

MEMO

TO: Metropolitan Member Clubs
FROM: Metropolitan Bowls Association
DATE: Thursday 8th July 2023
SUBJECT: 2023/24 Metro Pennant Calendar

Club Secretaries

The calendar for Metropolitan Pennants for season 2023/2024 has been finalised. It will be available [here](#).

Round 1 of the Saturday pennant competition will be played on 14th October for all Divisions except Premier League. Saturday Premier League games will begin with Round 2 on 21st October. Round 1 of the Wednesday & Thursday competitions will be on 18th and 19th October respectively.

The last Pennant games before Christmas will be played on Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Saturday 16th December 2023.

Matches will re-commence on Saturday 6th January 2024 for Saturday Premier League only; and Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Saturday 13th of January 2024 for the remaining Divisions.

Finals will be played over 3 weeks with Grand Finals to be played on Saturday 23rd March (all Saturday Divisions except Premier League, played on Sunday 24th March), Thursday 28th March, and Wednesday 3rd April.

The MBA President met with Saturday Premier League players and clubs during season 2022/2023 to gather suggestions for changes. Following further consultation, the MBA Executive has introduced several Friday evening and Sunday games into the Saturday Premier League calendar for season 2023/2024. Other suggested changes to Premier League have been held over for further consideration or for implementation in the future.

Please note the following:

- There will be no Wednesday games on Wednesday 31st January (Men's Country Carnival)
- Saturday Premier League Round 1 and Round 13 have been placed in the calendar to allow Premier League rounds played on a Saturday to align with the same rounds played by other Divisions
- Issues arising from Member Club players being unable to play Pennant bowls due to State commitments during October will be resolved once State teams have been announced (Refer Bowls SA website under "Events"// "Events calendar"// "Guidelines")

Pennant Side nomination forms will be sent to Clubs in the next few weeks, for return in August.

If there are any questions regarding the calendar, please contact the MBA Secretary (metrobowls@bigpond.com) regarding Saturday Premier League and MBA Match & Program Committee (MBAmatchcommittee@metrobowls.com.au).



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On behalf of MBA Executive Committee & MBA Match & Program Committee