

POLICY- FLYING of FLAGS



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POLICY- DISPLAYING NATIONAL, STATE, CLUB and COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS.

This Policy is to be

- prominently displayed on the Club Notice Board; and,
- brought to the notice of members regularly.

Part 1 Introduction

1) Purpose

- a) This policy establishes the principles and procedures for the display of the Australian National Flag, Queensland Flag and Club Pennants at Belmont Services Bowls Club. The policy recognises the Club's strong Services heritage, commitment to Australian flag protocol, and the traditions of the sport of lawn bowls.

2) Services Heritage

- a) Belmont Services Bowls Club acknowledges its strong association with Australia's Service community.

Historically, many lawn bowls clubs were established by or in partnership with Returned & Services League (RSL) organisations following the First and Second World Wars. Lawn bowls became an important recreational activity for returned service personnel, and many traditions adopted by bowls clubs—including the respectful raising and lowering of the Australian National Flag—reflect this enduring military heritage.

- b) The Club is committed to preserving and respecting these traditions.

Part 2 Club Policy

1) Policy Statement

- a) Belmont Services Bowls Club will proudly display the Australian National Flag in accordance with the Australian National Flag Protocols and will continue the long-standing traditions associated with lawn bowls and the Services community.

2) Match Days, Pennant and Special Competitions

- a) On all social and official competition days, including Saturday and Midweek Pennant or Special Competitions, the Australian National Flag shall be raised to signify that:
 - i) the Club is officially open for social play; or
 - ii) competition is in progress; and
 - iii) members, visiting player(s) or team(s) and the public are welcome.
- b) Raising the Australian National Flag serves as a visual indication that the greens are operating for sanctioned social play or competition and that the Club is hosting official bowling activities.

3) Australian National Flag Protocol

- a) The Australian National Flag shall always occupy the position of honour when displayed with any other flag, including State, Club or commemorative flags.
- b) The Club will display the Australian National Flag in accordance with the Australian National Flag Protocols issued by the Australian Government.
- c) The Australian National Flag shall be treated with dignity and respect at all times and displayed in a manner befitting its status as the nation's foremost symbol.
- d) Where practical, the flag should be raised briskly at the commencement of the day's activities and lowered ceremoniously at the conclusion of play.
- e) General Rules:
 - i) Raise the Australian National Flag first, lower it last;
 - ii) Fly the flag freely near the top of its own dedicated pole. Never fly two flags from the same rope;
 - iii) The flag should be lowered at night unless it is fully illuminated;
 - iv) Stand silent and face the flag during raising, lowering, or parades;
 - v) Never fly a damaged, faded, or an upside-down flag;
 - vi) Do not let it touch the ground; and,
 - vii) Worn flags are to be disposed of in a dignified manner.

Note: Each of these directions is taken as if you are facing the flagpole i.e., for our flagpole, you are facing away from the club.

1. *The Masthead: The very top of the vertical main pole. This is the most important position. Here the primary flag, the Australian National Flag flies above all others.*
2. *The Left Yardarm (taken as your left hand from a viewer's perspective) on a flagpole on land is the secondary position. Here flies the Queensland Flag.*
3. *The Right Yardarm: The right-hand side of the yardarm (as viewed by an observer standing in front of the pole) is tertiary position. This is where the Club Flag flies.*
4. *If the flag is to be flown at half-mast (on a flagpole with a yardarm) as a mark of mourning, the flag is lowered to a point so that the top of the flag sits perfectly level with the yardarm.*

4) National Commemorations

- a) The Australian National Flag shall be displayed during significant national commemorations, including but not limited to:
 - i) ANZAC Day;
 - ii) Remembrance Day;
 - iii) Australia Day;
 - iv) other occasions determined by the Management Committee.

5) Responsibility

- a) The Management Committee is responsible for the implementation of this policy.
- b) Day-to-day responsibility for raising and lowering the Australian National Flag may be delegated to Club staff, Match Committee members, or other authorised volunteers.

Part 3 Administrative Details

- a) First issued:
- b) Current Version: 01
- c) Approved/Issued
- d) Review: as required but no later than 2029