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WP Competitions and Covid-19 Infections

There is no doubt that the Western Cape is in the midst of a second wave in infections, and we all need to work together in the interest of everyone's health.

Bowls is a relatively safe activity if the necessary hygiene protocols are in place, but it is still not completely safe. The riskiest component of a bowls competition is actually the socialising before and after the game – and obviously, the less players there are on each green, the less risky it is.

The WP Flag, Muter, Trips League and Midweek competitions were all due to start in the second week of January. The WP Executive has looked at what other districts are doing, received input from numerous clubs, had informal feedback from BSA and read through current government guidelines.

We are of the opinion that starting these competitions by the middle of January would be irresponsible and unnecessarily increase the risk of infection to all participants. We do not, however, want to cancel any competitions unless it becomes absolutely necessary and we have no choice in the matter.

Accordingly, the rest of the WP Competitions have been rescheduled.

The new calendar has been emailed to all Clubs in a number of different formats. It can also be downloaded from the wpbowls.co.za website or viewed on the website calendar.

We offer apologies to every Club and every Member who will be inconvenienced by the date changes but hope that the benefits of taking these steps are clear to all. Ultimately the health of our Members has to take priority.

Let us keep all our members safe!

Chris Nurrish

On behalf of WP Executive

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