



In its role of providing Pennant competitions for the Region, and after a request at the last GBR AGM, the Geelong Bowls Region Pennant Committee instigated opportunity (a pennant forum meeting), for clubs to contribute ideas for improvements to our current Pennant format, which has remained the same for many years.

To this end, the GBR Pennant Committee have established a 3-year strategic plan, approved by the Geelong Bowls Region Board of Management.

Over the next 3-year period, changes will be phased in to minimise disruption and will culminate in Pennant (Saturday and Midweek) being:

- 21 ends straight through with a 10 min break after end 11 if arranged,
- 12 players per side in Premier Division on Saturday
- 8 sides per division
- 14-week Season with three weeks of finals

For Season 2022/23 (Year 1)

- Saturday Premier Division will be 12 a side
- Saturday Divisions 1 to 7 will be 16 a side.
- Saturday Divisions 8 and 9 will be 12 a side and Divisions 10-11 will be 8 a side. (This may change dependent on entries)
- Midweek Sides will remain the same.
- 21 ends straight through; allowing for a 10 min break at end 11 if organised prior to game
- 10 Sides per Division with 18 weeks of Home and Away and 3 weeks of finals.
- There will be no promotion because we are going to 8 sides per division next season.
- However, the winners of each division will be awarded premierships.

For Season 2023/24 (Year 2)

Saturday and Midweek - 8 Sides per Division with 14 weeks of Home and Away and 3 weeks of finals.

This will be done by relegation starting with the bottom 2 teams from Premier in 2022/23 going down to Division One which means the Bottom 4 From Division 1 will go to Division 2 and so on.

For Midweek Pennant this will happen from Division 1 with the 2 bottom teams from 2022/23 going down to Division 2 and so on.

- **Midweek Division 1 only.** Men can skip provided a woman is third and the normal restrictions apply. No more than 2 men in each rink.
- Promotion: 1 side Relegation: 1 side

For Season 2024/25 (Year 3)

- As above
- Promotion: 1 side Relegation: 1 side

Kind Regards
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On behalf of the Pennant Committee and GBR Board of Management. 14/2/2022