

SATURDAY OPEN PENNANT COMPETITION – MASTERS DIVISIONS

The concept of introducing competitive divisions for bowlers that would prefer a shorter version of the game, with less conditions of play, has been discussed by both the MBA Executive Committee and the Match & Program Committee and has their support.

The viability of the competition will depend upon clubs deciding to enter a Side or Sides into the proposed Masters division/s.

The MBA believes that the format of the Masters division/s will be attractive to our current bowlers playing in divisions 6 and 7 as well as new bowlers that wish to play a more competitive game of bowls that does not take so long to play.

The broad concept of the Masters' Division is as below:

Initially the new Masters Division/s will be introduced to run on a Saturday and will be of Open Gender format.

Clubs would nominate a Side or Sides to play in the Masters Division at the same time as nominating their other Pennant Sides for the season.

If Clubs nominate enough Sides between them, then geographic divisions will be created to reduce travel distances.

The Masters Division/s will be only for players aged 75 years old or over that wish to play a shorter version of the game of bowls.

Basic conditions of play

It will be a 4's competition, with 3 teams per Side.

No dead ends. Jack re-spotted on the 2metre mark.

16 ends.

Refreshment break at the same time as other divisions COP.

Bowlers aged 75 and over, who agreed to play in the Masters Division/s, can play in a Club's other entered division Sides, if they wish too. And vice-versa a player can play in the Masters division/s from a Clubs other entered Sides providing they are over 75 years of age.

No end of season finals to be played to reduce the commitment to perhaps a longer season.

No promotion to other divisions.

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