

## **HBA WEDNESDAY STRUCTURE**

Restructure the Wednesday competition to play a multiple discipline format of fours, triples and pairs. Fours would be two bowl, triples would be two bowl and the pairs would be three bowl, the fours will play 21 ends, the triples will play 25 ends and pairs will play 21 ends with no break. (The ends for the pairs may need to be adjusted for the three bowl format, the 21 ends is used in the Metropolitan competition using the 2-2-2-2 format)

A side without a full complement of players (with no substitutes available) shall distribute the available players across teams to fill Pairs & Triples teams as the priority.

If, at the scheduled starting time for a game, one player is absent from one or more teams in a side and no eligible substitute player is available or allowed, affected rinks will postpone the start of play for up to 15 minutes.

Any side that does not have a full complement of players and no eligible substitute player is available or allowed (except in fours or triples teams which can play one player short in each team as in DR 2.6) 15 minutes after the scheduled start time of a game will forfeit the game, with points & shots awarded as per HBA rules

After the start of the game, if a player withdraws in any discipline and there is no substitute available or allowed (other than fours or triples, as above), the side will forfeit the game, with points & shots awarded as per HBA rules

The Division 1 Wednesday competition will have an even number of teams (minimum of 8 maximum of 10) The remaining sides will make up the Division 2 competition. The competition will be played on a home and away basis with even rounds and finals for the top four in each competition.

Points would be awarded for each rink win (2 points) with 8 points for an overall side win based on the total shots for the side across the three disciplines.

In the first year, the top Division would be made up of the top 8 (or 10) teams in their finishing order for the current season. The remaining sides would make up Second Division. Promotion and relegation would then come into effect at the end of the first year, with the bottom side in Division 1 relegated to Division 2 and the Division 2 Grand Final winner promoted to Division 1 provided that the winning club does not already have two sides in Division 1. (If the winning club has two sides in the higher Division then the runner up may be promoted or there may be no promotion/relegation for that season.) Relegating the side finishing last in Division 1 may also require consideration if that Club already has two sides in the Division 2 competition.