

MEMO

TO: Metropolitan Member Clubs
FROM: MBA Match & Program Committee
DATE: Friday 27 February 2026
SUBJECT: Pennant Finals Series

PENNANT FINALS SERIES

Finals will be played for all for all Divisions.

First Semi Final (Minor Premier plays runner up) and Elimination Final (third place plays fourth place) are usually played at the venue of the Minor Premier. Some third v fourth games may have to be played at alternative venues to accommodate greens loading.

Preliminary Final (loser of First Semi Final plays winner of Elimination Final) will be played at the venue of the loser of First Semi Final.

Grand Final. Winner of the First Semi Final plays winner of the Preliminary Final at a venue decided by the MBA.

Finals dates:

Thursday Elimination and First Semi Finals	Thursday 5 th March 2026
Thursday Preliminary Final	Thursday 12 th March 2026
Thursday Grand Final	Thursday 19 th March 2026
Saturday Elimination and First Semi Finals	Saturday 7 th March 2026
Saturday Preliminary Final	Saturday 14 th March 2026
Saturday Grand Final (not Premier Division)	Saturday 21 st March 2026
Saturday Premier Division Grand Final	Sunday 22 nd March 2026
Wednesday Elimination and First Semi Finals	Wednesday 11 th March 2026
Wednesday Preliminary Final	Wednesday 18 th March 2026
Wednesday Grand Final	Wednesday 25 th March 2026

Hosting Finals Series (refer Section 10 of the Conditions of Play)

Clubs who are anticipating an involvement as hosts for 2025/26 Pennant Semi-Finals and Preliminary Finals Series are reminded and advised of the following:

- The Host Club is responsible for providing a venue Manager of the Day unless another person is appointed by the MBA. Additional duties for the venue Manager will include receiving protests & appeals and communicating with the MBA as required.

- The Host club is responsible for providing NON-PLAYING umpire(s) for the day. If possible, there should be one umpire allocated to each game/green. Clubs anticipating difficulty regarding this requirement are asked to appeal to nearby clubs for assistance.
- Where multiple umpires are used, an Umpire of the Day should be appointed with final responsibility for the conduct of games at the venue and any written reports.
- Finals Series games should be played on individual greens wherever possible. Spreading teams across multiple greens should be avoided wherever possible.
- An area away from spectators should be provided for players to keep their bowls bag etc. (The end of the green away from the clubhouse is often suitable).
- Finals Series games will be played without a time limit.
- All Finals games will be played without a scheduled mid-game break. Players are responsible for supplying their own food. Access to tea/coffee, food for sale and refreshments from the bar are recommended.
- In the case of extreme weather on Game Day normal extreme weather procedures will be applied, under the control of the Umpire of the Day.
- In the event of a drawn game after the full allotment of ends, side Managers will toss for the mat and all rinks shall complete one end from the end of the green at which their last end was completed (refer Law 5.2 & Law 28).
In the event of there still being a draw after an extra end has been played, the procedure above will be repeated until a winner is obtained.
- Home sides, including the higher ranked side for those playing at a neutral venue, are responsible for entering results into BowlsLink by 6:00pm on the day of play.
Away sides need to confirm the results as usual by 6.30pm on the day of play.
Entry and confirmation of results immediately after the conclusion of the games is encouraged.
It would be appreciated if Host Clubs could provide access to a computer to allow all sides to enter and confirm results at the conclusion of the games.

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



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