



Sandbelt Regional Sides
Selection Policy
(effective Oct.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

Date/Location may change yearly.

Please refer to Bowls Victoria for event details & conditions of play.

www.bowlsvic.org.au/bv-events/



SANDBELT REGION SELECTION POLICY *(effective Oct.2023)*



1. The player must be a full playing member with a club in the Sandbelt Region, as of January 1st of the current pennant season to be eligible for Region Sides.

Example. For the 2025 Region Sides (Ballarat Jan. 10-12/2025), the player must be a full playing member with their nominated Sandbelt Club effective January 1/2025.

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), in person or by other means of communication by the indicated cut-off date.

(At the discretion of the selection committee, exceptions may apply to include individuals in trials who have missed the cut-off date for EOI submission (ex. Club Transfer after EOI cut-off 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 or verbally 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.