



## **Gippsland Region Board summary**

The Gippsland Region Board met on Monday 11 September at Maffra Bowls Club. The following is a summary of matters discussed and decisions made.

### **2023/24 Pennant and Conditions of Play**

The Board noted the completed draws for Weekend and Midweek Pennant are available on BowlsLink, with pdfs of both draws being prepared. The Conditions of Play (CoP) will be distributed to clubs once finalised.

### **State events**

The Board noted that only one formal Expression of Interest (EOI) has been received to date from clubs wishing to host a state event. Clubs are reminded to submit their EOI by 17 September to [gippslandbr@gmail.com](mailto:gippslandbr@gmail.com).

### **Information session**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for the next Board meeting and Delegates Information Session at Bairnsdale Bowls Club has been changed from 10am Monday 9 October to 10am **Monday 16 October**. Please amend your diaries. A reminder will be sent in early October.

### **Region Sides**

The Representatives Sides Committees are considering revised selection criteria for implementation this season. Once approved by the Board, the selection criteria will be distributed to clubs and published on the GBR website. Any player who wishes to submit an EOI for selection in the Region Sides squad will need to be aware of the requirements.

### **Regulations review**

The Board was given an update on the GBR Regulations review, which among other things is examining the committees – the number, their composition and terms of reference – and officer position descriptions. There will be a full report at the Delegates Information Session on 16 October. The review is being timed to ensure that any amendments to the Regulations can be implemented before the 2024 election cycle.

### **Tipping competition**

The Board has agreed to run a trial GBR tipping competition focused on Region Division 1 Weekend Pennant. It encourages as many bowlers as possible to join in the fun. As in footy tipping, members can tip under a pseudonym. The link to the competition will be made widely available once it is set up.

**Respectful behaviour**

The Board is very concerned that verbal abuse/bullying of Directors by some members is continuing, as is the circulating of disinformation. It again urges clubs to remind their members to be respectful in all their dealings and to seek clarification from GBR on matters before making assumptions and/or listening to gossip.

**Other matters**

- Bowls Victoria has provided the 2023/24 scorecards for distribution to clubs.
- 2023/24 medallions for pennant and State events have been ordered.
- A selectors course is available through the Bowls Australia online portal BowlsLearn which the Board recommends for all club selectors. Click [here](#) for more.

**Next meeting**

Monday 16 October after the Delegates Information Session at Bairnsdale BC.

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