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MEMO: 8 MARCH 2022
SUBJECT: VACCINATION POLICY UPDATE
TO: BN CLUBS & MEMBERS

Bowls North received the following email from Bowls Tasmania on 1 March 2022.

At its meeting on 7 January 2022 the Bowls Tasmania Board determined that Bowls Tasmania needs to lead the way and provide direction to regions and clubs regarding compulsory COVID-19 vaccinations. Accordingly it became Bowls Tasmania policy that:

- Players would have to be fully vaccinated (two doses) against COVID-19 to be selected to play in future State teams.
- Players in future Bowls Tasmania championships must be fully vaccinated and must show proof of vaccination to be eligible to play.
- Players in Bowls Tasmania Statewide Challenge games played after 1 February 2022 must be fully vaccinated and must show proof of vaccination to be eligible to play.
- Players will not have to be vaccinated against COVID-19 if they can provide an exemption signed by a qualified medical practitioner.
- Junior players will not have to be fully vaccinated (two doses) until 30 June 2022.

At the same time, the Bowls Tasmania Board agreed to strongly recommend to regions and clubs that they follow the above Bowls Tasmania policy regarding all bowls under their jurisdictions.

Circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing daily and, following receipt of recent communication from two of the three regions, the Bowls Tasmania Vaccination Policy was reviewed by the Board at its meeting on 28 February 2022.

The Bowls Tasmania Board has determined that it will be keeping its policy "as is" for the present as far as State teams and events are concerned, however, it is up to regions and clubs to decide if they wish to continue to apply the Bowls Tasmania policy or otherwise.

Bowls North Board have discussed this at their Board meeting on 7 March 2022 and have resolved to continue to support the decision of Bowls Tasmania, Bowls South & Bowls North West regarding Vaccination Policy.

All players in BN Pennant, championship events & Representative sides must adhere to BN Conditions of Play – 3.36 CORONAVIRUS

- a) Clubs and all players in Bowls North Championships and Pennant Competitions, **MUST** adhere to all current Tasmanian Government, Department of Sport & Recreation, Bowls Australia, Bowls Tasmania policies regarding COVID-19
- b) Effective from 1 February 2022, players must be fully vaccinated (at least two doses) against COVID-19 and must show proof of vaccination to play in Bowls North Championships, Pennant Competitions and Bowls North Representative sides.

Club Events such as, club games, carnivals, social bowls are exempt from the above Condition of Play as they are under the control of the club and come under each individual clubs COVID-19 Safety Plan.

When further information/communication is received from Bowls Tasmania regarding Vaccination Policy. BN Board will review their Conditions of play.

Regards

BN Board