



Disability Support Committee - Terms of Reference

Committee Objective:

- Assist Bowls Victoria staff with the planning, preparation, conduct and review of programs for people with a disability.
- Ensure bowls clubs are aware they need to be inclusive and ensure access is provided to people with a disability to easily enter the sport.
- Advise the Bowls Victoria Staff on additional ways to connect with more disability groups around Victoria.

Membership of the Disability Support Committee:

- The Bowls Victoria Disability Support Committee shall consist of no more than 5 members (each of whom shall have voting rights) as well as the BV Participation Coordinator(s) noting that if more than one Participation Coordinator attends, they will only register one vote
- The Chair(s) of the Committee shall be appointed by the Bowls Victoria Board.

Operating Principles:

- The Disability Support Committee Chair(s) are required to submit minutes for the Bowls Victoria Board and provide a submission for the Bowls Victoria annual report.
- Unexplained non-attendance at three consecutive meetings results in termination of place on the committee.
- Meetings may be face-to-face or on-line.
- To ensure that the Committee has the best interests of all bowlers with a disability in mind when making decisions or recommendations, the committee should not be influenced or biased by personal involvement.
- Honour the confidentiality of the Disability Support Committee deliberations and decision making, and not post any confidential information relating to the Disability Support Committee on social media (in conjunction with Bowls Victoria's Social Media Policy).

Responsibilities of the Disability Support Committee:

- Assist to promote & Support Disability Bowls in Victoria.
- Assist the Bowls Victoria Staff Member (where possible) with running bowls events for

- people with a disability,
- Through the Bowls Victoria Staff, continue building relationships with key stakeholders i.e: Blind Bowls Victoria, Deaf Bowls Victoria.
 - Provide recommendations to Bowls Victoria Staff and the Officiating & Laws Committee to consistently update the Conditions of Play for each State Disability Event.
 - To review the Disability State Programs at the end of each season and submit feedback and recommendations to Bowls Victoria Staff
 - Put forward recommendations to the BV Board for the composition of a selection panel, which should include the State Coach (if applicable),
 - Put forward recommendations to the BV Board for any Coach or Team Manager.

Next Review Date:

July 2024