

Discussion Document Central Otago Bowls (16 January 2023)

Arrowtown Bowling Club (ABC)

ABC is proposing changes to the make-up of the current Division 1 Saturday Pennants. In effect the key change sought is to split Division 1 into two (Premier and Division 1). This change will be put forward as Remit A.

If Remit A is passed, clubs will then be asked to vote on Remit B as to whether the Premier grade is made up of 4 or 5 person teams as set out below.

2022/2023 season (current situation)

There are 17 teams (uneven number so a bye is required) in Division 1 with the competition run over 13 weeks. At best a team will not play 3 other teams. However, the difficulty of putting together a draw with such an unwieldy situation has seen teams playing others more than once resulting in the following:

One team plays 13 other teams (3 not played)
Two teams play 12 other teams (4 not played)
Five teams play 11 other teams (5 not played)
Four teams play 10 other teams (6 not played)
Four teams play 9 other teams (7 not played)
One team plays 8 other teams (8 not played)

Clyde 2 plays ADC 1 three times

Clyde 1 played Wanaka 1, Bannockburn, Bannockburn and Wanaka 1 in the first four games.

Remit A

Current Division 1 is split with a Premier grade established allowing only one team per club to be entered. One full round will be held with semi-finals and final to follow.

If Remit A is successful then:

Remit B

Vote whether the Premier grade is made up of 4 person or 5 person teams

- 1) 4 Person – as present with 90 minute games of fours followed by pairs
- 2) 5 Person – 90 minute games of fours and singles followed by pairs and triples (or vice versa)

The reduced number of weeks played in Premier will remove the current clashes with the Southern 6, Champion of Champion Singles and National Fours/Mixed Pairs (when held out of Central Otago).

Discussion Items

The new Division 1 remains as is with no restrictions on the number of teams clubs can enter.

OR only one team per club.

Is there merit in splitting Division 2 into two sections?

REASONING

To provide more meaningful competition for players across both sections of the current Division 1

The revamped competition will more likely encourage the centres best players to compete

The new Points System would be easier for players and others to understand

Playing all teams ensures the best club team triumphs (in both sections)

Avoiding clashes with National and Centre requirements also helps ensure the best club team triumphs

Teams of 5 - Playing all disciplines in Section 1 (Premier) allows the centre selectors to better assess players

In addition to having a Premier Champion team, Division 1 Champion team and a Division 2 Champion team there still remains scope for a Champion Club based on the outcomes of the three competitions.