

Some of the benefits of a new bowls environment.

It has long been the case that many bowlers have yearned to be able to play bowls outside of the current Pennants environment.

Under consideration is the establishment of a new bowls regime under the auspices of New Bowls League (WA).

The main purpose of the NBL is:

1. To provide optionality for bowlers who may:
 - a. not want to play pennants
 - b. want to play more than just pennants
 - c. want to play over a longer period of time than the short pennants season
 - d. want to choose with whom they play
 - e. want to choose when they play
 - f. want to play in a formal, competitive and regulated structure
2. To provide an enticement for younger players to take up the sport
3. To provide an opportunity for participating clubs to enhance the utilisation of their facilities and generate additional income.

How to achieve this.

1. Provide a format which is different from the current figurehead game which is four people playing per side in a pennants match.
2. Change the speed at which the game is played and the format of the game.
3. Energise and enliven the game to make it an exciting sport to play and watch.
4. Set the game up for people who want to play on a more regularly than once a week. (Note that there only two pennants games per week. One day in the middle of the week (Thursday afternoon) which is unsuitable to many people but, more particularly, to the younger generation, and on Saturday afternoons, also unsuitable to many, particularly younger players who have family responsibilities).
5. Preferably provide facilities which will enable the game to be played over a lengthy period of time each day, i.e., from, say, 9 AM until, say, 11 PM or thereabouts.
6. Set certain standards of dress and conduct to ensure that the game gets "a good look".
7. Set up a system which will enable the game to be played with a very reduced requirement for management-i.e., computerise.
8. Seek out sponsors for prizes which will invariably increase the competitiveness and therefore the number of participants.
9. If the games can be played with verve and the players are appropriately attired it may be possible to secure some local television cover.
10. We have a number of undercover/indoor facilities so that games can be played all year round, irrespective of whether conditions, should players wish to do so.
11. NBL players do not need to be a member of any club, only of the League.
12. They choose their own playing partners and dates and places of play.

The NBL is seeking expressions of interest to determine the level of interest and to assist us in forward planning.

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