

Premier 7's

2009 Conditions of Play

As at 25 July 2008

Controlling Body

The Premier 7s competition will be under the supervision of the Premier League Queensland (PLQ) Controlling Body, which will be a committee of up to 5 people no less than 3 elected annually.

1) Laws of the Sport

The Competition shall be conducted the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, except as provided for in Premier 7s Conditions of Play.

2) Composition of Sides

The composition of the sides at all levels shall be:

One singles player, one pairs team, one fours team and 1 reserve.

There will be seven divisions

- Div 1 Men
- Div 1 Women
- Div 2 Men
- Div 2 Women
- Div 3 Men
- Div 2 Open
- Div 3 Open

3) Eligibility

All Sides shall consist of players that are current registered bowlers and members of the club affiliated with the relevant State Association. Premier 7s players must be full Bowling Members of the Premier 7s Club at least 2 months prior to the commencement of the Premier 7s Season.

Division 1:

No restrictions on grading of players who may be selected.

Division 2:

To be eligible to play in Division 2, a player must be graded in Grade 2, 3 or 4 Pennants or below in the previous Pennant Bowling Season.

Division 3:

To be eligible to play in Division 3, a player must be graded in Grade 5, 6, 7 or 8 Pennants or below in the previous Pennant Bowling Season

Note:

(1) 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.

(2) To be eligible for post sectional play, players must have played a minimum of fifty percent of sectional matches. (Reserve counts as a game played and **must** be present at the match).

(3) If a club has more than one team entered in the same Division, there will be no lateral movement of players between these teams. Once a player has played one game for a team in a particular Division, they are not eligible to participate for another team in that same Division during the current season. Players are allowed to move up or down Divisions so long as they are eligible to play in that Division.

(4) Players who play 3 matches in a higher division may not "play down" (that is be regressed to a lower division).

(5) Applications will be considered by the Controlling Body from small clubs with regard to regrading of Division participation.

(6) No Division 1 ranked male or female player may participate in either Division of the Open competition.

4) Matches

A match shall consist of the following rinks:

- Singles – 25 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 3.5 hours will apply to all games.

Dead Ends

(a) 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.

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

(c) If the spot on which the jack is to be re-spotted is covered by a bowl, the jack will be re-spotted a further .5 metre from the front ditch.

Giving the mat away

If a player/rink decides to give the mat away after winning an end, their opposition will have the choice to either place the mat and roll the jack, or place the mat **and** the jack where they please (as long as it is within the laws of the game). If a player/rink decides they would like to retain the mat after winning an end, they must place the mat and roll the jack. If at the start of a game a player/rink win the toss and give the mat away, their opposition must place the mat and roll the jack to start the game.

5) Format of Play

(a) The number of sides in each Section in each division shall be determined by the number of entries received.

(b) Sectional Play shall be determined by the number of entries.

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

(d) Draws shall be compiled by the PLQ.

(i.) 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.

(ii.) Matches shall be scheduled from 12 January – 29 March 2009.

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

(iv.) Synthetic Greens may be used

(v.) Travel between clubs will be limited to surrounding Districts where possible.

6) Inclement Weather / Incomplete Game

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

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

If less than two disciplines have reached the minimum requirement each side shall receive three (3) points.

7) Determining Results

(a) Match

7 points are available in each match

2 Points shall be allocated to each rink win, 1 point for a drawn rink, 1 bonus point for a 3 rink win.

If a knockout 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.

(b) 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.

8) 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.

9) 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. The amount of entries received in each Division will reflect the prize pool in each Division.

10) Entry Fees

• Div 1 Men	880	• Div 1 Women	660	• Div 1 Open	660
• Div 2 Men	660	• Div 2 Women	440	• Div 2 Open	440
• Div 3 Men	440				

11) Green Fees

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

12) 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.

13) Player/Manager

Each Side must have an appointed Manager who may be a player.

14) Practice

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

15) Umpires and Markers

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

16) Timing of Games

In order to minimise player clashes with District Events and PLQ games: mid week night games, Friday night games or Saturday morning games are encouraged. If a team has no players that clash with District Events or PLQ, Saturday afternoon/evening and Sundays are available for use.

NO games will be scheduled on Saturday after 10am, or Sunday after 9am where a player(s) is involved in the PLQ competition on that same day.

17) Closing Date

Nominations for the Premier 7s event close on Wednesday 3rd September at 4pm.

18) 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.

19) Protest/Disputes

(a) 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.

(b) All protests and disputes must be lodged within 24 hours of the disputed event in writing to the Secretary accompanied by a \$50 fee.

20) Controlling Body

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