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| **2024 BOWLS ENGLAND (BE) COMPETITION REVIEW – COUNTY QUESTIONAIRRE** | | | | | | |
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| **NO.** | **SUBJECT** | **PROPOSAL / RECOMMENDATION – REFERENCE NOTES** | | IN FAVOUR | AGAINST | |
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| **1** | **Event Rebrand** | Elevate Open Age Main Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours to the Status of “Blue Ribband” Events.  Notes – Retain current formats for events & current qualification numbers but allows for targeted sponsorship or higher profile engagement with potential sponsors & or TV coverage. | | 38 | 0 | |
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| **2** | **Balcomb Trophy / Walker Cup** | Change Competition format to mirror World Level Events  Notes – Changing from 8 players playing 2 x 4 to 10 players playing 4 disciplines (????) | | 15 | 20 | |
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| **3** | **White Rose / Amy Rose** | Change Format to 5 players per county playing four disciplines, Option for 2 entries per county and possibility of Counties with fewer numbers being allowed to Merge resources subject to Agreement of BE. Senior Internationals not allowed in side.  Notes – Changing from 8 players playing 2 x 4’s to 5 players with each player playing 2 events, likely singles / fours and pairs triples. 2 sessions per match (was their reduced format???) | | 12 | 18 | |
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| **4** | **“Junior” Event Age Limit** | To change to Under 24 for Junior Singles / Pairs, White Rose and Amy Rose.  Notes – This means a player winning a title would be guaranteed at least one season in the International Under 25 squad. | | 27 | 6 | |
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| **5** | **Under 17 Singles** | BE to introduce Under 17 singles event for both genders to be managed as a National Comp by BE and not by the Counties  Notes – Self Explanatory! | | 29 | 4 | |
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| **6** | **Multi County Regional Events** | Make Balcomb / Walker / Amy Rose and White Rose 2 day weekend event with 4 or 5 Counties present playing round robin, rather than rounds, with each event winner progressing to Nationals.  Notes – Provides intense 2 day competition for players and coaches replicating international events, possible requirement for over night stays. Allows for greater promotion of sport. Opportunities to generate revenue / publicity for host clubs. Support from BE and the National Performance team able to view multiple players at one venue. Host venues to be either 2 green club or 2 separate greens local to each other. Possibly creates open dates in current congested calender. | | 20 | 14 | |
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| **7** | **Middleton Cup / Johns Trophy** | To Retain Competitions but allow Counties to pick the event format they wish for.  Notes – Counties have the Option to stay with the current round robin system or change to a straight knock out with a plate competition for sides defeated in 1st rd. | |  | | |
| Option 1 – Stay with Round Robin | | 18 |  | |
| Option 2 – Change to Straight Knock Out with plate event | |  | 14 | |
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| **8** | **County Over 60’s Event** | To introduce a 6 rink mixed Inter County Knock Out Competition for over 60’s as at April 1st of the season involved. 12 Men, 12 Ladies in mixed rinks. Fixtures fixed date but midweek / daytime.  Note – Seems Self Explanatory | | 26 | 10 | |
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| **9** | **Top Club** | To change event to 6 players playing pairs and triples over 2 sessions, games to be sets.  Notes – Changes Men’s event from 11 players and Ladies from 10. No longer require 2 woods (men), singles or fours events. Unclear if clubs can enter multiple teams (????). Potentially opens event up to more clubs. | | 8 | 30 | |
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| **10** | **Club Two Fours** | Convert to open Event, no change to format  Notes –Gives the option to include ladies in a side, unclear if clubs can enter multiple sides (??????) | | 25 | 12 | |
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| **11** | **Champion Of Champions** | Return Event to Club Champions only  Notes- Removes the option for County Singles, Under 25 Singles and National Singles Champions to play in event | | 30 | 7 | |
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| **12** | **2 Wood Singles** | To Remove event from National Championship Programme  Notes – Creates space in National Finals Calender, reduces chances of clashes.  Counties have the option to continue event at County Level (separate conversation) | | 12 | 25 | |
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| **13** | **“Senior” Events** | To Change the entry age limit of the Singles / Pairs and Tony Allcock to over 60 as over 1st April in the season involved. Day time play to be permitted via mutual agreement. Senior Fours not affected  Notes – Seems Self explanatory! | | 28 | 9 | |
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| **14** | **“Senior” Fours** | Retain age limit as over 55 as in line with British Isles Qualification Rules and event leads to British Isles. Games can be played during daytime by mutual agreement.  Notes – If British Isles change their qualification rules this event will be changed automatically to stay in line | | 27 | 8 | |
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| **15** | **Novice Pairs** | Introduce New Event for less experienced players. One player to be Non Badged which will for this event mean no National Championship Badge (not County Badge). One or both players to have no more than 3 years playing experience to be policed by Counites. Under 17’s eligible irrelevant of experience / Badge status.  Notes – Again seems self explanatory at this stage | | 22 | 14 | |
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| **16** | **Family Pairs** | Not allowed to enter if you have played Balcomb, Walker or International Bowls in last 5 years. No change to Definition of “family” in relation to eligibility.  Note – Seems self explanatory | | 15 | | 14 |
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| **17** | **Competition Management** | To further investigate how to consolidate administration of Competitions. Look into possible single point of entry (maybe online system) by reviewing systems in use by some counties already. Investigate consistent competition dates nationwide to create possible options for targeted marketing campaigns.  Note – Seems Self explanatory | | 33 | 0 | |
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| **18** | **Competition Management** | Counties to continue to manage regional stages of Championship events – Singles, Pairs, triples, fours, Senior Fours, Under 24 Singles and Under 24 Pair  Note – No Change | | 33 | 0 | |
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| **19** | **Competition Management** | To Introduce Set Dates for the later stages of Top Club event as a trial in 2025  Notes - Inter area stages affected, last 32 onwards | | 26 | 8 | |