



Hi Everyone

1. Vaccination Policy

Following information received at a meeting of all regions with Bowls Victoria last Tuesday – and numerous requests from our clubs on this topic – the BHBR has developed a vaccination policy for all Saturday and Tuesday pennant competitions, regional and state events, representative sides and club singles championship events.

The policy is attached as a separate document but in a nutshell, it outlines that for bowlers to be eligible to bowl in any of the events listed above, they must be fully (double) vaccinated. Given that there is still a degree of confusion about vaccinations and community sport (even after 90% rates are reached on 23rd November), the Board felt it needed to develop a definite policy so that clubs and members know where they stand. If the government makes any further changes to its regulations, the Board will revisit the policy at that time.

Note that the policy contains a penalty for any clubs who do not comply with this policy.

Please ensure that your members are aware of the policy and its requirements.

2. Promotion and Relegation

The Board confirmed that, due to the late start and a shortened season, not all clubs will play each other twice and the fixture will not be 'even' or 'fair' to all clubs. Therefore, there will be no Promotion or Relegation for clubs at the end of the 2021-22 season.

3. Placement of Teams across Greens

In response to a club inquiry, the Board confirms that it is preferable that all rinks in the one team or division are placed on the same green. If this is not possible and rinks have to be split across two greens, rinks need to be in consecutive order. (ie. played next to each other and not in the middle or at the other end of another division).

4. Pink Pennant Day

See attached an invitation from Mornington Peninsula Bowls Region for clubs to participate in a Pink Pennant Day (to support Breast Cancer Awareness). Whilst the Board sees this as a very worthy idea, it will be left to individual clubs as to whether they wish to participate.

5. Presidents' and Secretaries' Meeting

The regional Presidents' and Secretaries' meeting will be held on Sunday, 7th November at 11.00am at the Bungaree Bowling Club. Clubs are reminded that the meeting is open to two representatives from their club – preferably the President and Secretary – but numbers are required to be maintained at two per club.

6. State Events Closing Dates

A reminder that the closing date for entries in the following events is this Saturday, 30th October.

~ Men's Over 60s Pairs (Ballarat playing area)

~ Women's Over 60s Pairs (Ballarat and Highlands playing areas)

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Note:

~ Highlands Men's Over 60s Pairs – Entries close Sunday, 7th November

~ Highlands Men's Pairs – Entries close Sunday, 14th November

Regards

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