

PREMIER LEAGUE QUEENSLAND IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATION



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### **1. The Premier League Controlling Body will.**

- a) Determine the draw.
- b) Determine playing days.
- c) Determine venues.
- d) Determine such changes that are necessary to allow the event to be successfully completed.
- e) Form a disputes committee of 3 impartial board members who will inquire into and settle any disputes that may arise. Any member of the Disputes Committee, who may have a conflict of interest or be a party of such a dispute, will be excluded from the inquiry.
- f) Consider cost effectiveness to be of paramount importance.

### **2. Composition of the Premier League**

- a) The Premier League will comprise of up to and including 12 clubs with their best 12 players per side (3 open rinks).
- b) Each of the 12 Premier League Clubs will enter a Reserve Grade Premier League side comprising of 16 players per side (4 open rinks).
- c) Each club will determine its own number of reserves.
- d) A promotion-relegation system will require the team that finishes last on the points ladder at the end of the regular season to participate in the relegation process should we get nomination/s above and beyond the 12 competing clubs from the 2024 season. If a club does not re-enter for the following season (2025) then the team that finished last will be required to play off in the relegation game.
- e) Nominations for inclusion into the following season (2025) will have to be lodged no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2024, this includes all existing clubs and any new clubs wishing to enter.
- f) Each participating club will contribute \$5500.00 per annum to cover administration and event costs.
- g) Each club in the Premier League competition will be responsible for all their own players travel and accommodation costs.
- h) There will be no green fees paid or demanded between Premier League clubs.
- i) Each club will be required to provide food for all players scheduled to play at their club, this includes a minimum of 1 meal on double header rounds, at no cost to players.

### 3. Conditions of Play

*The Laws of the Sport of Bowls (including domestic regulations for Australia) shall apply with the following exceptions.*

- a) Play for all matches on each rink will be 21 ends.
- b) The minimum number of ends required to constitute a game will be 48 for the Open side and 64 for the Reserve grade side.
- c) START OF PLAY- the HOME team for the day will go first and get the game started, when there is no HOME team for the match (some double header games), then the managers shall complete a coin toss for the START OF PLAY.
- d) Each team will get 2 trial ends before the start of play, there is to be no roll ups on the playing surfaces 1 hour before the scheduled start time.
- e) There are NO DEAD ENDS- the jack is to be re-spotted on the dot provided by the home club, 1 metre behind the 6-foot mark.
- f) If the jack rebounds to less than 18 metres from the mat line, the jack shall be replaced as in condition 3 d).
- g) Scoring- Master board is 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
- h) Total shots scored will be counted to determine the winner of the game.
- i) The position on the ladder is determined by points (as per in f above), the Premier League Ladder scoring system will be as follows; Match points, rink wins, shot margin. In the case of clubs being tied after the above, then the winner of match during the season will finish ahead of the other club they are tied with. In the events of a drawn match during the season, then the club with the better for and against percentage will receive the higher position on the ladder. If clubs are still remaining tied, then the tied clubs will have to play off for the position on the ladder, in each instance, the Controlling body has the authority to decide.
- j) At any time during the match, from end 1 to 21, each rink, whether it is Premier Grade or Reserve Grade, have the option to change the playing positions of the players within that rink. Rinks can make unlimited changes once during the 21-end match, amongst their own rink only and then must stay with those changes for the remainder of the match. If a rink is intending of altering their player line-up, then a representative from the team, must inform their opposition of the intended change before the commencement of the next end, changes cannot be made during an active end. The end cannot commence until the opposition has been made aware of all the intended changes.
- k) Competition to commence at a date determined by the Controlling Body.
- l) The Host Club to arrange Umpires to be used at all Premier League games. Where a register umpire is not available a competent person may be agreed upon and appointed.
- m) A random draw will be completed every year.
- n) All clubs are encouraged to provide music during each game where possible.

- o) All clubs are to list their Premier League and Reserve Grade skips from 1-3 (1-4 Reserve Grade) and send those listed skips and their number to the Tournament Director 1 week prior to the commencement of the competition. Clubs are also to enter those listed skips in their corresponding number on BowlsLink. This will eliminate the need for a draw as 1 will play 1, 2 will play 2 and so on.
- p) Clubs are not able to change or move any game on the draw, the draw is to remain as is. Exceptions can be made if requested in writing to the Controlling Body, cases which includes a club being disadvantaged due to representative duties, will be considered thoroughly.
- q) Forfeit during the rounds- In the event of a club, a team or part of a team forfeiting a game during the rounds of a Premier League season, then the win points and rink wins for that club will be reduced to zero up the point of the forfeit. The value of rink wins dollars accrued by the club at that stage will go back to the Premier League Queensland board and dispersed of by the Controlling Body in any matter they see fit.
- r) If a club forfeits in the final round of the season, then that club will not only lose any and all rinks win prize money, but they will also to removed from the competition for the following 5 years.

#### **4. Player Eligibility**

- a) All sides should consist of players that are current members of any club in Queensland (including the Tweed/Ballina region). All other players outside of Queensland membership shall be considered Marquees.
- b) All players must be clear/free from any form of suspension and or default status from any Bowls Club or Bowls Association.
- c) Clubs can use an unlimited amount of marquee players throughout the season, however only 2 marquee players are eligible to play per round. A marquee player is considered a player that travels from interstate and is not a member of any club in Queensland. Any player that is a member of any club in Queensland is eligible to represent any club in the Premier League competition, without having to be a member of that club, this also includes players in the Tweed/Ballina region).
- d) Any club found to be in breach of any of the above PLAYER ELIGIBILITY conditions of play, will at the very minimum have the following penalty imposed.
  - All match points and rink win points will be deducted for all games where ineligible players were used.
  - In addition, they would receive the worst loss margin for those particular round/s played with an ineligible player.
  - The opposing team in such cases will receive all match points and rink points for that match, as well as receive the average winning margin for that round.

- The Controlling Body will determine what other action is to be taken if it sees fit.

## 5. Inclement Weather

- a) In the event of inclement weather, prior to the scheduled starting time, the Home Club's PLQ Liaison person or the delegated Official, shall declare the fitness of the green for play, no later than 2 hours prior to commencement of play but not before 4 hours prior to commencement of play. (If weather deteriorates prior to start time and greens are declared unfit for play, every effort should be made to contact the visiting Club)
- b) A minimum of 48 ends for Premier Grade and 64 ends in the A Grade, within 4½ hours of play constitutes a game should the required number of ends not be completed within the 4½ hours then the game must be REPLAYED at a time and date suitable to both Clubs and approved by the Controlling Body.

## 6. Qualifying players for finals eligibility

- a) Players must play 5 games in their respective grade to qualify for either Premier League or Reserve Grade Finals.
- b) Players having played 7 games in Premier League grade cannot go back to Reserve grade for the Final Series.
- c) At most 2 players can be nominated as reserves in Reserve Grade. All reserve players must be present in club playing attire to qualify for finals play.
- d) A maximum of 2 Marquee players may be used for finals if they qualify through criteria 6 a)-6 c) above.
- e) Extenuating circumstance relating to (a) above will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

## 7. Protests/Disputes

- a) A committee will be formed comprising three Board members-
  - Chairman of PLQ
  - Tournament Director
  - Board member

If any of the above board members have a direct conflict of interest in the dispute, then another board member will be selected. If no board members are available without a conflict of interest, then a PLQ member will be approached.

- b) All protests and disputes must be lodged within 24 hours of the disputed event in writing to the Secretary accompanied by a \$100 fee.
- c) If the Protest / Dispute is successful, the \$100 will be refunded to the club which lodged the Protest / Dispute.

## 8. Start times

- a) PLQ Reserve Grade matches may start no more than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled PLQ match. Start time for both matches will be mutually agreed by both Clubs with the host club providing start times to the visiting club 1 week prior to their match.
- b) All Saturday games start times are to be decided by the host club, if any situation arises from the nominated start times, the visiting clubs may contact the Tournament Director with their issue and the Tournament Director will then discuss any arising issues with both the host and visiting clubs. Start times are always encouraged to consider travel for visiting clubs and the Tournament Director can alter any start time in the interest of the competition.

## 9. Finals Series

- a) Top 5 Clubs play off in Final series over one weekend in both Divisions.
- b) PLQ Tournament Director will allocate Rinks for all finals.
- c) The rink draw for the finals teams will be carried out by the team managers for each side. There will be an allotted time for this to be carried out before each game on the finals weekend. If the draw isn't complete by the allotted time, the draw will be carried out by the neutral members from the Controlling Body.
- d) All Finals to be conducted by the following Format:  
*Saturday Afternoon: Elimination Final: 4th v 5th Saturday Afternoon: Qualifying Final: 2nd v 3rd The Minor Premier has the automatic entry into the Major Semi-Final. Saturday Night: Major Semi-Final: 1st v winner from Qualifying Final. (Winner direct to Grand Final.) Saturday Night: Minor Semi-Final: Winner of the Elimination Final v Loser of the Qualifying Final. Sunday Morning: Preliminary Final: Loser of the Major Semi-Final v the Winner of the Minor Semi Final. Sunday Afternoon: Grand Final: Winner of the Major Semi-Final v Winner of the Preliminary*
- e) A perpetual trophy for the winning Club will be presented and displayed at the winning Club for 12 months.

## 10. General Conditions

- a) The Host Club shall have their greens ready for play and correctly marked with the jack re-spot before the commencement of the 2 end roll up. There is to be NO practice on the playing green 1 hour before the scheduled commencement of play.
- b) In all instances the Side Managers are to ensure that their side MUST be ready to commence play by the allotted start time.
- c) Each participating Premier League Club which is playing at home during any round is to ensure that the results are correctly inputted into BowlsLink no later than 1 hour after the game is completed.
- d) Each participating Premier League Club to nominate a Club Member as Premier League Liaison person. This person shall be for all communication with the Tournament Director or any PLQ board member.

### 11.Prize Money

<b>Premier League</b>	Winner \$25,000
	Runner up \$12,500
	Third \$ 6,000
	Fourth \$ 4,500
	Fifth \$3,000
	<b>Total \$51,000</b>
<b>Reserve Grade</b>	Winner \$ 8,000
	Runner up \$ 5,000
	Third \$ 2,500
	Fourth \$ 2,000
	Fifth \$1,000
	<b>Total \$18,500</b>
	Skip PLQ \$1,000
	Skip Res \$ 500
	<b>Total \$1,500</b>

- a) Rink wins for Premier Grade will be paid at \$40 per rink only to clubs outside of prize placed winners.
- b) Rink wins for Reserve grade will be paid at \$20 per rink only to clubs outside of prize placed winners.

**The Premier League Board withhold the right to alter conditions of play at any time during the season due to any unforeseen circumstances.**

Conditions of play as at 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

