

MEMO

TO: Metropolitan Member Clubs

FROM: MBA Match & Program Committee

DATE: Tuesday 9 September 2025

SUBJECT: Thursday Competition Restructure

Club Secretaries

At the MBA Annual General Meeting held in June this year, Clubs were advised that the MBA would consider making changes to the Division structure of the Thursday Pennant competition if the number of side nominations for the competition were reduced from last season. The main reason for any possible change was that the decrease in number of sides in Division 3 has made it difficult to allocate sides evenly to Sections without significantly increasing the amount of travel for most sides.

Side nomination forms have now been submitted and there has been a small reduction in the number of sides entered in the Thursday competition. Based on this information, the MBA Match & Program Committee has advised the MBA Executive that structural changes should be carried out now and implemented for the upcoming season. The MBA has accepted this recommendation.

After the changes, Premier Division will remain as one Section of 10 sides, Division One will become two Sections of 10 sides each, and the remaining nominated sides will together make up Division Two.

Support for a change of structure:

- The restructure will improve travel distances/times for a significant number of sides, as they will be part of a larger number of Sections than the previous structure.
- The restructure will make more sides available for the North Section in Division 2.

To create the correct number of sides in each Division under the changed structure:

- Promotions/demotions to/from Premier Division / Division 1 published in April this year will remain
- Promotions/demotions to/from Division 1 to 2 will be retracted
- Promotions/demotions to/from Division 2 to 3 will be retracted
- The 5 top ranked sides from each of Division 2 North & Division 2 South at the end of last season will be placed into Division 1 to make 20 sides
- The remaining nominated sides will be placed in Division 2.

Restrictions

- Side Limits - A club will be limited to one side in Thursday Premier Division and two sides in Division 1.

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



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On behalf of the MBA Match & Program Committee