



## Guidelines for Associations Scheduling Pennants and Championships:

The guidelines below are aimed at balancing our commitment to having more players on more greens more often, whilst also ensuring high performing players are given every opportunity to represent our state on the national stage.

1. Association events must follow the key attached to the Bowls SA Calendar. If a breach of the key occurs penalties may apply. Please refer to the Bowls SA By-Laws and Bowls SA Schedule: Fines, Penalties and Lodgement Fees.
2. Any association seeking an exemption to schedule pennants during any Bowls SA event must seek permission from Bowls SA in writing.

This should be sent to Isaac Trenorden – [isaac.trenorden@bowlssa.com.au](mailto:isaac.trenorden@bowlssa.com.au)

3. In relation to the Nationals being held in October 2024:

Pennants can be scheduled provided that:

3.1 – Where an Association Pennant has no one involved in the Australian Nationals, their matches can continue, as per normal.

3.2 – Where an Association Pennant has ONE club with ONE player involved in the Australian Nationals, the Club be given the option of either playing their pennant match or deferring their match to a later date. Such a decision will need to be declared by the club no later than TWO weeks prior to the scheduled pennant match. All other pennant matches proceed, as per normal. *The preference is solely for the club to determine and must be accommodated.*

3.3 – Where an association pennant has ONE club with TWO or MORE players involved in the Australian Nationals, their pennant match is automatically deferred to a later date. All other pennant matches proceed, as per normal.

3.4 – If TWO or MORE clubs in an Association Pennant have players involved in the Australian Nationals then the whole Association Pennant round is deferred. Please note, this will likely only apply to the Premier League and Division 1 teams and may be best managed by a double header.

In some associations, that operate with a BYE, it may be possible to allocate the bye to the club so affected by the Australian nationals. This will avoid the need for the club to have its pennant match deferred.

If TWO clubs are involved in the Australian Nationals, the association may be able to program the two clubs to be playing each other in that round, and defer the round to a double header later in the season, thus not affecting the rest of the matches.