



Hi Everyone

Please see below an update of information following the BHBR Board meeting last Wednesday (130722):

### 1. Playing conditions

- Following feedback from clubs and Board discussions, the following decisions were made:
  - ~ 2022-23 Ballarat pennant season will consist of 18 home and away rounds and 3 finals rounds, With 10 teams in each division.
  - ~ Highlands pennant season will consist of 14 rounds and 3 rounds of finals with 8 teams in each Division where possible, due to lower numbers of teams and bowlers.
  - ~ 75% of ends played will constitute a match. This will be calculated on the total number of ends Played (not 75% in each rink).
  - ~ There 50% rule regarding match washouts, etc will be removed. The previous rule was that if the majority (ie. If more than 50%) of games in the division are washed out, then no games were awarded points. Now all games that are completed will be awarded points.
  - ~ The title 'Premier' will be removed from the top division in Ballarat with the name reverting to 'Division 1' (which also falls in line with the Highlands playing area).
  - ~ The Ballarat playing area will also revert to having four rinks in the top division in Saturday pennant. All divisions will have four (rinks with the probable exception of the lowest division which may need to remain as 2 rinks).
  - ~ All Saturday and Tuesday pennant matches in both Ballarat and Highlands will be played over 21 ends with a designated 20 minute break time.
  - ~ Ballarat Tuesday pennant format will remain the same; ie. Divisions 1 and 2 will require a minimum of two women per rink, playing in any position, whilst Division 3-5 will require a minimum of one woman per rink, playing in any position.
- Detailed playing conditions are being reviewed to include the above and will be published as soon as possible.

### 2. Super Dome series

- As clubs will hopefully have seen, the regional Super Dome series will again be run this season over 6 weeks, starting on 10<sup>th</sup> August.
- The BHBR Board would like to thank Sebastopol BC for once again organising and running this regional competition.
- Please contact Rob Baker at Sebastopol for entries.

### 3. Regional Committees

- The Board would like to thank the following members for their Expressions of Interest to join and work on one of the regional committees for the upcoming season. Committees are as follows:
  - ~ Pennant / Match: Yvonne Clark (Buninyong); Peter Morris (Webbcona). Board liaison: Tom Clarke.
  - ~ Representative Selection: Anne Draffen (Ballan), Scott Roberts (Sebastopol), Ben McArthur (Webbcona), Murray Gannon (Sebastopol), Leah MacArthur (Webbcona). Board Liaison: Wayne Lynch.
  - ~ Greens: Ian Hedger (Sebastopol), Laurie Wadeson (Central Wendouree), Val Wilckens (Victoria), Brad Mahoney (Buninyong). Board Liaison: Liz Kierce.
  - ~ Umpiring: Yvonne Clark (Buninyong), Laurie Wadeson (Central Wendouree), Lesley Hodgson (Kilmore), Mark Schaper (Woodend). Board Liaison: Vic Dunn.
  - ~ Juniors: Gerry Flapper (Creswick), Barry Harris (BMS), Steve Sullivan (Bacchus Marsh), Marie Russel (Bacchus Marsh), Marc Oswin (Victoria), Bill Faulkhead (Sebastopol). Board Liaison: Lyn Bryce.
  - ~ State Events: Tom Clarke, Gary Dickenson, David Kelly (Board).

#### **4. Club requests for Promotion / Relegation**

Clubs will be notified shortly regarding their requests to have one or more of their teams promoted or relegated.

#### **5. State Event hosting arrangements for clubs**

A document outlining the requirements and arrangements for clubs who are hosting state events has been developed and will be distributed to clubs.

#### **6. Match day information**

A one-page information sheet regarding match day playing conditions (for both Tuesday and Saturday pennant) has been developed for clubs and Team Managers and will be distributed to clubs this week..

#### **7. BowlsLink**

Clubs will be requested to forward the names of their BowlsLink coordinators to the Board. BowlsLink is going to be the main information channel for entries, results, ladders, etc. It may also be used in the future for communication with individual club members through the program's email capability.

Clubs are encouraged to have more than one 'BowlsLink literate' member to help those members who have difficulty.

#### **8. Social Media policy**

The BHBR is developing a Social Media policy so that all clubs and members are aware of their responsibilities and requirements when posting information or articles on social media platforms.

#### **9. Presidents' / Secretaries' Meeting**

The next regional Presidents' and Secretaries' meeting will be held on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am at the BMS Bowling Club.

BMS have informed the Board that this will also be the opening day for their new green and that all Presidents and Secretaries are welcome to stay on for the opening to see the new facilities and have a bowl if they feel so inclined.

Regards  
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