

Bowls Vic announces new “ SEPTEMBER 9s “ competitions

Bowls Victoria have recently announced an offer for a new series of OPTIONAL competitions for midweek and weekend pennant players for the 2021/22 season. It will comprise a team of 9 bowlers for a 3 week period in September. It offers a variety of formats.

The 9 players will play in the following format:

- 1 x rink of 4's, playing 15 ends
- 1 x rink of 2 bowls triples, playing 18 ends
- 1 x rink of 3 bowls pairs, playing 18 ends

There will be 3 x divisions on the weekend, starting at 12 noon on a Saturday

There will be 2 x divisions during midweek, starting at 10:00 am on a Tuesday

For the weekend games, there will be 3 divisions

Division A – players who play across weekend Premier, Div. 1 and Div. 2 competitions

Division B – players who play across weekend Div. 3, Div. 4 and Div. 5 competitions

Division C – players who play across weekend Div. 6, Div. 7 and 6-a-side

For the midweek games, there will be 2 divisions

Division A – players who play across midweek Div. 1, Div. 2 and Div. 3 competitions

Division B – players who play across midweek Div. 4, Div. 5 and 6-a-side competitions

Dates for the weekend 9's

Round 1 – Sat. 4th September, Round 2 – Sat. 11th September, Round 3 – Sat. 18th September

Dates for the midweek 9's

Round 1 – Tues. 14th September, Round 2 – Tues. 21st September, Round 3 – Tues. 28th September

The bowls committee and both selection panels recognise the need to publicise this offering.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be official **weekend** pennant practice matches on Sunday 26/9, Saturday 2/10 and Saturday 9/10 leading into the weekend pennant season commencing on Saturday 16/10 which we would expect all weekend pennant players to participate in.

PLEASE NOTE: There will also be official **midweek** pennant practice matches on Tuesday 5/10 and Tuesday 12/10 leading into the midweek pennant season commencing on Tuesday 19/10 which we would also expect all midweek pennant players to participate in.

The bowls committee and selectors need to know if you would be willing to play in ALL of these 3 SEPTEMBER 9s SATURDAY matches &/OR 3 TUESDAY MATCHES , and be prepared to play as selected in whichever discipline you are selected to play ie fours,triples or pairs on the day. Our club needs to enter proposed teams during the first week of July.

Therefore all pennant bowlers (midweek and/or weekend) who can commit to these 3 SEPTEMBER 9s games, please contact Graeme Durrant via email on grdurrant09@gmail.com , or via text message on 0401 752 642 (including your name). I will commence a register of participants for our club. Please indicate if you want to play in the midweek series, the weekend series or in both midweek and weekend series's.

The closing date for nominating is Monday 28th June at 6pm.

Graeme Durrant – Bowling club secretary.