



GBR NEWSLETTER Issue 9. 20th Oct 2021

Pennant Update

The Geelong Bowls Region Board of Management received a request to extend Saturday Premier and Mid-Week Division One Pennant to an 18-week season. This was discussed at the Board of Management Meeting held on Monday 11th October and it was agreed that a Meeting be arranged with a representative from each club involved to discuss the request.

The GBR Pennant Committee met with the Clubs on Sunday 17th October, and it was unanimously agreed by the Representatives of the Clubs to play an 18-week season in both Divisions.

These two divisions will play 18 rounds with either two or three Double Headers being played, with the flexibility of playing these games at a time agreed by the clubs and the GBR Pennant depending on when the season is able to start.

Due to a recent notification from Bowls Victoria that the Bendigo Championship Week has been re-scheduled from 24th March 2022 to 30th April 2022 we are now able to extend the season until the 19th of March.

It was also requested that both Premier and Division 1 play three weeks of finals. Pennant has agreed to this due to the fact that the winner in both divisions go on to represent the GBR at the State Pennant Finals. But because of the tightness in our schedule Premier will play on the 26th and 27th March with the Grand Final on the 3rd of April and Division 1 Midweek will play on the 29th and 31st March with the Grand Final on the 5th April.

With the altered time frame, we have taken the opportunity to also extend the season for all Divisions in both Saturday and Mid-Week Pennant.

Saturday Pennant – Division 1 Down: We are hoping to start on the 6th or the 13th of November and Finish Home and Away on the 19th of March. Finals to be played on the 26th of March and 2nd of April 2022

Midweek Pennant – Division 2 Down: We are hoping to start on the 9th or the 16th of November and finish home and Away on the 22nd of March. Finals to be played on the 29th of March and the 5th of April 2022.

There will be no Double Headers played in these divisions.

We are pleased to be able to offer these extra weeks to clubs which will keep members on the green and help clubs financially as well.

Please note that there will be no Saturday Pennant on the 20th of November due to the Bowls Victoria Over 60's Singles being played over this weekend. The Championship committee has had great difficulty fitting in all events due to COVID so had booked this weekend up due to the Victorian Open being cancelled.

New draws will be sent out as soon as we can complete them, hopefully within the next week or so.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any issues.

Kind Regards

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