

Metropolitan Bowls Association (MBA)

Schedule of Fines, Penalties and Lodgement Fees Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to promote compliance with the administrative, operational, and competition requirements of the Metropolitan Bowls Association (MBA). Fines, penalties, and lodgement fees are designed to ensure fairness, accountability, and the integrity of competition and governance across all affiliated Member Clubs and individuals.

2. Authority

The MBA Executive Committee retains the authority to:

- Impose fines, suspensions, disqualifications, or other penalties for breaches of the Laws of the Sport, MBA By-Laws, or Conditions of Play.
- Determine whether conduct has brought the sport into disrepute.
- Exercise discretion in applying or waiving fines or penalties where justified by extenuating circumstances.

3. Withdrawals

Any Member Club that withdraws a nominated side from the MBA Pennant competition after 30 September may incur a fine of \$110.00.

4. Late Results and Forfeits

Late Results:

- First failure to submit results within the time frame prescribed in the MBA Pennant Rules & Conditions of Play: \$55.00
- Second and subsequent failures: \$110.00

Forfeits:

- Clubs must notify the opposing club and the MBA Match & Program Committee by:
 - Thursdays: 9.00am
 - Saturdays/Wednesdays: 10.30am
- Failure to notify within 30 minutes after these deadlines may incur a fine of \$110.00.
- If the forfeited game was to be hosted by the Home Club, that club will receive 50% of the fine imposed.

5. Late or Non-Lodgement of Returns

Failure to list or lodge a Temporary Registrant with the correct fee within the prescribed timeframe may incur a fine of \$55.00.

6. Player Eligibility and Registration

Unregistered Players – Pennants:

- Any side fielding an unregistered player will forfeit all points and shots from affected games.

Unregistered Players – Events:

- Any unregistered player competing in an MBA event will forfeit the match, be ineligible for prize money, and incur a fine of \$55.00.

7. Player Clearances

In accordance with Bowls SA By-Laws, a player is ineligible to play in another Club's competitions until the Clearance process is complete.

- Clubs fielding players with incomplete clearances will forfeit all points and shots from affected games, and incur a fine of \$110.00.
- The ineligible player will also be liable for a fine of \$55.00.

8. Pennant Permits

Any member playing for another club without a valid Bowls SA Pennant Permit will incur a fine of \$55.00 per occurrence, and the club will incur a fine of \$110.00 per occurrence.

9. Club Non-Compliance

Any deliberate or serious failure by a Member or Affiliated Club to comply with the Bowls SA and MBA Constitution, By-Laws, or administrative requirements may result in a minimum fine of \$220.00.

10. Individual Member Non-Compliance

Any individual member breaching MBA rules, policies, or the Laws of the Sport may incur a minimum fine of \$110.00, or a higher penalty determined by the MBA Executive Committee.

11. Disputes, Protests, Hearings & Appeals – Lodgement Fees

All disputes, protests, and appeals must be submitted on the approved MBA form with the applicable non-refundable lodgement fee:

- Dispute with MBA: \$220.00
- Pennant Dispute (Minor Rounds): \$220.00
- Pennant Dispute (Finals Series): \$110.00
- Appeal – Hearing Panel Decision: \$550.00
- Appeal – Pennant Minor or Finals Rounds: \$550.00

12. GST

All fines, penalties, and fees listed are inclusive of GST.

13. Review

This policy will be reviewed biennially by the MBA Executive Committee or sooner if required by legislative, structural, or governance changes.