



POLICY TITLE: COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

RELATED POLICIES:	Selection Policy
RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:	Chief Executive Officer President
AUTHORITY:	Chief Executive Officer
APPLICABLE FORMS:	Nil
APPROVED:	January 2022
REVIEW DATE:	June 2022

1. PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1 When Tasmania had its borders closed, the impact of COVID-19 was under control. The opening of our borders in December 2021 has created a far greater exposure to us than we have seen at any time in the pandemic. We are in the grip of another wave of the disease that is more contagious than any of the strains before it. Case numbers in Tasmania have increased significantly and we must do all within our powers to stop the spread of the disease and to protect our members and the community in helping curb this outbreak. This policy decision has been taken after careful consideration - with the health and welfare of our members and the community of the foremost concern. Given all facts available, vaccination is our best defence against this latest outbreak.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 Bowls Tasmania has decided that it needs to lead the way and provide direction to regions and clubs regarding compulsory COVID-19 vaccinations. Accordingly it is Bowls Tasmania policy effective from 1 February 2022 that:

- Players must be fully vaccinated (at least two doses) against COVID-19 to be selected to play in State teams.
- Players in Bowls Tasmania championships must be fully vaccinated (at least two doses) and must show proof of vaccination to be eligible to play.
- Players in Bowls Tasmania State Wide Challenge games must be fully vaccinated (at least two doses) and must show proof of vaccination to be eligible to play.

- 2.2 Bowls Tasmania has granted exemptions to the above as follows:

- Players will not have to be vaccinated against COVID-19 if they can provide a written exemption signed by a qualified medical practitioner.
- Junior players will not have to be fully vaccinated (at least two doses) until 30 June 2022.

- 2.3 Bowls Tasmania has strongly recommended to regions and clubs that they follow the above policy regarding all bowls under their jurisdictions. (All three regions have agreed to implement this policy effective from 1 February 2022.)