

MEMO

TO: Metropolitan Member Clubs
FROM: MBA Match & Program Committee
DATE: 12 March 2025
SUBJECT: Saturday Pennant Finals – contingency plans

Club Secretaries

The weather forecasts for Adelaide for the coming weekend of Pennant bowls Semi Finals predict extreme heat on Friday and Saturday with a relatively high overnight minimum Friday night.

While a final decision regarding conduct of the Saturday and Sunday games cannot be made until Thursday afternoon, the MBA is issuing a statement today to provide guidance in the event that some games are so severely affected by adverse weather conditions on Saturday that play is abandoned for the day before a result can be declared.

Any Finals Round 1 games (First Semi Final & Elimination Final) played on Saturday that **are abandoned before a result can be declared** (Refer Rule 10.2.4 & 5.9 below) will be continued on Sunday morning at the same venue as they were started, with play resuming not later than 10am (refer Rule 10.5 below).

For those Sections that are affected by incomplete Saturday games, **the Preliminary Final for that Section** will be played on Sunday at the same venue as the First Semi Final & Elimination Final were played, with play starting no later than 1pm.

Preliminary Finals for Sections not affected by incomplete Saturday games will be played on Sunday at the scheduled venue with play starting no later than 1pm.

If there are any questions regarding the above or further clarification required, please contact MBA Match & Program committee (MBAmatchcommittee@metrobowls.com.au)



Steve Franks
Chair, MBA Match & Program Committee

5.9 Ends to be completed to finalise a game – ~~Minor Rounds~~ (Refer Law 33) .

If Match & Program Committee has not determined that all play in a Round shall be cancelled and a game is started but does not complete the full number of ends, the game shall be deemed to have been finalised with the scores at the time of abandonment if:

Saturday Premier League: at least 56 ends have been completed (early start game at least 56 ends)

Saturday Divisions 1 - 5: at least 56 ends have been completed (early start game at least 48 ends)

Saturday Division 6 & 7: at least 42 ends have been completed (early start game at least 36 ends)

If a Round has been declared as an “early start”, then the numbers of ends required to consider the game to have been deemed as finalised are reduced as indicated above.

10.2 Finals – Arrangements of Play

10.2.4 If play cannot be completed due to extreme weather conditions, Rule 5.9 will apply. If the appropriate number of ends has not been completed, Match & Program Committee will determine when the games will be resumed as per Rule 10.5.1.

10.5 Finals – Completing Games

10.5.1 In the event of final games being abandoned for the day due to extreme weather conditions, games will be rescheduled at the discretion of Match & Program Committee.

10.5.2 Resumed games will continue from the point at which the game was suspended with the **same players in the same teams in the same positions within the sides**. Substitutes – refer DR 2.4 & 2.5.3.

10.5.3 The number of ends to be played will be the number as set at the start of the original game – refer Rules 4.3 & 5.9.