



**CENTRAL OTAGO BOWLS INC.
GENERAL MEETING
To be held at Clyde Bowling Club
Monday 14 April 2025 @ 6.00pm**

AGENDA

Roll Call: Delegates

Apologies:

Confirmation of Minutes: 12 May 2024

Matters Arising from Minutes:

GENERAL:

Discussion on the following remits: (Note: The following remits will be discussed only. Recommendations from the meeting are to be taken back to your club for discussion and voted on at the AGM on 15 June 2025)

Clyde Bowling Club:

Saturday Pennants: Remit 1

- a) That Division 1 comprises 14 teams from 11 clubs in Central Otago. Each club can only enter one team, and the remaining places are given to the clubs with the highest finishing positions the year prior. For example, if all 11 clubs enter a team, the remaining 3 teams are offered to the clubs which finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the season prior. If any of those clubs decline a second team in Division 1, the offer goes to the next highest club (in this example 4th). No club can have more than two teams.
- b) There is a finals day between the top 4 clubs each year.

Saturday Pennants: Remit 2

- a) That Division 2 comprises as many teams entered from all 11 Central Otago clubs, split into two sections which are mixed with equal teams from east and west Central Otago. Multiple teams from one club are split evenly across both sections.
- b) There is a finals day between the top 4 teams – the top 2 from each section. Only players who have played a minimum of five Division 2 pennants games can play for their club in the Division 2 finals day.

Women's Sevens Competition: Remit 3

“That the Women's and Men's Sevens competitions be held on separate weekends as has happened previously”.

Reason: *having both events the same weekend creates problems for the host clubs in having members available to assist with various functions.*

Bannockburn Bowling Club:

Saturday Pennants 2025/2026:

The remit below is proposing changes to the make-up of the current Division 1 Saturday Pennants. In effect the key change sought is to revert to 12 teams only as applied in the 2023/2024 season.

Remit:

Division 1 is restricted to 12 teams allowing only one team per club to be entered. With only 11 clubs in the area this will mean 1 club (the best performing in the 2024/2025 season) will be eligible for a 2nd team to be accepted. Any other available positions (if clubs do not enter a team in Division 1) may be filled by the next best performing club or clubs.

Division 1 (2025/2026):

Limited to 12 teams will mean 11 round robin games in addition to one day of semi-finals & final (top 4 to qualify). It is deemed critical that by limiting the number of teams in the new Division 1 to 12, it retains the ability for these players to compete in all Centre events in addition to providing a true competition in that all teams play one another.

Further to the above the player's meeting held in December 2024 determined that, to free up weekends for club ties and tournaments to be played, two days be allocated for double rounds (morning and afternoon). One of the double rounds to be held early in the season and one late in the season.

No change to current playing format or points system (2 points per win, 1 each per draw and 1 for highest aggregate; shared if total points the same). If a club has more than one team in Division 1 the teams will accumulate points in their own right i.e. separate from one another.

Play-offs:

Top 4 to qualify. 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 with winners progressing to the final. Losers may wish to play off to give a 3rd and 4th ranking.

Reasoning Summary:

- To provide more meaningful competition i.e. less 7-0 results.
- Double rounds free up weekends for club ties and tournaments to be played.
- Playing ALL teams ensures the best club team triumphs.
- Avoiding clashes with Centre requirements also helps ensure the best club team triumphs.

The changes proposed above are to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Omakau Bowling Club:

Saturday Division 2 Pennants 2025/2026

Preamble: Bannockburn is looking to submit a remit to restrict Division 1 to 12 teams next season as agreed at the December Player's meeting. This would be one team per club with any shortfall made up from the best performing club/s in 2024/25.

The same Player's meeting also discussed what might happen to Division 2 if Bannockburn's remit was adopted. The concept agreed upon was to split Division 2 into East & West (about 27 teams based on this season's numbers). Following the meeting a further discussion took place with an alternative of Division 2 being restricted to 12 teams and Division 3 being split (about 15 teams). Since the Player's meeting, minutes were provided to those present with no dissent as to the alternative put forward. Subsequent discussion has moulded the draft remit below to be submitted by Omakau.

Whatever is decided to be submitted needs to be discussed by the players (and clubs). We suggest 2 meetings to be held in the East and West zones.

On the basis that the Bannockburn remit regarding Division 1 is adopted Omakau submit the following remit to apply to the other teams playing Saturday Pennants.

Remit:

Division 1 is renamed Division 1A.

Division 1B is to be made up of 12 teams on the same basis as Division 1A – this would be one team per club entered with any shortfall made up from the best performing club/s in 2024/25. The creation of this division avoids 4 Division 1 teams dropping down to Division 2 and creating mismatches. Division 1B would play 4's & 2x4x2 Pairs as up and coming players are more likely to

be involved. Division 1B draw to be scheduled as per Division 1A to include 2 x double rounds. Promotion/relegation could apply – either a play-off or automatic.

Division 2 to be made up of the remaining teams (about 15) with no East/West split as the number of teams does not justify it.

Play-offs:

Top 4 to qualify in Division 1B and Division 2. 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 with winners progressing to the final. Losers may wish to play off to give a 3rd and 4th ranking (same as in Premier & proposed Division 1A).

Reasoning Summary:

- To provide more meaningful competition i.e. less 7-0 results
- To create a clear pathway for players in Central Otago
- Playing ALL teams ensures the best club triumphs.
- Avoiding clashes with Centre requirements also helps ensure the best club team triumphs.

The changes proposed above are to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Wanaka Bowling Club:

Subject: Proposed Adjustments to Competition Structure

The Wanaka Bowls Club submits the following proposals to optimize the competitive calendar and provide greater opportunities for club-level development.

1. Participation of a Premier Team:

Wanaka Bowls Club confirms its intent to field a Premier Team in the upcoming season 2025/2026.

2. Reducing Pennants Games to Ease Calendar Congestion:

The current competitive calendar has become increasingly congested, leaving limited time for Club Championships, which are essential for fostering engagement and progression at the club level. We propose reducing the number of Pennants games to create more space for these important events.

Additionally, we recommend using the Premier Pennants calendar as the framework for Division 1 and Division 2 games. This alignment would streamline scheduling, reduce redundancies, and alleviate calendar pressure while ensuring competitive opportunities for all players.

3. Restoring the Club-Level Pathway to Champion of Champions:

We propose reinstating the pathway to the Champion of Champions event through success at the club level. This structure provides bowlers from all clubs, regardless of their performance in Centre events, the opportunity to gain valuable experience and compete at higher levels.

The Wanaka Bowls Club was not in favour of the recent change prioritizing qualification through Centre Events. We believe this adjustment has excluded many bowlers from smaller clubs who would greatly benefit from the competitive exposure provided by Champion of Champions events.

These proposed changes aim to balance the calendar, prioritize club-level engagement, and create a more inclusive pathway for bowlers across the region.

Proposed by: Mark Daniels, President Wanaka Bowling Club