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## INFORMATION SESSION

Bowls North will be conducting an Information Session at the Kings Meadows Bowling Club on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 7pm. Clubs are asked to provide at least one representative to this meeting.

The Bowls North Board met on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 to discuss recommendations received from the Bowls North Match Committee. This followed a review & analysis of the recently conducted Bowls North survey with information collected from both clubs & individuals.

The following decisions have been made.

### CHANGES AFFECTING 2022/2023 PENNANT SEASON

The Saturday Division 6 Pennant format will become a 9 player per team event playing triples over 21 ends. Points will remain the same & the Bowls North Conditions of Play will be updated to reflect the changes. Factors behind this decision included that there were 17 forfeits in this division last season, to increase participation & make it easier for clubs to enter teams. Clubs are encouraged to seek mutually beneficial relationships with other clubs enabling combined teams to be entered to ensure players are kept in the game & on the green.

**There will be no promotion of eligible teams at the end of the 2022/2023 season; instead, 2 teams from each division will be relegated. This will result in Premier League becoming an 8-team competition with Divisions 1 to 5 remaining a 10-team competition for the 2023/2024 season.**

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Premier League will become an 8-team competition with divisions 1-5 remaining as 10 team competitions with Division 6 dependent on teams entered. Options considered by the Bowls North Board included changing Premier League to either 6 or 8 teams & changing Divisions 1-5 to 8 teams. Bowls North considers this a first stage change to be reviewed for success/failure & determining if further changes are required.

Bowls North wishes to form a Management Team for the Premier League Competition. Each Premier League club will be required to have one representative on this management team along with nominated members of the Bowls North Board & Match Committee, to review decisions made & ensure further changes are reflective of the overall wishes of those playing in this league. The management team will be required to develop an optional pre-season competition for Premier League, review changes made, develop appropriate alterations to the Conditions of Play to cater for this change & make any other recommendations considered necessary. The Bowls North Board considers it important that individual competing clubs are accountable & responsible for decisions made & the maintenance of the integrity of the Premier League competition.

Normal Promotion/Relegation will resume as per the Bowls North Conditions of Play.

The Bowls North Board also decided considering the results of the BN Survey that clubs will be able to field two teams in any division. However, every club will have the right to either accept or reject promotion.

**Clubs wishing to raise concerns are asked to place these in writing to the Bowls North Secretary by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September and will be addressed at the information session.**

Regards

*BN Board*