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TO ALL CLUB SECRETARIES

Please find below information regarding the 2021 Season Calendar. These will be discussed at the Delegates meeting Thursday October 15. A Voting form will then be sent to clubs following delegates meeting and must be returned by Friday October 27.

ZONE 2 EVENTS

PENNANTS GRADE 2 TO 7

Version 1 (V1) Pennants to Commence March 27. Submitted by zone 2 match committee

Requires 2 double headers, one before Easter (rounds 1 and 2) and one after Easter (rounds 3 and 4) with round 10 finishing on May 22 with 2 weekends to complete Washouts and Final before the June Long Weekend

Zone Championships to commence February 20 with Zone 4's, Zone Pairs and Singles completed by round 1 of Pennants on March 27.

Version 2 (V2) Pennants to Commence March 20. Submitted by zone 2 match committee

Requires 2 double headers, one before Easter (rounds 2 and 3) and one after Easter (rounds 4 and 5) with round 10 finishing on May 15 with 3 weekends to complete Washouts and Final before the June Long Weekend

Zone Championships to commence February 20 with Zone 4's, Zone Pairs and rounds 1 and 2 of Singles completed by round 1 of Pennants on March 20.

Version 3 (V3) Pennants to Commence March 13. (Submitted by Wallsend Diggers Sports Club)

Requires 1 double header (Rounds 3 and 4) weekend before Easter with round 10 finishing on May 15 with 3 weekends to complete Washouts and Final before the June Long Weekend

Zone Championships to commence February 20 with Zone 4's and most of Zone Pairs completed by round 1 of Pennants on March 13. Zone Singles may take up to 6 weeks to be completed (see notes from Wallsend below)

Version 4 (V4) Pennants to Commence April 10. (Submitted by Terry Antram Soldiers Point)

Saturday Pennants played in sections of 4 (6 matches) 2 double headers (rounds 2 and 3, Rounds 4 and 5) 3 weekends for Pennant Playoffs and washouts. This will free up 4 playing days for clubs to play championships. (See notes from Terry Antram below)

OTHER ZONE EVENTS Submitted by Match Committee

Mid-week Pennants to commence February 24 with 10 rounds, 3 washout rounds and 3 Finals before June Long Weekend

Zone Triples to be played July 3, 4, 10 and 11

Champion of Champion Singles August 6, 14 and 15

Champion of Champion Pairs August 4, 11 and 12

Champion of Champion Fours August 18 and 19

Mattara to be played from October 11 to 22

Three Threes to commence September 1 with a 2-week break after round 6 for Mattara then continuing from October 27

Zone Minor singles November 6, 7, 13 and 14.

From Wallsend Diggers

As regards Zone 2 2021 Pennant Season I attach a spreadsheet (V3) that has our preferred Pennant Season schedule with Round 1 commencing on March 13th and Round 10 being played on Saturday May 15th. We reviewed the various options and our preferred option is highlighted in blue on the attached with pennant rounds in red and results in only 1 double header.

WDSC like many other bowling clubs do not have members that play in many State/National Events and would like the pennant season to be played in a reasonable time frame with **limited double headers**. We agree that a round should be played on Saturday April 24th (day before Anzac Day) as it is not a long weekend. In 2020 there were 157 teams entered in grades 2 to 7 which represents 1,884 players and we should first accommodate that number of players as far as the pennant season is concerned and schedule other Zone Events around the Saturday Pennant Season which involves a lesser number of players to back-up on a Sunday.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed program and we look forward to seeing the outcome in due course.

From Terry Antram (Soldiers Point)

pennant grades played in sections of 4. If we do this we could play a couple of double headers, e.g.: rd 1 10th April, rd 2 & 3 17th and 18th April, rd 4 & 5 1st and 2nd May, rd 6 8th May finals 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd May, this would be a 6 week period from start to finish. This would free up another 4 days that clubs could host championships. Anyone complaining about not enough games should be shown the calendar and see how many games are available to play other events.

Currently Soldiers Point plays approximately 48 rounds of club championships, with approximately 32 spare Saturday's or Sunday's according to the proposed calendar. Whilst playing mid-week suits many, our club has an older membership base than most clubs and night games are ok with some but not favoured by most.

I also believe that changing to sections of 4 and playing double headers will increase pennant numbers in the 30 to 50 year age bracket, at the moment the new players in this age bracket look at the 12 week season as being too long to commit as they have family and work commitments, if we change this to a 6 week competition including finals I think it would be more appealing to these players. Anyone who is concerned about the double headers should look at both Zone and State Pennant finals programs.

The 2021 season will need to have some give and take from all bowling associations and members, this is an easy solution to free up more available days.

From Cardiff BC

"if any double headers in weekend Pennants, that Sunday's game to commence at 1:pm". The same as Saturday This would also include any washout games.

Reason:

Many clubs have players who work mornings Saturday & Sunday, & with a 10 am start, restricts them from working their regular hours, so they don't play.

This in turn, with 10 am commencement on Sunday, leaves clubs finding replacement players, which is difficult at the best of times.

BOWLS NSW EVENTS (that we cannot change)

February

11 and 12, 2020 Champion of Champion Singles
15 to 19, 2020 State Championships

March

11 and 12, 2020 Champion of Champion Pairs
15 to 19, 2020 State Championships continued

May

2, 3 and 4, Australian Indoor Qualifiers
17 to 22, Senior and Open Inter Zone

June

12 to 25, Australian Open
26 and 27 State Selection series

July

16, 17 and 18 State Pennant Playoffs
24 and 25, Over 40's qualifying

August

15 to 19, Australian Indoor
20 to 29. 2021 State Championships

September

11 and 12, Zone Rookie Pairs
18 and 19, Zone Rookie Singles
25 and 26, State Quad series 25's, 40's, Open and Seniors

October

9 and 10 State Over 40's Finals
23 and 24 State Rookies finals
30 and 31 State Under 25 singles Qualifying

November

14 to 18, 2021 Champion of Champions Singles and Pairs
20, 21, 27 and 28, Club Challenge Qualifying

December

5, Under 25 Singles state Finals
11 and 12 Club Challenge State Finals