

 Premier League
Lawn Bowls
Queensland

As at 4 December 2009

PREMIER LEAGUE QUEENSLAND

Premier League Controlling Body

The Premier League will be under the supervision of the Premier League Controlling Body, which will be a committee of up to 5 people no less than 3 elected annually. In addition a representative from the Executive of the RQBA will be invited to act as PLQ Liaison.

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 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 18 Clubs with 12 players per side.
- b. Each of the 13 Premier League Clubs will enter a Reserve Premier League side (3 open rinks).
- C** Each of the 13 Premier League Clubs will enter one ladies rink.
- c. Each club will determine its own number of reserves.
- d. Inclusion and Omission: The 2 bottom teams (note: Reserve Side and ladies side not included) on the ladder at the end of each Premier League Season shall play off against 2 prospective Premier League Clubs in a round robin with the 1st and Runner up Clubs being included

for the following season and 3rd and 4th Clubs being omitted (the omitted Clubs includes their Reserve Side).

- e. The Controlling Body shall invite applications each season, from Clubs wishing to join Premier League. Every application shall be subject to selection criteria as set down by the Controlling Body. From the applications 2 Clubs shall be selected to play a round robin event against the 2 bottom teams on the Premier League Ladder.
- f. Each Clubs Premier League side will consist of their best 12 players (male or female) per club, 3 rinks.

A Premier League Clubs Reserve Grade side will consist of 12 players male or female, 3 rinks. Each club must also provide one rink dedicated to lady players only who will form their own competition along side the Premier and Reserve grades.

The list of players shall be forwarded to the Controlling Body not later than 1 month prior to the commencement of the Premier League season. This list may be added to or altered prior to the commencement of the new season.

- g. Each participating Club will contribute \$2,200 per annum to cover administration costs and prize money in the Premier League Tournament and \$1,100 per annum for the Reserve Side and Ladies Rink.

The Controlling Body will determine the value of the prize/s

- h. Clubs in the Premier League will be responsible for all player transport and accommodation costs.
- i. There will be no green fees paid or demanded between Premier League Clubs.
- j. Player payments - this is up to individual Clubs and of course dependent on their financial resources.

3. Conditions of Play:

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

Play for all matches will be 21 ends.

- a. Minimum number of ends to constitute a concluded match will be 48 in Open and Reserve Grade and 16 in the Ladies Rink.
- b. Start of Play – the Managers shall toss a coin. The winner of the toss shall decide who shall play first.
- c. There will be no dead ends. Should the jack go out of bounds, it will be re-spotted at the 2 metre mark 1.5 metres from the center line where it goes out of bounds. I.e. left or right. A jack that goes dead over the

bank or dead forward shall be spotted at the 2 metre mark on the tee as it would be normally set up as per Law 15.5 page 30.

- d. Where practicable all matches will be played. Incomplete games which may have a bearing on the competition may be required to be replayed
- e. Scoring – Master board
 - 2 points for a win
 - 1 point for a draw
 - 0 points for a loss
 - (Rink wins recorded separately each match)
- f. Total shots will be counted to determine a winner of a game.
- g. The position on the ladder is determined by points (as per “f” above), in case of a tie for position total rinks then determine position, in case of a further tie shot margin will determine position.
- h. Competition to commence the 2nd Saturday of each January in the year of the competition, or as recommended by the Controlling Body.
- i. The Host Club to arrange Umpires to be used at all Premier League games. Where a registered umpire is not available a competent person may be agreed upon and appointed.
- j. When practicable, the reverse home draw will apply every 2nd year.
- k. It is recommended that coloured attire be worn, including slacks if possible.
- l. No Club shall be disadvantaged, where at all possible, by players being selected and playing in representative matches for Queensland and Australia, which conflicts with a Premier League match. Every effort will be made to accommodate this situation. However, the overall well being of the competition will be considered in the final decision.
- m. Any two clubs who mutually agree to play their match outside of the declared draw must have this match completed prior to the commencement of the round with which they agree to change.

4. Import Players

- a Premier League. Clubs may have a maximum of 3 import players (2 men and 1 lady). These players may become temporary/honorary members of the Premier League Club for the duration of the current Premier League season only.
The names of these 3 players (2 men and 1 lady) must be submitted to the Controlling body at least 1 month prior to the start of the Premier League Season.
- b Apart from the 3 (2 men and 1 lady) allowable import players as per "a" all Premier League Players must be full Bowling Members of the

Premier League Club at least 2 months prior to the commencement of the Premier League Season.

- c The exception to rule (q) is that in the event of circumstances outside the control of a player, a player may join and be eligible to play for a Premier League Club prior the 7th game of that years season subject to prior approval of the Premier League Board

5. Inclement weather:

- a. In the event of inclement weather prevailing, 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.)

6. A Game

A minimum of 48 ends, 16 in the ladies rink, 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.

- 1. Appeals due to inclement weather;
 - a. An appeal upheld by the Umpire or from the Clubs DELEGATED Official, shall affect all rinks of PLQ play.
 - b. An appeal from the side Manager, shall affect only the rinks on which the appealing side plays.
 - c. When a match has been stopped by mutual agreement or an appeal to the Official Umpire – Bowls Australia rules shall apply.

8. Qualifying players for Reserve Side:

A player will be deemed as played in the highest grade they play during that round.

Players must qualify 7 times (of the 12 rounds) in PLQ Reserve side and Ladies side to play in the finals or 1 game greater than half of all rounds depending on the number of rounds.

At most 2 players can be nominated as reserves in Reserve Grade a 1 player for the Ladies side for qualification purposes.

9. Starting Times:

PLQ Reserve and Ladies matches may start not more than 30 minutes prior to 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.

All Saturday matches will be played under lighting conditions unless otherwise agreed to by the Controlling Body. Sunday games to commence no later than 1pm unless agreed upon by participating clubs.

These start and finish times are subject to weather conditions, late arrivals, etc.

10. Final Series

a Top 6 Clubs play off in Final series over one weekend in all three Divisions.

b All Finals to be conducted by the following Format:

Saturday Afternoon: Elimination Finals: 3rd v 6th and 4th v 5th (1st and 2nd have a bye).

Saturday Night: Preliminary Finals: 1st v winner from Elimination Final who finished lowest on the ladder after the home and away season; 2nd v winner of other Elimination Final.

Sunday Afternoon: Grand Final: Two Preliminary Final winners

c A perpetual trophy for the winning Club will be presented and displayed at the winning Club for 12 months. Player's medallions or trophies (16 per side maximum, for Premier and Reserve Grade, 6 for the Ladies Rink) will be presented to winners and runners-up who qualify by playing 50% of the total matches played.

d A Grand Final Brunch will be held at the finals venue at 10am on the morning of the Grand Final. Awards and minor premierships trophies will be awarded at this brunch. All Participating Clubs must attend and be represented at the Grand Final Brunch (Minimum 1 table of 10 per club).

11. General Conditions:

a. The Host Club shall have their greens ready and available for their visiting club to roll-up/practice not later than 1 hour prior to the start of play.

b. In all instances the Side Managers are to ensure that their side MUST be ready to commence play with their first end when the bell sounds.

c. The Premier League sponsor/s shall provide a large banner that must be displayed at the participating Premier League Clubs on play days.

- d. Before, during and after the Premier League game... regular announcements should be made with reference to the participating sponsor/s.
- e. Each participating Premier League Club is to ensure that the result sheet for the days play is either faxed or e-mailed to the Controlling Body within 2 hours after the game ends.
- f. Each participating Premier League Club to nominate a Club Member as Premier League Liaison person. This person shall be responsible for ensuring Player profiles are provided, Sponsor Banner displayed in a prominent position, Result sheet remitted to the Controlling Body, regular Sponsorship announcements made, receiving and sending of various other correspondence to/from the Premier League Controlling Body and other requirements that from time to time may arise.

12. Controlling Body Rule.

The Controlling Body shall be the sole judge and determine, interpret and rule on all matters during the course of the tournament.