

Regional Pennant & Region (State) Championships Eligibility.**Preamble.**

As we are all aware the purpose of COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccinations Directions impose obligations upon Operators of Specific facilities in relation to the Vaccination Status of Workers and Patrons attending premises.

Geelong Bowls Region Ruling.

The Geelong Bowls Region Board make the Following Ruling to our Conditions of Play for Region Pennant and Regional Championships for 2021-2022 season.

- **GBR Affiliated Bowlers are eligible to play GBR Region Pennant and GBR Region (State) Championships only if fully vaccinated against Covid-19.**
- **The Exemption to the above ruling will be, Medical Exemption and Under 16 years of Age.**

GBR Duty of Care to our Region bowlers has been the primary concern in making this judgement.

Consultation with all clubs has been held and subsequent feedback supports this decision.

Games Affected by Covid Closure.

Where a Club has been identified as a Tier 1 Exposure Site and subsequently cannot participate in a pennant round, the matches will be treated as a washout and points shared with opponents.

Implementation

This GBR Regulation is to be implemented immediately and it is strongly suggested that similar mandatory requirements flow down to Club level for all games & competitions.

Process

All Clubs should audit their members and view their Vaccination status and record this for future reference.

Bowls Australia are exploring the facility of including Vaccination Status on each Members private profile, that unless verified, would exclude a member from selection in a team or entry to a Competition on BowlsLink.

It would be the sole duty of Club Administrators to maintain records accurately and in accordance with BV Privacy Policy.

Clubs must engage in the discipline of only selecting / entering members to a competition / game who are Double Vaccinated.

Bowlers competing in above mentioned competitions shall make Vaccination status details available when visiting Clubs, if requested by a COVID marshal or another designated responsible person.

Host Clubs may be satisfied with the fact that attending selected players are compliant with Vaccination Certifications as per this policy.

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