

PENNANT PLAY – THE PREMIERSHIP POINTS

Introduction

An RVBA Pennant Side has four Teams of four players, except for the bottom division which has only three Teams in the Side. The Ladies Pennant has been reduced to three teams per Side.

Promotion and Demotion

Each Team plays 25 live ends against an opposition Team.

Premiership points are earned by the Team with the highest shots scored over 25 Ends. At this time that is 2 points, a tie shares the points at 1 each.

The 4 Teams shots are added and compared to the opposition's total, the higher total winning the Match for that Side and earning 10 points, a Tie earning 5 points each.

The Team points are added to the Side points and that is the number of Premiership points earned for each Side in that Match.

At the completion of the Home and Away matches, the top four Sides with the most Premiership points earn the right to play in the Section finals. First v Fourth and Second v Third in the semi finals and then the two winners against each other in the Section final. The winner of this Final then play in knockout rounds against the other section winners for the Division Championship.

In Division 1 the Sides playing in the Division Grand Final are promoted into the Premier Division in the following season replacing the 2 Sides at the bottom of Premier Division ladder.

In Division 2, the Sides winning their Section Final are promoted to Division 1 next season replacing the bottom 2 sides from each Division 1 ladder.

All other divisions have the 2 Sides playing in the Section Final being promoted replacing the bottom 2 Sides in the next higher Division.

Top of the Ladder

Each Side judges its level of success in the season by earning a specifically targeted spot on their premiership ladder.

The Club officials would have studied their players abilities and presumably arrived at a logical decision as to the capabilities of the Side and so set a target in the form of a ladder position.

The Side must now earn enough points to achieve that target or objective.

A study of the points required reveals that each ladder position is predictable according to the required number of points, the following table illustrating the points expressed as a percentage - %.

Position on Ladder	Points Available % of Points
1	75
2	70
3	65
4	60
5	55
6	50
7	50
8	45
9	40
10	Less than 40

The Club can monitor the Sides progress after each match by converting the points into the % and comparing it to the table.

Obviously the premierships points are important as they are the basis of determining the level of success over the whole season.

Objective

Where the objective is to: -

Earn promotion -- i.e. 1st or 2nd on the Sectional ladder after the Sectional Finals,

Finish in the Section Finals -- 1st to 4th or

Avoid demotion -- 9th or 10th then

Each point earned during the home and away matches is of vital importance.

It is an important planning and monitoring issue to keep a realistic check on the progress as illustrated by the table of %'s. A change in objectives may need to be taken if the results are unexpectedly favourable or unfavourable.

When the objective was to finish in a spot which did not earn promotion nor could risk demotion, the Club selects players with potential and/or reward faithful service to the club by selecting those appropriately identified.

Safety first - Potential Second!

When the desire is to earn promotion then the minimum % is 60% to earn the lowest position of fourth on the ladder and should be reached and maintained throughout the season.

There is little room for those players who are not at the standard to assist the Side in accomplishing that target and therefore the objective as each premierships point is vital. Likewise to avoid demotion each premierships point is vital to the cause.

Setting up the monitoring process will enable the Cub officials to determine the progress and may allow the 'bleeding of potential' - if the Side is well ahead of their target.