

THAT WINNING FEELING

Season 2022/23 is approaching and the Bowls committee have formed a consultative group with our Selectors and Coaches to guide and review our progress in our competitive game of Pennant. This group will meet every 2 or 3 months to review how we are going.

The Bowls Committee recognises that our first sides, whether it be Saturday, Tuesday, Tuesday night or Thursday, are the flagships of our Pennant competition and we want them and all of our teams to be as successful as possible, with the ultimate aim of being promoted to the next level.

On Monday 11/7 a meeting was held to set goals and strategies for the upcoming season:

Our Goals and Strategies

Goal No 1. Vermont South Bowls Club to win the majority of games

- 50% of all pennant sides to make finals
- Every side to win more games than they did last year
- We will win all home games
- Saturday sides 1 & 2 elevated to Div. 1 & Div. 2 respectively within 3 years

Strategies to achieve:

- Selectors will aim to maintain consistency in the selection of our teams and players will have a better understanding of the complexity of selection
- Proactively discuss selection outcomes with players involved – informing people why they have been selected in different grade levels
- Selectors running sessions with umpires, team managers and other stakeholders so everyone has the same understanding of what our goals and strategies are
- Selectors/Coaches encouraging players to enter Club championships and ERBR championship to further enhance their development
- Growing our player list
- Having side captains (lead and speak) and Team Managers (Admin)
- Setting team goals (weekly/pre-season/season)
- Game plans will be developed to maximise our home ground advantage

Goal No 2. Everyone in the club to be involved in driving a culture of positivity

Strategies to achieve:

- Open and transparent communication amongst players and stakeholders involved in Pennant
- Driving a strong sense that everyone is important, valued and belongs in the club
- Bowls committee, selectors and coaches being proactive in following up with teams how they went on match days

Goal No 3. The implementation of a club coaching strategy

Strategies to achieve:

- Drive to increase attendance at training compared to last year
- Skips development program – supporting and mentoring current and future skips to increase their understanding the broader responsibilities of the position – skips having greater involvement with their teams (game plans, briefings, debriefing after the game etc)
- Overall fitness of players will be achieved – exercises will be included in the coaching strategy
- Regular more practical training/coaching sessions
- More training in the mental aspects of the game of bowls
- Positional (leads, seconds thirds etc) and strategy training for everyone
- All coaches will be involved in the coaching program