



METROPOLITAN CLUB FORUM

**Morley Bowling Club
Monday 27th May
Outcomes**



**METROPOLITAN CLUB FORUM
AGENDA
Morley Bowling Club – Monday 27th May from 6.00pm**

1. Welcome
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 - Saturday Ladies Pennant
 - Tuesday Ladies Pennant
 - Thursday Men’s Pennant
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METROPOLITAN PENNANT GENERAL CONDITION CHANGES AS PER THE RESULTS OF THE FUTURE OF METROPOLITAN PENNANT DISCUSSION PAPER COMPLETED BY 39 CLUBS

OPEN GENDER PENNANT IN SPECIFIC METROPOLITAN PENNANT COMPETITIONS AND DIVISIONS

Please Note: To be read in conjunction with Cross Gender Substitution Rules and Selection Rules For Graded Pennant Competitions

Explanation: A Club may play both men and women in Eligible Pennant Sides without the restrictions previously associated with the Cross Gender Substitution Rules within the Bowls WA Metropolitan Pennant Conditions of Play

Open Gender Rules are accessible to any Club whose Pennant Side/s are in any of the following Pennant Competitions:

- Women's Tuesday Pennant **2nd Division** and Below
- Men's Thursday Pennant **3rd Division** and Below
- **Saturday Open Gender Pennant**
- Women's Saturday Pennant 3rd Division Only

Open Gender Player Restrictions in Tuesday and Thursday Open Gender Pennant Divisions

- Opposite Gender Players may not Skip
- No more than two (2) Opposite Gender Players allowed per rink

Men Playing Tuesday Open Gender Pennant

- Men playing 4th Division and below in Saturday Open Gender Pennant may play Tuesday 2nd Division and below Tuesday Open Gender Pennant
- Men playing 3rd Division and below in Saturday Open Gender Pennant may play Tuesday 2nd or 3rd Division Open Gender Pennant
- Men playing 2nd Division or higher in Saturday Open Gender Pennant are not permitted to play Tuesday Open Gender Pennant

Women Playing Thursday Open Gender Pennant

- Women playing 3rd Division or Below in Tuesday Pennant may play Open Gender Midweek Pennant
- Women playing 2nd Division in Tuesday Pennant may play Thursday Open Gender 3rd Division Pennant Only
- Women playing 1st Division in Tuesday Pennant are not permitted to play Men's Thursday Open Gender Pennant

Men Who Do Not Play Saturday Pennant, Playing Tuesday Open Gender Pennant

- Men playing 3rd Division or Lower in Thursday Pennant are permitted to play Tuesday 2nd Division and Below Tuesday Open Gender Pennant.
- Men playing 2nd Division in Thursday Pennant are permitted to play Tuesday 2nd Division Tuesday Open Gender Pennant Only
- Men playing 1st Division in Thursday Pennant are not permitted to play Tuesday Open Gender Pennant
- If a man does not play either Open Gender Saturday or Thursday Pennant in the 2024-25 season, where they played the majority of the last two (2) seasons will be used to calculate eligibility.
- If a man has not played in either Men's Saturday or Thursday Pennant Competition in the past two seasons they will be treated as being eligible for all Open Gender Pennant Divisions in Women's Tuesday and Women's Saturday Pennant.

Women Who Do Not Play Tuesday Pennant, Playing Thursday Open Gender Pennant

- If a woman does not play either Tuesday or Women's Saturday Pennant in the 2024-25 season, where they played the majority of the last two (2) seasons will be used to calculate eligibility.
- If a woman has not played in either Tuesday or Women's Saturday Pennant Competitions in the past two seasons they will be treated as being eligible for all Open Gender Pennant Divisions in Thursday Pennant.

General Changes due to Open Gender Changes

- A Woman cannot play Tuesday Pennant for one club and Open Gender Saturday Pennant for another club as per current Metro Pennant Competition – General Conditions 2.3 Multiple Club Membership.
- Clubs will be able to add 5th Division Sides if required.
- 6th Division will not be offered in both Open Gender Saturday or Midweek Pennant.
- A women will be able to alternate between Women's Saturday Pennant and Open Gender Pennant at her home club.
- **Finals Qualification** - If a women plays both Women's Saturday Pennant and Open Gender Saturday Pennant, where they play the most games will determine which finals series, they will be permitted to play in.

Multiple Club Membership

- As per previous seasons, a woman will be able to play Women's Saturday Pennant for another club if their home club does not offer that competition by completing the Multiple Club Membership Form. However, if they choose this option, they will not be available to play Open Gender Saturday Pennant for their home club e.g. They cannot play Women's Saturday for another club week 1 and then play Open Gender Pennant for their home club in week 2.
- If the woman changes her mind before December 31st, she will be able to ask her Multiple Club Membership Form be withdrawn and become available to play Open Gender Saturday Pennant for her home club.
- After the 31st December, only extreme cases may be granted to withdraw a Multiple Club Membership form.

CROSS GENDER SUBSTITUTION

Please Note: To be read in conjunction with Open Gender Substitution Rules and Selection Rules For Graded Pennant Competitions

Cross Gender Rules are accessible to any Club whose lowest Pennant Side/s is in one of the following Pennant Competitions:

- Tuesday Pennant **1st Division**
- Thursday Pennant **2nd Division and Above**
- Women's Saturday Pennant 2nd Division and Above
- Women's Friday Night Pennant

AGENDA ITEM 3

Thursday Pennant – move to AM starts (lower divisions)

**Belmont City Pg 3-4
Dalkeith-Nedlands**

Trevor Metcalf (Belmont City) presented agenda item 3 and after a lively discussion, a show of hands from the 45 club representatives was asked for.

- There was a clear majority to **Not accept** this change to the Thursday lower divisions start time.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Changes to the “Challenge” process – 1st White and 1st Blue (Saturday & Thursday)

Leeming Pg 5

Jim Newton (Leeming) presented agenda item 4. After discussion from the floor a show of hands from club representatives took place

- There was approximately a 50/50 split of hands from the delegates.
- As there was not a clear majority for change, the agenda item to change the structure of Challenge Finals will **Not be accepted** for the 2024-2025 season.

AGENDA ITEM 5



Extreme Weather – using the BOM Weather app

Leeming

Jim Newton (Leeming) presented agenda item 5, accompanied by maps of weather stations that BOM use for each metropolitan suburb

- There was a clear show of hands from club delegates **to Accept the Leeming agenda item** to use BOM weather stations in place of the current club thermometers in the 2024-2025 season.
- Bowls WA will investigate further and discuss with specific clubs, if required, on the appropriate weather station for each club to use.
- Bowls WA will publish in the 2024-2025 Officials Handbook the list of metropolitan clubs and their assigned weather station the umpire of the day must use.
- Bowls WA will provide instructions to all metropolitan clubs on how to access their specific BOM weather station on their electronic device and how to read it accordingly.
- The current Temperature and Abandonment Rules will not change except changing all the wording of thermometers and Stevenson box to BOM weather stations.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Alteration of Thursday Pennant Finals

Bowls WA

Pieter Harris (Bowls WA) presented agenda item 6, to bring Thursday Pennant promotion finals in 3rd Division and below into line with Saturday Pennant promotion finals in 3rd Division and below.

- There was a clear **majority to Accept that Thursday 3rd Division** and below Pennant promotion finals will now only be 2nd versus 3rd on each colour ladder

SATURDAY	MIDWEEK	
PM Grand Final	Week 1 PM Grand Final	2 nd v 3 rd in each colour