Bowls ACT 2023 Event Feedback – Discussion Paper

Following the completion of the first half of the 2023 season's competitions we have opportunity to review and take the constructive feedback from each event.

ACT Triples

- Entries:
  - 2022 – 53 teams
  - 2023 – 66 Teams
- Venues:
  - 2022 – CBC/QBC
  - 2023 – CBC/QBC
- Survey Score – 8.5/10

Feedback

- ✓ Greens excellent
- ✓ Competing against other clubs
- ✓ Quality and size of field
- CBC bar closed early with event
- Earlier start/heat

Executive recommendation: Well-run event, CBC & QBC, excellent hosts with most issues outside of venues control. CBC need to be conscious of other events when hosting BACT events and seek to have room for both. BACT can more clearly outline venue requirements to participants in the event of clashes. Earlier start times can be an option for synthetic clubs playing events with likely warmer weather.

Match Committee recommendation:

ACT Fours

- Entries:
  - 2022 – 23 teams
  - 2023 – 28 Teams
- Venues:
  - 2022 – QBC/Vikings
  - 2023 – CBC/QBC
- Survey Score – 8.3/10

Feedback

- ✓ Greens excellent
- ✓ Both genders at both venues
- CBC bar closed early with event
- Earlier start/heat
- Dislike of combination teams

Executive recommendation:

Dislike of combination teams can be looked at with a 'Presidents' event similar to NSW. Open Gender, lower grades only and one club only? CBC need to be conscious of other events when hosting BACT events and seek to have room for both. BACT can more clearly outline venue requirements to participants in the event of clashes. Earlier start times can be an option for synthetic clubs playing events with likely warmer weather.

Match Committee recommendation:

ACT Pairs

- Entries:
  - 2022 – 74 teams
  - 2023 – 87 Teams
- Venues:
  - 2022 – CBC/Vikings
  - 2023 –QBC/QRSL
- Survey Score – 8.8/10

Feedback

- ✓ Greens excellent
- ✓ Both genders at both venues
- ✓ Organisation & volunteers
- QBC bathrooms
- Earlier start/heat

Executive recommendation: Well-run event, QRSL & QBC, excellent hosts with most issues outside of venues control. QBC are aware of challenges with bathrooms but little can be done short term. Earlier start times can be an option when playing events with likely warmer weather.

Match Committee recommendation:

ACT Singles

- Entries:
  - 2022 – 95 entries
  - 2023 – 93 entries
- Venues:
  - 2022 – QRSL & ??
  - 2023 – QRSL/QBC
- Survey Score – 8.3/10

Feedback

- ✓ Greens excellent
- ✓ Sectional play
- Sections of four disliked
- Knockout preferred by some

Executive recommendation: Well-run event, QRSL & QBC, excellent hosts with most issues outside of venues control. Marker issues created by knockout draw make hosting challenging, with penalties members who fail to mark when required having flow-on effects if punishment is elimination. Sections of four disliked as players had to play one extra game, could have three player sections the maximum in future and knockout games for those in sections of two.

Match Committee recommendation:

Over 60s Pairs

- Entries:
  - 2022 – 57 entries
  - 2023 – 56 entries (capacity)
- Venues:
  - 2022 – CNBC/Vikings
  - 2023 – GRBC/Crookwell
- Survey Score – 7.3/10

Feedback

- ✓ Hospitality
- ✓ Standard of competition
- ✓ Host club organisation
- Greens slow
- Changing clubs from day 1 to day 2
- Event over-capacity

Executive recommendation: Crookwell and GRBC greens were sub-optimal, but both clubs did their best to make-up with prompt service and running to time. Event will need more than four host club greens in 2024 making a three green club a requirement to host. Men & women at both venues may need review, with some members claiming advantages to those who had played on the finals venue during sectional play.

Match Committee recommendation:

Over 60s Fours

- Entries:
  - 2022 – 33 entries
  - 2023 – 41 entries
- Venues:
  - 2022 – ??
  - 2023 – Belconnen/Weston Creek
- Survey Score – 6.9/10

Feedback

- ✓ Sectional play
- ✓ Standard of competition
- ✓ Greens
- Catering issues at both clubs
- Duration of games/days

Executive recommendation: Reduction in game duration and have more clear requirements for clubs in terms of catering. Men & women at both venues may need review, with some members claiming advantages to those who had played on the finals venue during sectional play.

Match Committee recommendation:

2023 Weekend Pennant

- Entries:
  - 2022 – 44 teams – 7 Grades
  - 2023 – 44 teams – 7 Grades
- Grand Final Venue:
  - 2022 – Vikings
  - 2023 – QRSL
- Survey Score – 7.5/10

Feedback

- ✓ Diversity of competition
- ✓ Full Home & Away season, no byes
- ✓ Open Gender
- March Start – 11am start
- Double headers

Preferred Start time:

- 10am – 59%
- 11am – 18%
- 12pm – 8%
- 1pm – 16%

Preferred Months

1. March – 81%
2. February – 77%
3. April – 56%
4. January – 37%
5. November – 31%
6. December – 17%
7. October – 21%
8. May – 16%
9. All others – 10% or less

Executive recommendation: Return to a 10am start as that is clearly favoured, but continue to allow flexibility with start times by mutual agreement. An earlier start may remove the need to have double headers and better align with the NSW calendar. Sundays remain vastly preferred, but there is willingness for matches to be scheduled under lights. May trial in 2024 at suitable clubs.

Match Committee recommendation: