



Sandbelt Regional Sides
Event Information
&
Selection Policy 2023/2024



Regional Sides Championships are a part of the pathway to State selection; therefore, it is expected that the team selected will consist of the best available players from the region.

Although, international players are excluded from this pathway, their knowledge and experience are seen as an asset to the team and the development of local players and may be included if available for selection.

All players selected to represent the Sandbelt Bowls Region have earned the right to wear the Sandbelt uniform and will be fully committed to the event, their teammates and the region.

Bowls Victoria Region Sides Championships 2023/2024
Date: Saturday January 13th & Sunday January 14th, 2024
Location: Ballarat VIC

2024 Event Changes (As Per Bowls Victoria Website 17/7/2023):

- Event to move to 2nd Saturday in January and reduce to 2 days – Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th of January.
- Gold and Silver tiers remain.
- 2 x sections of 4 within the tiers, based off performance in 2023 event.
- 3 sectional games on the Saturday
- Finals on the Sunday. Winners of Gold sections to play off for the Region Sides Title, Silver winners to play for Silver Title and promotion.



SANDBELT REGION SELECTION POLICY **(2023/2024 SEASON)**



1. The player must be a full playing member with a club in the Sandbelt Region, as of January 1st/2024 in order to be eligible for the 2024 event taking place in 13th-14th January 2024 (Ballarat VIC).
 2. Players interested in applying for the Regional Side, must submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the selection committee via email (sandbeltselection@gmail.com) by the indicated date.
- *Please note changes from previous years:*
- Limits on how many applicants/representatives each club can have has been removed. It is no longer up to the club to nominate players, rather it is the responsibility of the player to apply on an individual basis; however, clubs will receive notification of applications opening and are encouraged to keep their members up to date on this change.*
3. Players wishing to be considered for regional selection are strongly encouraged to compete in Bowls Victoria Metro Pennant Competition and/or State/Regional events.
 4. Based on EOI, successful applicants (max. 24 players for each gender), will be asked to attend a trial (s) date(s) TBC. Selection of these players will be based on their EOI & from observations from the selectors during region/pennant/tournament events.
 5. Players must be available to participate in trials, team practice and practice matches. Unless an exemption is requested and granted. This request must be made in writing to the Sandbelt selection committee (sandbeltselection@gmail.com)

6. Selection of the Region Side will be based on the following considerations:
- a. Player performance during Pennant and State events, over a period of time.
This player performance will be taken from players EOI form, when they submit their expression of interest.
 - b. Current season form.
 - c. Technical ability and tactical knowledge.
 - d. Team balance & compatibility.
 - e. Performance in the previous region sides.
 - f. Physical fitness.

7. Selection of the Regional Side team will include:
- a) 12 players
 - b) 1 Travelling Reserve
 - c) 1 Non-Playing Team manager will be selected/appointed.
 - d) 1 Named Non-Travelling Reserve

**Note: A player may be substituted during the event (or prior to) in the event of sickness/injury or in a situation where a player breaches the Player Code of Conduct.*

8. The make-up of the region side will be created by the entire selection panel. The selectors on this panel shall have total discretion in selection and the decision of the selectors shall be final. This shall not prevent, limit, or restrict the Selectors changing the selection of any Side or individual at any time in their sole discretion, having regard to all the circumstances.

After the Region Sides Championship, the selectors will review and amend this policy if deemed necessary.