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# MEMO

**TO:** Member Clubs, Associations and Regional Event Managers

**FROM:** Bowls SA

**CC:** Bowls SA Board, Bowls SA State Events Committee

**DATE:** Friday May 22, 2020

**SUBJECT:** 2020-21 State Event Calendar

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Following the April Bowls SA Board Meeting, the State Event Calendar for the 2020-2021 season was adopted. Listed below are some key changes from previous calendars for your information.

## **Covid-19 Impact**

With Federal and State Government COVID-19 restrictions currently still in place at the time of writing this memo, Bowls SA acknowledges that there is still a degree of uncertainty about what impact these restrictions will have on our upcoming Calendar.

For transparency and to provide understanding around strategy, Bowls SA advises that updates on the status of each Event will be provided two months prior to their scheduled commencement date, e.g Events due to be held in September 2020 will receive an update on their status of continuation, cancellation or alteration In July 2020 etc.

## **Pennants**

Pennant playing dates will be provided by your relevant Association and any questions relating to this should be directed to your Association.

## **MGA Women's Country Carnival**

Bowls SA currently have a provision for six days for this Event in March-April 2021 but are currently working on scheduling based on the 2019-2020 numbers that can see the Event held with no interference with potential pennant finals held on March 27 2021.

## **Prestige Medley**

Prestige Medley remains in the proposed April 2021 timeslot after its cancellation this year. The intent is to enable Associations to complete their pennants and finals prior to the Prestige Medley. This Event also provides a valuable pathway tool for Elite Squad selection which is announced at the end of April 2021.

## **Bowls SA's Champions Week**

Following the postponement of the 2019-2020 Champions Week which was to be held in April-May 2020, a provision has been made to conduct and complete this Event from September 19-27, 2020. As stated above, this will be subject to review two months out from the Event.

## **Bowls SA State Events**

Following our annual review of events, consultation with committee members and survey of members, Bowls SA has made the following changes to State Events for the 2020-2021 season:

- No provision for **Champions Week** in 2020-2021 with events to be played out in their entirety to allow for continuity.  
Due to the restricted number of weekend days available, in some instances, this will mean that Event Finals will need to be played during the week.

Bowls SA has opted to conduct State Singles' and State Pairs' Finals on the following Friday to allow for greater opportunity for players to book time off with employers, if necessary, and to create more opportunity for spectators to attend.

Bowls SA has made provision for any extra travel that this may impose upon country bowlers; they will be compensated accordingly, should they qualify for these Finals. Mixed Pairs' Final will be played on a Monday due to the timing of the Event being completed just before Christmas.

- **The order of events** – A shift which sees the State Fours move to February 2021 and the State Triples to March 2021. This was to support requests that team events such as Triples and Fours be played in the warmer and busier months as there are less entries for these Events and they are less demanding physically.
- **Optional Friday or Sunday Qualifying for State Events** – This will be trialled in the Metropolitan area (and any interested country areas) in 2020-2021 with the support of Clubs. It is in an attempt to provide some flexibility to entrants and alleviate the pressure on all Qualifying being played on Sundays.
- **State Multi-Disability** Singles & Pairs is flagged for September 5-6, 2020 with more information to follow.
- **State Champion of Champions Events** have been pushed to the back end of the 2020-2021 season, providing more time for Clubs to finish their Club Championship events. A reminder that all Club Singles & Pairs Champions for the 2020-2021 season are eligible to participate in State Champion of Champions Events; they do not need to win Association or Regional titles to enter these Events.
- Bowls SA is making a concerted effort to provide as many details in advance as possible relating to State Events, inclusive of dates, venues, conditions of play, prize money etc. This will be contained within a revamped State Event Tournament Book to be released in the coming months.

### **SA Super League**

Bowls SA has shifted the SA Super League into the warmer months of the season; the dates provided in the Calendar are only a guide as Bowls SA is currently working through a review of this competition.

### **Training and Courses**

Bowls SA will be providing a separate Calendar inclusive of all proposed training and education courses which will provide Associations, Clubs and Members details of when and where they can accredit in coaching, officiating or other beneficial courses.

Bowls SA is currently working with Bowls Australia on developing courses with a large portion of online learning to be done from the comfort of your own home or Club – stay tuned.

### **Club Tournaments**

Bowls SA is in the process of developing an online interactive Calendar which will allow South Australian Clubs to promote their club tournaments and allow members the ability to see where they are easily able to get a game on any given date. Further information on this Calendar will follow in a separate memo.

### **SA v VIC and U18 SA v VIC Series**

This Series has been cancelled for the upcoming year.

### **Nationals and World Champion of Champion Singles**

These Events have been cancelled for the upcoming year.

Kind Regards,

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**Chair – State Event Committee**

**Enc. 2020-21 State Event Calendar**