

## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BTS PENNANT STRUCTURE REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

In response to the amount of “chatter” on social media and elsewhere over the 2022-23 season the BTS Board has decided to conduct a “club-led” review of current BTS Pennant structures. A proposal was circulated to clubs for discussion at the Delegates Meeting in April of this year. The proposal was approved in principle by the voting members present.

A working group will be formed from **Full Playing Members** of the Association. The group will be about 8-10 people and as close to a male/female balance as possible. It will be tasked with investigating all three pennant competitions with a focus on:

- Length of season
- Number of sides per division
- Number of rinks per division
- Number of competing events in the bowls calendar

Meetings of the working group will be held at a time suitable to all members of the group, and most likely via Zoom. The proposed schedule of activity is:

- Phase 1 – develop a range of questions to form a survey for members on the range of matters that the working group wants to investigate further. To be completed by early October 2023.
- Phase 2 – survey bowlers during the early part of the 2023-24 season. To be completed by early November 2023.
- Phase 3 – analyse the information collected from the player survey. To be completed by mid-January 2024.
- Phase 4 – write a summary of the group’s findings (including preliminary recommendations) for distribution to clubs. To be completed by end-January 2024.
  - Each club will be asked to arrange a meeting of its members to consider and provide feedback on the draft recommendations. The club response will be required by end-February 2024.
- Phase 5 – consider/correlate club feedback and prepare a final report, with recommendations, for the BTS Board. To be completed by mid-March 2024.

The final phase of the process will be to present the recommendations of the working group’s report to a General Meeting of the Association in April 2024 called to consider the matter. With agreement from this meeting, the BTS Board will:

- Amend BTS Conditions of Play as required.
- Implement agreed changes to BTS’ Pennant competition/s for the 2024-25 season.

The BTS Board invites **Full Playing Members** to submit an expression of interest in being involved in the review process. Please state your name, club, division/s you normally play, and a short statement with the reason/s for your interest.

Forward your expression of interest to the BTS Secretary at [bowls.south@bigpond.com](mailto:bowls.south@bigpond.com) by **15 July 2023**.