

OVENS AND MURRAY BOWLS REGION

Pennant Committee Meeting Wangaratta BC – 30 Apr 23

MEETING NOTES

Attendance: Noel Murrell, Dave Crothers, Gareth Williams, George Peterson, Fran Don

Apology: Ian Bilney

Open Meeting: 10:55am

BUSINESS:

Chairman Bryan welcomed everyone to the committees final meeting before the AGM.

- **End of Season Update:**
 - Whilst the committee did everything to get up a Triples Pennant Division unfortunately it did not come off due to lack of entries.
 - Tawonga Mount Beauty have advised that they will not be playing Pennant in 2024. However, they intend to maintain affiliation in an endeavour to field a team sometime in the future. Their current members will either transfer to another club or seek a Pennant permit to play Pennant with surrounding clubs.
 - The committee discussed the YMGCRC Complaint received relating to the mandated early start for Qualifying/Elimination Finals. A brief discussion confirmed that all members thought the decision appropriate, considering the circumstances.
- **Draft Divisions 2023-24** (early look)
 - A copy of a Draft (attached), based on information to date, was provided to the meeting. Wangaratta and Dederang have indicated that they may put in an additional Weekend Pennant B Division Side. Wodonga have advised that due to their A4 Side being relegated they wish to field an additional Weekend Division B Side.
 - The committee confirmed that there will be no promotion from Weekend B Division to bring Division A3 back to 8 Sides. This was advised to all clubs prior to the 2022-2023 season.
 - The committee discussed whether clubs should be canvassed for interest in a Triples Division. It was agreed that a Triples Division would not be conducive to our competition and may be a disincentive for clubs to seek ways to increase membership.
- **Proposed Dates** The committee approved the proposed dates for Pennant 2023/2024 season (copy attached)
- **Twilight Games** After a review of the programming of twilight games it was agreed that clubs to be canvassed for expressions of interest to hold twilight games as their Home games. If clubs desired a twilight game (all Divisions) then their Home game will be programmed as such.
- **Review Rule Changes**
 - **Inclement Weather Rule** – the past season again saw manipulation of the rules during rain events. It appears that the only answer is ‘catch-up games’ which proved successful in the 2021-22 Pennant season. The committee decided rather than have catch-up games extend the length of games as follows :
 - **Rules 12.1.2.3, 12.1.2.4 and 12.2.3** be amended or removed to allow more time to complete a game. Appropriate wording to be added to enable Side Captains to finalise a game in an appropriate time frame eg. game to cease when number of ends have been achieved per **Rule 5**.
 - **Playing of Music** – As a result of complaints raised at the recent General Meeting, the committee has agreed that a new rule needs to be established providing guidance to clubs.
 - **Temperature** - It was confirmed by the committee that as a general rule notification of an early start for Weekend Pennant due to anticipated extreme temperature be Thursday. The

committee also discussed whether we should continue to use predicted actual temperature of 38C or change to **Apparent Temperature** which considers additional factors such as relative humidity, wind speed and net radiation. An alternative model being used is the Steadman Apparent Temperature table as shown below. The committee agreed that we continue to monitor options and when a mature option that fits our sport is available then we change over to that model.

Steadman Apparent Temperature

		Apparent temperature (AT) from temperature and relative humidity - after Steadman 1994																														
		Temperature (°C)																														
Relative Humidity (%)		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
0		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
5		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	44	45	46	47	48
10		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	41	42	43	44	45	46	48	49	50
15		17	18	19	20	21	22	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	33	34	35	36	37	38	40	41	42	43	45	46	47	48	50		
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50		20	21	22	24	25	26	28	29	30	32	33	35	36	38	39	41	42	44	45	47	49	50									
55		20	22	23	24	25	27	28	30	31	32	34	35	37	38	40	42	43	45	46	48	50										
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Legend: Red values, apparent temperature above air temperature; blue values, apparent temperature below air temperature

- **Pennant Rules Layout** – The new layout for our Pennant Rules in line with Bowls Victoria will be introduced prior to the 2023/2024 season.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Ian Bilney** – Requested the committee review the Promotion and Relegation system. After deliberation the committee agreed that it would not be good for the competition or clubs to have more than one Side in the same Division. However, the committee believes there is merit in ensuring annual changes within a Division and this could be done through canvassing Sides in the same Division for their desire to be promoted should the winner/runner-up Sides knock back promotion. However, the committee felt that it not appropriate to promote a Side from the bottom of the ladder, therefore the Pennant Committee would need to reserve the right to veto any promotion.
- **Review of Pennant Structure** – The Pennant Coordinator asked the committee whether the length of the Pennant season was optimal. The committee agreed that this was a question that should be put to clubs at the AGM with an alternative option.

Meeting closed: 12.25pm

B Smith
Chairman
Ovens and Murray Bowls region Inc

DRAFT - PROPOSED DIVISIONS 2023-2024

WEEKEND PENNANT

DIVISION A			
Division A1	Division A2	Division A3	Division A4
Benalla	Benalla	Beechworth	Benalla
Kiewa	Chiltern	Bright	Corowa RSL
Myrtleford	Corowa Civic	Milawa	Mansfield
Rutherglen	Mansfield	Moira	Rutherglen
Wangaratta	Wodonga	Tungamah	Swanpool
Wodonga	YMGCR	Wangaratta	Yarrowonga
YMGCR	Howlong	Wodonga	YMGCR
Corowa RSL	Yarrowonga	Club Mulwala	Yackandandah

DIVISION B				
Division B1	Division B2	Division B3	Division B4	
Benalla	Club Mulwala	Beechworth	Corryong	
Moira	St James	Bright	Dederang	
Moyhu	Yarrowonga	Corowa Civic	Kiewa	
Myrtleford	YMGCR	Chiltern	Tallangatta	
St James	Corowa Civic	Wangaratta	Wodonga	
Swanpool	Tungamah	Myrtleford	Howlong	
Wangaratta	Corowa RSL	Wodonga	Wangaratta	
	Wodonga	Dederang		
LEGEND	Promoted	Demoted	Relocate	Proposed

MIDWEEK PENNANT

MIDWEEK DIVISIONS				
Division A1	Division A2	Division A3	Division B1	Division B2
Benalla	Corowa RSL	Benalla	Myrtleford	Corryong
Kiewa	Benalla	Club Mulwala	Milawa	Beechworth
Myrtleford	Moira	Dederang	Corowa RSL	Chiltern
Wangaratta	St James	Wodonga	Moyhu	Corowa RSL
Wodonga	Wodonga	Yackandandah	Swanpool	Corowa Civic
Yarrowonga	YMGCR	YMGCR	Wareena Park	Kiewa
YMGCR	Club Mulwala	Rutherglen	Yarrowonga	Wodonga
Corowa Civic	Wangaratta	Mansfield	Corowa Civic	Howlong
LEGEND	Promoted	Demoted		

PROPOSED PENNANT DATES SEASON 2023/2024

WEEKEND		MIDWEEK	
All DIVISIONS		ALL DIVISIONS	
ROUND	DATE	ROUND	DATE
1	14-Oct-23	1	17-Oct-23
2	21-Oct-23	2	24-Oct-23
3	28-Oct-23	3	31-Oct-23
4	4-Nov-23	4	7-Nov-23
5	11-Nov-23	5	14-Nov-23
6	18-Nov-23	6	21-Nov-23
7	25-Nov-23	7	28-Nov-23
8	2-Dec-23	8	5-Dec-23
9	9-Dec-23	9	12-Dec-23
10	16-Dec-23	10	19-Dec-23
Xmas Break		Xmas Break	
11	6-Jan-24	11	9-Jan-24
12	13-Jan-24	12	16-Jan-24
13	20-Jan-24	13	23-Jan-24
14	27-Jan-24	14	30-Jan-24
15	3-Feb-24	15	6-Feb-24
16	10-Feb-24	16	13-Feb-24
Elim/Qual Final	17-Feb-24	Elim/Qual Final	20-Feb-24
Prelim Final	24-Feb-24	Prelim Final	27-Jan-24
Final	2-Mar-24	Final	5-Mar-24

BA Championships?

* Labour Day Weekend 9-11 Mar 24

* Vic Open Mar 24

* BA Championship 12 -15 Oct 24. This is a Protected Event (subject to conditions)