

MEMO

TO: Metropolitan Member Clubs
FROM: MBA Match & Program Committee
DATE: Tuesday 24 February 2026
SUBJECT: Information re Finals/ BowlsLink

SELECTION GUIDELINES

The selection criteria described in Rule 3.3 Player Selection Guidelines apply to selection for all games in the Pennant competitions.

Selectors are asked to be mindful of eligibility restrictions that apply for Finals, as well as a specific mention in Rule 3.3.4 about not being seen to “stack” sides to gain an unfair advantage.

FINALS ROUNDS

The Finals Eligibility Flow Chart in the Conditions of Play may be misleading because it does not emphasise the requirement to consider only player records for Rounds 10 to 18 for Finals Round 1 eligibility.

To avoid confusion, Selectors should refer to Rule 3.9 not the Flow Chart for player eligibility for Finals.

“**Consecutively ranked sides**” are side 1 and side 2, side 3 and side 4 etc. Consecutive sides may be in the same Section, different Sections in the same Division, or in different Divisions entirely. Refer to Rule 2.4 for a definition.

Finals venues. Clubs that are likely to be involved in Finals should take note that from time to time a host club for Finals Round 1 may run short of available green space to host 3rd place v 4th place games, requiring an alternate venue decided by Match & program committee.

BOWSLINK

BowlsLink records are used by the MBA when questions of player eligibility are raised by Selectors. Clubs should audit their scorecards against the BowlsLink logs (**not player ladders**) that can be downloaded from BowlsLink (no special access required). “How to” file sent with this memo. **Clubs should provide the MBA with information (scorecards) if BowlsLink appears to be in error.**

BowlsLink is showing an anomaly in the ladder for Saturday Division 7 South. Specifically, the Score Difference and Score % for Ascot Park VIII is incorrect because of an administrative adjustment to zero points & shots for the incoming side (Edwardstown IV) that was applied just before its admission into the Saturday competition in Round 12.

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



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