



Hi Everyone

The following is an update following the Board's meeting on Monday night.

1. Fixture finalisation

The season start date for the Ballarat playing area was discussed. Given the following:

- some clubs are still only starting to get members back around their clubs and starting to practise
 - a number of clubs are still updating and trialling COVID protocols
 - there is still some uncertainty about the road-map date for 'opening up' and returning to community sport
 - there is still a lack of information around a vaccination policy or associated procedures
- the Board believes that a prudent decision for our clubs and their members is to give ourselves an extra week to prepare for the season.

Therefore, the Ballarat playing area pennant season will begin on Saturday, 13th November.

- The season will run for 14 weeks with 3 weeks of finals. Pennant will be played on November 20th and Tuesday, 23rd November (formerly the Victoria Open week).
- The revised fixture and full calendar of events will be published shortly, but for the moment, please see attached for pennant dates for Saturday and Tuesday competitions.
- Please see below a message relating to the pennant draws from Helene Stenning (Match Committee).

Dear Club Secretaries

I wish to advise that the dates listed in the attached document are the dates for next season, which will commence on Saturday 13 November 2021 and Tuesday 16 November 2021.

14 rounds will be played in both Pennants.

I have only listed the dates as they will have to be updated on BowlsLink. I am unsure as to how the Round number will work, but it is best that we provide you with dates asap, so that you can organise yourselves.

I will also be forwarding an update on all the Saturday and Tuesday Pennant draws on a spreadsheet as soon as possible.

The calendar of events is also being updated and I will provide that to you within the next few days.

Kind Regards
Helene Stenning
Match Committee

2. Region / State events entry fees

There will be no fines for players who have previously entered region / state events but who now are unable to play due to changes in the schedule.

Regards
Wayne

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