

MEMO

TO: Metropolitan Member Clubs

FROM: Match & Program Committee

DATE: Wednesday 12 February 2020

SUBJECT: Pennant competitions – Rule 2.9

Rule 2.9 of the Metropolitan Bowls Association Pennant competition was amended for this season to fix an issue that came to light last season.

Match & Program Committee has become aware that whilst many Pennant Side selectors have attempted to include this amendment in their selection strategies, the application of the Rule as it is described in the Conditions of Play this year will deny a significant number of players across all Divisions and Pennant competitions a legitimate place in a Pennant Side for the last 4 Rounds.

Match & Program Committee has determined that this unintended consequence must be addressed; therefore there will be an immediate alteration made to Rule 2.9.2 of the Conditions of Play. The modification relates specifically to the number of games played in a "lower" Side and will be amended to read "**one**" game instead of "**four**". The altered Rule 2.9 is included below.

2.9 Player Movement Between Sides – Minor Rounds

- 2.9.1** Prior to round 15 of Minor Round games there will be no restriction on the interchange of Players between the sides of a Club.
- 2.9.2** For the last four rounds of Minor Round play, no side will include more than three players who have played the majority of their games, prior to the fourth last game, in a higher ranked side. Each of these players must have played at least **one** game in this side or lower ranked sides prior to round 15.
- 2.9.3** In exceptional circumstances a player permit may be sought from Match & Program Committee in regard to Rule 2.9.2.

Clubs are expected to follow the amended Rule 2.9 in their selection of players in Pennant Sides for the last four rounds of the Minor Round.

We do apologise for this late change but we feel it is in the best interest of all Clubs.

If there are any questions regarding the above changes or further clarification is required, please contact Match & Program (matchcommittee@bowlssa.com.au)

Regards

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