
 7. In the event of **cancelled or incomplete matches** (for inclement weather or other reason), each side shall be awarded **9 Points**. However, if **45 or more ends** have been played. (*Note: This has been aligned to Bowls Victoria COP for 12 players*), then the match shall be deemed to have been completed; the result at the time of abandonment shall stand and the **18 points** allocated in the usual way. In the case of semi-finals or final, the match shall be completed or replayed the following week at the same venue or as otherwise agreed. Clubs shall notify opponents as soon as possible if their green is closed. **Note:** The decision to cancel games shall be by the home side and with no direction from the Committee.
 8. All players competing in the Finals matches shall have played in at least 3 Sectional matches in the Section for which the Side is selected.
 9. Bowlers (either gender) shall be bowling members of the Club they are representing or of their own Club in the case of composite sides.
 10. **Finals format**

Qualifying Finals

QF1 - Section 1 – 1st v Section 2 – 4th at the venue of the Section 1 – 1st team.

QF2 - Section 1 – 3rd v Section 2 – 2nd at the venue of the Section 2 – 2nd team

QF3 - Section 1 – 2nd v Section 2 – 3rd at the venue of the Section 1 – 2nd team.

QF4 - Section 1 – 4th v Section 2 – 1st at the venue of the Section 2 – 1st team

Semi Finals

SF1 - QF1 v QF2 at a neutral venue

SF2 - QF3 v QF4 at a neutral venue

Final

Winner of SF1 v winner of SF2 at a neutral venue

- 11 All other Laws, Rules and Conditions shall be as in the **Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Bowls Victoria Pennant Conditions of Play**. Including Pre-game Pennant Practice rules.
- 12 Any changes to **Side Managers** in the season shall be notified immediately to the Convenor.
- 13 **The Perpetual Shield** shall be presented to the winning side and **Trophies** awarded to the winning side and runners-up members.

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