



# Premier 7's

## 2012 Conditions of Play (As at 18/06/ 2011)

### 1. Controlling Body

The Premier 7's competition will be under the supervision of the Premier League Queensland (PLQ) Controlling Body. The competition will be run by a sub-committee nominated by the PLQ.

### 2. Laws of the Sport

The competition shall be conducted under the laws of the Sport of Bowls, except as provided for in the Premier 7's Conditions of Play.

### 3. Composition of Sides

3.1. The composition of sides in all divisions shall be open to single sex or any combination of ladies and men. Sides will field:

- One singles player
- One pairs team
- One fours team
- One nominated reserve

3.2. There will be four divisions, depending on entries received.

- Division 1 Open
- Sixty plus Open
- Division 2 Open
- Division 3 Open

#### 3.3. Division 1 Open:

No restriction on grading of players who may be selected.

#### 3.4. Sixty plus Open:

No restriction on grading of players who may be selected.

Age restriction; to be eligible to play in Sixty plus Division a player must have a birth date of 1951 or earlier.

### **3.5. Division 2 Open:**

To be eligible to play in Division 2, a player must be graded in Grade 3 or 4 Pennant or below in the previous Pennant bowling season played by that player.

### **3.6. Division 3 Open:**

To be eligible to play in Division 3, a player must be graded in Grade 5, 6, 7 or 8 Pennant or below in the previous Pennant bowling season played by that player.

**3.7. For all eligibility criteria:** -The ranking of the Divisions is in the order that they are listed above. That is Division 3 is the lowest division, Division 2 is next highest, Sixty-plus is next and Division 1 is the highest division. (For example: - A player who has played 3 matches in Division 1, may not regress to 60 plus division)

## **4. Eligibility**

- 4.1.** All Sides shall consist of players that are current registered bowlers and members of the club affiliated with the relevant State Association. Premier 7's players must be full members of the Club at least one month prior to the commencement of the Premier 7's season.
- 4.2.** Clubs may apply to enter a joint team. Joint teams must be attired the same.
- 4.3.** No player may participate in Premier 7's after playing in the 2012 Premier Grade PLQ
- 4.4.** A maximum of two 2012 Premier Reserve players may play Premier 7's in any one game. Premier Reserve Grade players are not permitted to play both Premier League Reserve and Premier 7's competitions in the same play week/weekend.
- 4.5.** A player who did not play in the previous Pennant season shall have their eligibility to participate determined by their previous Pennant Season's Grading.
- 4.6.** To be eligible for post sectional play, players must have played a minimum of fifty percent of sectional matches, in that division or lower division. Therefore a player may be promoted to a higher division but may not be demoted for the finals as per clause 4.9.
- 4.7.** In regard to 4.6. Provided they are present at the match, the nominated first Reserve counts as a game played.
- 4.8.** If a club has more than one team entered in the same Division, there will be no lateral movement of players between these teams after the first three rounds.
- 4.9.** Players who play 3 matches in a higher division may not "play down" (that is be regressed to a lower division).
- 4.10.** Applications will be considered by the Controlling Body from clubs with regard to re-grading of division participation of a team.

- 4.11.** Applications will be considered by the Controlling Body from clubs with regard to re-grading of division participation of an individual player.

## **5. Matches**

A match shall consist of the following rinks:

- Singles – 31 shots up (4 bowls per player)
- Pairs – 21 ends (4 bowls per player, 2x2x2x2)
- Fours – 21 ends (2 bowls per player)

A time limit of 4 hours will apply to all games. (Excluding finals)

## **6. No Dead Ends** Law 15.5 applies.

**6.1.** If the jack goes out of bounds over the side boundary, it will be re-spotted at the 2 metre mark and 1.5 metres from the centre line on the side on which the jack went out of bounds.

**6.2.** If the jack goes out of bounds over the bank it will be re-spotted on the 2 metre mark.

**6.3.** If the spot on which the jack is to be re-spotted is covered by a bowl, the jack should be placed as close to the covered spot as possible in a direct line between that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink without touching a bowl.

## **7. Format of Play**

**7.1.** The number of sides in each Section in each division shall be determined by the number of entries received.

**7.2.** Sectional Play shall be determined by the number of entries.

**7.3.** Sectional Play shall be a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 games (additional games for finals).

**7.4.** The Draw shall be compiled by the PLQ Premier 7's Sub-committee.

**7.5.** The PLQ shall set a play on or before date for each match. Clubs competing in each match shall agree to a suitable date and time to play matches or play on the default date.

**7.6.** Matches shall be scheduled from January to April

**7.7.** Morning, afternoon, evening or night games may be played (Artificial light may be used)

**7.8.** Synthetic Greens may be used.

**7.9.** Travel between clubs will be limited to surrounding Districts where possible.

**8.** By entering this competition all clubs agree to field their team for the full season, in all scheduled games (rounds and finals) regardless of their position in the competition at any given time.

## 9. Inclement Weather / Incomplete Game

9.1. A Match unable to be completed due to inclement weather shall be declared completed if two of three disciplines have reached the following minimum requirements of:

Singles – 21 shots up

Pairs – 14 ends

Fours – 14 ends

9.2. A time limit of 4 hours will apply to all games.(Excluding finals)

9.3. If two of the disciplines meet the minimum requirements, the third shall also be declared complete and the match declared complete.

9.4. If less than two disciplines have reached the minimum requirement the match is to be rescheduled at a time mutually agreed upon and approved by the Controlling Body. Regardless of the completion status all disciplines are to be replayed from scratch.

## 10. Determining Results

### 10.1. Match winners

Seven (7) Points are available in each match

Two (2) Points shall be allocated to each rink win,

One (1) point for a drawn rink,

One (1) bonus point awarded for a 3 rink win.

10.2. In the event that a match becomes a knockout to determine a finals position between two clubs and the match finishes with 1 rink won for each side, with one rink drawn, the drawn rink shall play an extra end to determine the winner of the match.

### 10.3. Determining Section Winner.

The Side scoring the highest number of points shall be the section winner.

If Sides are equal on points the side scoring the higher number of rink wins shall be declared the winner.

If still equal the side with highest net shots (difference between total shots for and total shots against) shall be the winner.

If sides are still equal the side with the lowest total shots conceded shall be the winner.

## 11. Notification of Results

The designated home side shall fax the Result form to the PLQ *immediately* after the conclusion of play. The home side is encouraged to submit results to local media for publication.

## 12. Prize Money

The PLQ shall retain a portion of entry fees to assist with administration costs, the remainder of entry fees and sponsorship will go into a prize pool with the breakdown determined by the Controlling Body.

### 13. Entry Fees

- Div 1 Open \$660
- Div 2 Open \$660
- Div 3 Open \$660
- Sixty plus Open \$660

Entry fee must be lodged with entry form.

### 14. Green Fees

Do not apply to Premier 7's, however clubs may place a fee on their own players.

### 15. Attire

Club approved attire must be worn and all team members must be dressed the same. It is recommended that coloured attire be worn, including slacks if possible. In joint teams all members must dress the same.

### 16. Club Premier 7's Liaison

Each Club must appoint, (via the nomination/entry form), one only Premier 7's Liaison person who must have email and mobile phone access. All correspondence with the controlling body must be through the appointed Liaison person, for all sides entered by the club. The appointed Liaison may also be a manager for a side.

### 17. Manager

Each Side must have an appointed Manager who may be a player, to complete game cards and match results sheets in conjunction with the opposition manager.

### 18. Practice

Players may practice up until the agreed starting time (unlimited ends). Home clubs are to make sure the allocated green is available for practice at least 30 minutes prior to the agreed starting time.

### 19. Umpires and Markers

The host club shall supply all required markers and accredited umpires (preferably non-playing).

### 20. Timing of Games

In order to minimise player clashes with District Events: mid week night games, Friday night games or Saturday/Saturday night games are encouraged. If a team has no players that clash with District Events, Sundays are available for use. Sunday is therefore the default day.

### 21. Closing Date

Nominations for the Premier 7s event close: 4pm, **Monday 5<sup>th</sup>. November 2011**

### 22. Challenge to Bowls

If a set of bowls fail a challenge during a Premier 7s game, the points for that rink will be forfeited to the opposition, the other two rink points will remain as per results.

### **23. Protest/Disputes**

- 23.1. A committee will be formed comprising three members: one of which will be an independent person (not a current member of PLQ), Chairman of PLQ and an appointed person from the PLQ Board to officiate on all protests and disputes.
- 23.2. All protests and disputes must be lodged within 24 hours of the disputed event in writing to the Secretary accompanied by a \$50 fee.

### **24. Finals and presentation to winners.**

- 24.1. Depending on the final number of participating teams and divisions the finals maybe played over two consecutive weekends.
- 24.2. If there are two sections of anyone Division the top two teams in each section will meet to compete in the finals weekend
- 24.3. If there are three sections in any one Division the second placed teams at the conclusion of post sectional competition will play off to determine the fourth teams inclusion in the finals weekend. The teams involved will play in an elimination styled format at a venue to be determined by the controlling body.
- 24.4. If there are four sections in any one Division the top teams in each section will meet to compete in the finals. More than four sections, elimination finals will be played in a similar format to 24.3.
- 24.5. Finals will be played at a venue yet to be determined by Premier League.
- 24.6. The winners and runners up will be encouraged to attend the PLQ Brunch to collect both Prize Money and Trophies. The Brunch will on a weekend following the PLQ finals at a venue yet to be determined by Premier League.

### **25. Controlling Body**

The controlling body has the right to change conditions of play if deemed necessary for the betterment of the competition.

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