



Gippsland Region Board summary

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

Conditions of Play

The Board noted there have been issues including:

- the interpretation of pennant rules for inclement weather
- entering of results in BowlsLink by the home team
- incorrect format of a club singles championship, resulting in the event being replayed
- at least one instance of a club ignoring the Weekend Pennant no break rule.

It agreed it is important that team managers understand their role, including how to apply the rules when required and how to enter results in BowlsLink. As such, it will ask the Competitions Committee to run team manager training sessions in both playing areas before the start of the next pennant season.

Gender

The Board noted with concern that some clubs may be at risk of breaching equal opportunity requirements by discriminating along gender lines in pennant selection. Clubs are reminded of the following clauses in the Bowls Victoria Regional Pennant Conditions of Play:

- **Clause 4.** Regions, in making decisions on gender-specific competitions and determining positions each gender may play, must ensure they are in line with equal opportunity requirements.
- **Clause 12.1.** Gender cannot be used as a criteria for selection.

Region Sides

The Board noted that the women's team to represent the Region in Ballarat in January has been finalised, with selection of the men's team to be completed later this week. Clubs will be notified about the full team once all selected players have been informed.

Other matters

- The Competitions Committee will be asked to consider a means of avoiding a cancellation of pennant as occurred on 2 December by including a double header in the Conditions of Play for season 2024/25 in such circumstances
- The State Fours final will played over 15 ends as in all lead up rounds.
- A date for the postponed Pairs finals has yet to be determined.

Next meeting

Monday 22 January 2024 at Maffra BC

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Region Secretary