

Please find below: recommendation for state championships as of 2019.

Labour Day long weekend: 4" bowls on 30' carpets.

Saturday - Open fours. Australian rules. (12 live ends)

Sunday – Men's singles & Women's singles & Junior open singles. Australian rules (15 live ends)

Monday – Mixed 2 bowl pairs. Australian rules. (12 ends with only the last end live)

Last weekend in July: 4" bowls on 30' carpets.

Saturday – Open pairs. 2x2x2x2. Australian rules. (12 live ends)

Sunday – Open 2 bowl triples. Australian rules. (12 live ends)

3rd weekend in October: 4 ¾" bowls on 24' mats.

Friday night – Open pairs & Junior Pairs Qld rules.

Saturday – Gentlemen's singles, Ladies' Singles, junior singles (open, boys' & girls') Qld rules.

Sunday – Open 4x3 rinks. Qld rules.

Restricted events to remain as they are.

Rationale:

With nominations decreasing every year for the October state championships, replacing it with the primary, historic state championships should provide an extra incentive to nominate. Adding an extra state 4" championships in the vacated May long weekend would see Queensland contesting state championships in singles, pairs, triples and fours while still ensuring strong competition numbers in each event due to the primarily open formats. The mixed 2 bowl pairs is a shorter format that fits well on the last day of a weekend allowing competitors to be able to head home a little earlier. It also encourages players who may not usually play with a player of the opposing gender to do so, better preparing all players for possible state team positions. Singles would be segregated for time constraints. Playing small bowls in the May championships also fits better into the schedule of those players chosen to represent Australia soon after this event, some of who may chose to not nominate for a big bowl state championships so close to the international.

Finally this is a simple way to increase the small bowl season in the lead up to the national championships while still preserving the great history of the big bowl game in our state.

Regards,

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