

Bowls Victoria – Alterations to the existing 6-a-SIDE and 7-a-SIDE competitions for 2021/22

Weekend Pennant 6-a-side morning competition:

The Weekend Pennant 6-a-side competition on a Saturday morning (10:00am start) will now be one season with a duration of 14 rounds. The 6-a-side competition (2 bowl triples) is shortened to 15 ends and will be played with 8 teams in a section, with the number of sections dependant on entry numbers. The 6-a-side bowlers need to be affiliated with Bowls Vic. (full member at Vermont South) and wear the Vermont South bowling club uniform. This competition offers the option for bowlers who are time poor, new to the sport and want to play for a shorter duration . The competition starts on Saturday 16th October 2021, Round 14 is on Saturday 19th February, followed by 3 weeks of finals.

Thursday Pennant 7-a-side morning competition:

The 7-a-side competition commences at 10:30am on a Thursday and involves two pairs teams and a triples team. This competition will now be one season with a duration of 14 rounds. This may possibly impact on the start time for our Thursday social bowls group. Similar to the 6-a-side competition, the competition would be localized, giving clubs the opportunity to play a different format on a Thursday. The competition starts on Thursday 21st October, Round 14 is on Thursday 24th February, followed by 2 weeks of finals

The bowls committee and both selection panels recognise the need for a different selection panel that will be responsible for the Saturday morning 6-side competition and the 7-a-side Thursday competition. **The selection panel and BowlsLink entry of results will therefore come from those bowlers who are involved in these competitions.**

Both the bowls committee and the Saturday selection panel strongly recommend that anyone contemplating playing in the Saturday morning 6-a-side competition NOT register for the normal Saturday afternoon pennant competition as well. Issues like late finishing morning games, getting from the morning game venue to the afternoon venue well before the normal rollup time of 12:45, eating lunch and other late withdrawals that sometimes occur on Saturday mornings will add to the already complex problem of fielding 7 afternoon weekend pennant teams. You may also wish to consider the impracticality of your being in attendance for the “after match” for the 1pm. pennant matches, which conclude around 5pm.

If anyone is definitely interested in registering to play in any of these two competitions, could they please email me on grdurrant09@gmail.com , or text me on 0401752642 (include your name). Please state which of the competitions that you want to play in, and if you want to volunteer for either a team manager or the selection panel. A reply by Monday 28th June (6pm) is required, as we are currently formulating the number of weekend and midweek pennant teams to enter for the 2021/22 season.

Graeme Durrant – Bowling Club Secretary