



PREMIER LEAGUE QUEENSLAND

Conditions of Play – 2026

Premier League Queensland is a Not-for-Profit Organisation

1. Controlling Body Responsibilities

The Premier League Controlling Body will:

- a) Determine the draw, playing days, and venues.
- b) Make any necessary changes to ensure the event is successfully completed.
- c) Form a Disputes Committee of three impartial board members. Any member with a conflict of interest will be excluded.
- d) Consider cost-effectiveness as paramount.

2. Competition Composition

- a) Up to 12 clubs, each fielding 16 players (4 open rinks).
- b) **Promotion/Relegation:** The club finishing last in the regular season is relegated for the following season. (No playoffs)
- c) Expressions of Interest for the next season will be called by the PLQ Board.
- d) The PLQ Board determines which new club is promoted.
- e) Annual entry fee: \$5,500 per club.
- f) Each club covers its own travel/accommodation costs.
- g) No green fees between PLQ clubs.
- h) Host clubs must provide food for all players.

3. Conditions of Play

3.1 General

The Laws of the Sport of Bowls apply except where modified below.

3.2 Player Nominations

- a) Clubs must nominate 16 players eligible only for PLQ. The 16 players may not play BQ Open Gender Pennant.
- b) Clubs must nominate 4 reserves eligible for PLQ and BQ Open Gender Pennant.
- c) 2 marquee players nominated in the 16-player squad can be interchanged with additional marquees as per clause 5.

3.3 Match Format

- a) All matches: 21 ends per rink.
- b) Minimum ends to constitute a game: 64 ends.
- c) The Winner of the match will be the side with the highest combined score across the 4 rinks. A Draw is a draw.

- d) Competition is Open Gender.
- e) Player positions within a rink may be changed **once** during the 21-end match, with notification to the opposition skip and manager before the next end begins.

3.4 Rink Draw

- a) Home side uses BowlsLink Shuffle Button by 5pm Wednesday before play.

3.5 Start of Play

- a) Coin toss determines who plays first.
- b) No trial ends.
- c) 30-minute practice allowed on allocated rinks.
- d) Dead ends replayed.

4. Submission of Results

- a) Both clubs must enter full teams in BowlsLink before play.
- b) Penalties may apply for non-compliance.
- c) Home club enters results within **one hour** of completion of match.
- d) Scoring: 2 point win, 1 draw.
- e) Ladder: match points, rink wins, shot margin.
- f) Scoring via BA Scoring App.
- g) Host clubs arrange umpires.
- h) Annual random draw.
- i) Skips listed one week prior.
- j) Games cannot be moved without approval.
- k) Forfeits incur penalties.

5. Player Eligibility

- a) Unlimited marquee players during season; only two per round.
- b) Marquee = interstate player not registered in QLD or Northern Rivers.
- c) Non marquee players – registered member of a QLD or Northern Rivers region club permanently residing in a QLD or Northern Rivers Region.

6. Inclement Weather

- a) Uncompleted matches: 1 point each, 0 shot margin.
- b) Effort to be made to re-schedule any washout matches before finals.

7. Finals Eligibility

- a) Minimum five games required.
- b) Up to two marquee players allowed if eligible.
- c) Exceptions at Tournament Director discretion.

8. Protests & Disputes

- a) Committee: PLQ Chairperson, Tournament Director, board member.
- b) Written protests required within 24 hours.

9. Start Times

- a) Home club nominates start time with consideration of travel.

10. Finals Series Format

- a) Top 5 teams.
- b) Weekend finals series.
- c) Rinks assigned by Tournament Director.
- d) Managers draw rinks before each match.
- e) Saturday: Elimination Final (4th vs 5th), Qualifying Final (2nd vs 3rd)
- f) Saturday 2: Major Semi (1st vs QF Winner), Minor Semi (EF Winner vs QF Loser)
- g) Sunday AM: Preliminary Final
- h) Sunday PM: Grand Final

11. General Conditions

- a) Greens prepared one hour before roll-up.
- b) Teams ready by start time.
- c) Home club enters results within one hour of completion of match.
- d) Clubs nominate PLQ liaison.

13. Prize Money

Winner: \$28,000

Runner-up: \$14,000

3rd: \$6,000

4th: \$5,000

5th: \$4,000

Minor Premiers: \$2,000

Total Prize Pool: \$60,000.