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## **CIRCULAR No 21 of 2020**

### **TO ALL CLUBS AND MEMBERS**

#### **Re: UPDATE ON EVENT RECOMMENCEMENT PLANS FOR 2020**

Whilst there is still a great deal of uncertainty about the future return to Bowls for our members, we are in a position now to provide a rough outline of our intentions. These plans are based on the assumption that restrictions in both NSW and the ACT will continue to be lifted. Obviously, should the COVID-19 situation change, so will these plans.

It appears likely that both NSW and ACT will be in stage 3 by the middle of July. This is therefore the earliest we can commence formalised championships/pennant. However, although we might have Government approval to proceed with our events, we will not do so until we can ensure the events will be carried out to an acceptable standard. We need to be able to:

- assure participants, volunteers & spectators that hygiene and any social distancing requirements are being met;
- assure participants, volunteers & spectators that they will have access to the required facilities (toilets, food, refreshments)
- ensure that the health and safety of officials is addressed (including processes for scoreboards, cards, measuring, marking, use of equipment etc)
- ensure that the host venue greens are of suitable standard, and that the club will have umpires; and
- where possible, it is of financial benefit for a club.

We will not commence any Bowls ACT events until all Member Clubs and greens are open.

#### **Draft Schedule**

Completion of ACT Singles -July 25, 26 & August 1 (QRSL (W)/Canberra BC (M))

ACT Pairs, Fours & Mixed Pairs - Sundays through August and September\*\*.

ACT C of CC Singles - 10-11 October ##

Men's & Women's Weekend Pennant (3 remaining rounds plus finals) – mid October to mid November. @@

Women's Mid Week Pennant – commences 15 September (est. 3 grades, 10 rounds)

Women's 60+ Pairs – 4, 5 (& 6 if nec) November.

Men's 60+ Pairs 10, 11 (&12 if nec) November.

Opening and closing dates for entries to these events will be as per the usual protocols: Opening approx. 6.5 weeks prior, closing approx. 2.5 weeks prior. All entries must be made online via the website. All events openings will be advertised via circular, on the website and through Facebook. Entry fees remain at \$15 per person.

The following events have been cancelled for 2020: Men's & Women's 60+ Fours, Mid Winter Jack Attack, Men's & Women's Rookie Singles & Doran Bowl. The Rookie Singles and Doran Bowl will each have a year added to their eligibility criteria for 2021. The Doran Bowl will be hosted by Tuggeranong in 2021.

**\*\***Apart from the ACT Singles, all ACT events to be limited to Sundays so that clubs can use Saturdays for their events. Remaining entrants to be contacted individually regarding this.

**##** CC Singles scheduled for the latest possible date so as to give Clubs the maximum time to run their events. Names to be provided to BA by 12 October.

**@@** The draft schedule will be finalised once we have a clearer idea of what Club events are still going ahead. Clubs have been asked to confirm dates/cancellations as soon as possible.

NB: Every endeavour will be made to avoid scheduling conflicting events.

Bowls ACT will be seeking host venues for the rescheduled events in the coming weeks.

Finally, please be aware that (as usual!) there is a bit of mis-information doing the rounds! The best information is always directly via this office!

Kate Lyttle  
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