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# Regulations

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## PART I – STATUS OF REGULATIONS

### 1. REGULATIONS BINDING

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- (a) These Regulations are made under **Rule 35** of the Constitution. Without limiting the Board's power under the Constitution, these Regulations or otherwise, the Board may review, amend and enforce these Regulations as it deems necessary or appropriate.
- (b) These Regulations are binding on all Members.

### 2. INTERPRETATION

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#### 2.1 Interpretation

These Regulations shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the Constitution. Any word or phrase which is defined in the Constitution will have the corresponding meaning in these Regulations unless otherwise set out.

#### 2.2 Definitions

Words which are defined in the Constitution have not been redefined here.

**Act** means the **Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)** as amended or replaced from time to time.

**Affiliated Member** means a natural person recognised by the Association as a Member under 6.3 or otherwise of the Constitution.

**Affiliates** means Regions and Divisions.

**Bowler** means a financial, bowling member who has had their capitation fee paid on their behalf to BV, another State or Territory Bowls Association, Bowls Australia or World Bowls, or is otherwise accepted by these bodies to play in any game. For the avoidance of doubt this includes Affiliated Members

**Regional Representative** means **Representatives** elected in accordance with **23.5(b)** of the Constitution who will be known as Bowls Victoria Regional Representatives (BVRR).

**BV** means Bowls Victoria Incorporated.

**Clearance** means the approval process undertaken in accordance with regulation 17 to allow a Bowler to transfer between Clubs.

**Club Communications Officer** means one member of each Club appointed by the Club to receive email and other communications from Bowls Victoria.

**Controlling Body** means the body having the immediate control of the conditions under which a Game is played, in the order of precedence set out in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls

**Constitution** means the Constitution of BV as amended from time to time.

**Disciplinary Committee** means the committee of people established under Regulations 5 and 16 to hear and determine disciplinary matters under the Constitution and the Regulations.

**Disciplinary Procedures** means those procedures set out in Part V of the Regulations and Clause 10 of the Constitution

**Dual Member** means a Bowler being a full Member of a Club (the Nominated Club) where their full annual capitation fees are paid, and being a full Member of another Club (the second Club). A Dual Member is not eligible to play in any Club championship, Region and Division matches for the second Club,

**Event** means any Club, Division, Region or State competition or tournament in the sport of bowls or such other competition or tournament as is governed by BV.

**Game** means a game of Bowls played at or as part of an Event.

**Nominated Club** means the Club from where a Bowler's affiliation fee has been paid to BV and where all championship, pennant and club games will be played by that bowler, except as provided in Regulation 19. A player may be a member of more than one affiliated club, but must nominate one club (nominated club) in one state or territory as being the club with which the player identifies for the purposes of playing championship, pennant or club games

**Offence** means the commission of prohibited conduct in terms of Part V and Part X of the Regulations and Clause 10 of the Constitution.

**Official** means any Director, Region or Division board or committee member, coach, umpire, team or squad manager, official bowls tester, authorised bowls inspector, promoter, match committee member or representative, medical officer, or any other person directly associated with the conduct of a Game.

**Player** means a member of a Club affiliated with Bowls Victoria (provided that in each case such person has paid their subscription or affiliation fees to such Club and Bowls Victoria).

#### **Region Official Representatives**

Region Official Representatives, where elected, will assist Bowls Victoria Regional Representatives (BVRR) in the carrying out of their duties.

**Registered Programs** are approved programs as defined by Bowls Victoria from time to time, such as 40/40.

**Sections** means Men's and Women's Bowling Sections of a Club where such Sections exist.

**Terms of Reference** means the terms of reference for Committees approved by the Board as amended from time to time. Such terms of reference will set out the authority of such Committees as delegated by the Board.

## **PART II – REGIONS AND DIVISIONS**

### **3. REGIONS**

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#### **3.1 Definition and Structure**

- (a) There shall be sixteen (16) Regions having Clubs as set out in Clause 28 as amended by the Board from time to time. Each Region will comprise such Clubs and Divisions as approved by the Board from time to time.
- (b) Each Region will incorporate under the Act. The name and constitution of a Region, and any amendments to it, must be approved by BV prior to being adopted.
- (c) Subject to continued recognition by BV and compliance with the Constitution, these Regulations and any other directions issued by BV, each Region will be accepted as a Member under 6.1(d) of the Constitution. Regions will not have the right to attend, debate or vote at General Meetings.
- (d) Regions are not authorised, entitled or empowered to legally bind BV or to incur liabilities on BV's behalf. However, as incorporated bodies, Regions will be entitled to enter into legal arrangements or otherwise act on their own behalf within the powers provided by BV.

#### **3.2 Delegation to Regions**

- (a) Within its respective jurisdiction, BV delegates the power to each Region to assist BV to:
  - (i) manage, promote and control Bowls, Clubs and any Affiliated Members;
  - (ii) consider and deal with all matters submitted to it by any Member;
  - (iii) cooperate with other Regions and Divisions in any Bowls related matters;
  - (iv) conduct and control any Region Bowls events and functions in accordance with BV rules for competition;
  - (v) promote the health and safety of all its Members, athletes, officials and other individuals participating in Bowls in any capacity;
  - (vi) pursue through itself or others such commercial arrangements, including sponsorship and marketing opportunities, as are appropriate to further the purposes of the Association;
  - (vii) promote the game and development of players; and
  - (viii) do all such things or activities which may be necessary for the accomplishment of these objectives.
- (b) The delegation of power to each Region is expressly subject to the requirement that a Region must follow all lawful directions of BV.

### 3.3 Club Representation

#### (a) Regions without Divisions

- (i) Each member club shall be entitled to representation at general meetings of clubs within the Region by two (2) club delegates, one male and one female if possible, elected by the clubs within such Region
- (ii) Each member club shall forward the names and addresses of delegates elected by each member club within the Region to the Secretary of the Region within fourteen (14) days of their election, or as defined in the Region constitution

#### (b) Regions with Divisions

- (i) Each Division within the Region shall be entitled to representation at general meetings by the number of delegates as specified in the Region constitution.
- (ii) Each Division shall forward the names and addresses of delegates elected by each Division within the Region to the Secretary of the Region within fourteen (14) days of their election, or as defined in the Division Constitution

### 3.4 Functions of Regions

In addition to performing functions which derive from performing the duties noted in Regulation 3.2, Regions:

- (a) must ensure that in all activities they abide by the World Bowls "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" and Bowls Australia Domestic Regulations as amended from time to time and adopted by World Bowls and/or Bowls Australia;
- (b) may impose a levy on Affiliated Members of the Clubs within their jurisdiction;
- (c) must ensure that effective communication is maintained between itself, its Divisions and Clubs, and also BV; and
- (d) will provide representatives to **Regional Representative Group (BVVR)** meetings on terms set by BV from time to time.

### 3.5 Establishment of Playing Groups

Regions that do not have Bowls Divisions may establish groupings of Clubs within the Region for the conduct of Pennant, State Championship or such other competitions as required. Such groupings of Clubs may vary according to the Event being conducted.

### 3.6 Establishment of Region Committees

- (a) Regions may establish such committees as they deem necessary and appropriate. All Committees must act in accordance with their Terms of Reference, the Constitution and these Regulations. The responsibilities and terms of reference for committees are defined



at the end of the regulations. Such committees may include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Championship/Pennant/Selection Committee;
  - (ii) Under 18 Development Committee;
  - (iii) Coaching Committee;
  - (iv) Greens Committee;
  - (v) Laws and Umpiring Committee; and
  - (vi) Sponsorship, Marketing and Media Committee.
- (b) It is understood that it will not always be possible to have equal gender representation on each committee, however it is expected.
  - (c) Regions will determine the fairest and most appropriate method for electing and/or appointing members to each committee.
  - (d) Region committees are to be empowered by the Regions, not by BV. For the avoidance of doubt, BV is not delegating any power to the Region committees under this Regulation.

### 3.7 Annual General Meetings

- (a) An Annual General Meeting of each Region shall be held annually, no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June, or as specified in the Act.
- (b) **Regions without Divisions** - Each Club within the Region may be represented by two delegates, one male and one female if possible, but only one vote may be cast on behalf of their Club.
- (c) **Regions with Divisions** - Divisions within the Region may be represented by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman or their nominees, and may cast one vote on behalf of their Division, or as specified in the Region constitution.
- (d) Business at this meeting will cover, but not be limited to:
  - (i) Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting/s;
  - (ii) Chairman's Report;
  - (iii) Regional Representatives report
  - (iv) Committee Reports;
  - (v) Financial Report;
  - (vi) Notices of Motion;
  - (vii) Election of Office Bearers;
  - (viii) Election of Committees
  - (ix) Honorariums;

- (x) Regional Levy/Fees;
- (xi) Bowls Programmes;
- (xii) Regional Championship Finals;
- (xiii) General Business.

### **3.8 General Meetings**

- (a) At least two (2) General Meetings in addition to the Annual General Meeting will be held annually by the Region.
- (b) If there are Divisions within the Region they may be represented by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman or their nominees, and shall vote in accordance with the provisions in the Region constitution.
- (c) Business at this meeting will cover, but not be limited to:
  - (i) proposed Notices of Motion;
  - (ii) Mid-season reports by Committee Chairmen;
  - (iii) proposed changes to Affiliation Fees for the ensuing season;
  - (iv) matters that impact on the Region and Divisions.
- (d) Quorum

No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when business is being considered. A quorum for General Meetings of the Region shall be the number of Clubs or Divisions as defined in the Region Constitution, and represented by their Member Club or Division Delegates present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote, in accordance with the provisions in the Region constitution.

- (e) Proxies

If provided for in the Region constitution, if both of a Clubs' Delegates are unable to attend a General Meeting, the Club may give its proxy to a Delegate from another Club or the chair of the meeting. For voting by proxy to be valid, the Club must notify the Chairman of the details of its proxy, in writing on the form (if any) required, not less than 24 hours before that General Meeting. A Delegate can exercise no more than 5 proxy votes.

- (f) Voting
  - (i) All questions arising at a General Meeting shall be determined on a show of hands;
  - (ii) In the case of an equality of votes on a question, the motion shall fail;
  - (iii) Neither the President nor the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

### 3.9 Executive Committee

An Executive Committee elected at each Annual General Meeting, shall hold office for twelve months, which expires at the time of the next Annual General Meeting of the Region, or as defined in the Region Constitution.

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- (a) President; and ]  
] One shall be male and one female
- (b) Deputy President ];
- (c) Secretary;
- (d) Treasurer;  
(The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined)
- (e) Bowls Victoria Regional Representative Group, (BVRRs), (one shall be male and one female);
- (f) Where Regions do not have Divisions – two additional members;
- (g) Where Regions have Divisions – the Chairman of each Division.

### 3.10 Region Official Representatives (ROR)

- (a) if determined by the Board, at the Region Annual General Meeting up to one male and one female Official Representatives may be elected;
- (b) Region Official Representatives (ROR) will assist BVRR in the carrying out of their duties;
- (c) ROR's will work in conjunction with the BVRR's;
- (d) Such duties could include attending opening days, special anniversary events, presentation of super veteran and veteran's badges and such other duties determined from time to time by the Region Executive or Bowls Victoria;
- (e) ROR's will be entitled to attend Region executive meetings but not be members of the executive.

### 3.11 Transfer of Clubs between Regions

Any Club wishing to transfer from one Region to another shall adhere to this procedure:

- (a) Write to Bowls Victoria expressing a desire to transfer and stating specific reasons.
- (b) Write to the Region, to which it desires to be transferred, expressing the desire to transfer and stating reasons.
- (c) Write to the Region, from which it desires to be transferred, expressing the desire to transfer and stating reasons.

- (d) The Region Boards shall promptly consider the request for transfer and forward a copy of their report to the BV Chief Executive for consideration by the Board.
- (e) The Board shall, after further consultation approve or reject the transfer. If rejected the Board shall advise the Region Boards, and give reasons for that rejection. There shall be no appeal from a decision of the Board.

## **4. DIVISIONS**

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### **4.1 Definition and Structure**

- (a) With the approval of BV, Regions may establish Divisions. Divisions will act to manage a cluster of Clubs within the Region. For the avoidance of doubt, Regions do not have to establish Divisions.
- (b) Where there are two or more Divisions within a Region, two or more Divisions may combine Committees established by the Divisions including under Regulation 4.9 or establish a new Committee as approved by Bowls Victoria for the purposes of effectively running Events, Competition(s) or the efficient administering on Divisional activities.
- (c) Any Divisions established will have Clubs as set out in Regulation 28 as amended by the Board from time to time.
- (d) Each Division will incorporate under the Act. The name and constitution of a Division, and any amendments to it, must be approved by BV prior to being adopted.
- (e) Subject to continued recognition by BV and compliance with the Constitution, these Regulations and any other directions issued by BV, each Division will be accepted as a Member of BV under 6.2(d) of the Constitution.
- (f) Divisions are not authorised, entitled or empowered to legally bind BV or to incur liabilities on BV's behalf. However, as incorporated bodies, Divisions will be entitled to enter into legal arrangements or otherwise act on their own behalf within the powers provided by BV.

### **4.2 Delegation to Divisions**

- (a) Within its respective jurisdiction, BV delegates the power to each Division to assist BV and the relevant Region to:
  - (i) manage, promote and control Bowls, Clubs and any Affiliated Members;
  - (ii) consider and deal with all matters submitted to it by any Member;
  - (iii) cooperate with other Regions and Divisions in any Bowls related matters;
  - (iv) conduct and control any Region Bowls events and functions in accordance with BV rules for competition;

- (v) promote the health and safety of all its Members, athletes, officials and other individuals participating in Bowls in any capacity;
  - (vi) pursue through itself or others such commercial arrangements, including sponsorship and marketing opportunities, as are appropriate to further the purposes of the Association;
  - (vii) promote the game and development of players; and
  - (viii) do all such things or activities which may be necessary for the accomplishment of these objectives.
- (b) The delegation of power to each Division is expressly subject to the requirement that a Division must follow all lawful directions of BV.

#### 4.3 Club Representation

- (a) Each member club of a Division shall be entitled to representation at general meetings of clubs within the Division by two (2) club delegates, one male and one female if possible, elected by the clubs within such Region
- (b) Each member club shall forward the names and addresses of delegates to the Secretary of the Division within fourteen (14) days of their election in accordance with the provisions in the Division constitution.

#### 4.4 Functions of Divisions

In addition to performing functions which derive from performing the duties noted in regulation 4.2, Divisions:

- (a) must ensure that in all activities they abide by the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" as amended from time to time and adopted by World Bowls and/or Bowls Australia;
- (b) may impose a levy on Affiliated Members of the Clubs within their jurisdiction; and
- (c) must ensure that effective communication is maintained between itself, its Region and Clubs, and also BV.

#### 4.5 Annual General Meetings

- (a) An Annual General Meeting of each Division shall be held annually, no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June, or in accordance with the Act. Each Club within the Division may be represented by two delegates, (one male and one female if possible), but only one vote may be cast on behalf of their Club.
- (b) Business at this meeting will cover, but not be limited to –
  - (i) Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting/s
  - (ii) Chairman's Report;
  - (iii) Regional Representatives Report**
  - (iv) Committee Reports;

- (v) Financial Report;
- (vi) Notices of Motion;
- (vii) Election of Office Bearers;
- (viii) Election of Committees
- (ix) Honorariums;
- (x) Capitation/Affiliation Fees;
- (xi) Bowls Programmes;
- (xii) Regional Championship Finals;
- (xiii) General Business

#### 4.6 General Meetings

- (a) At least two General Meetings will be held annually by the Division.
- (b) Business at this meeting will cover but not be limited to -

- (i) Proposed Notices of Motion;
- (ii) Mid-season reports by Committee Chairmen;
- (iii) Proposed changes to Affiliation Fees for the ensuing season;
- (iv) Matters that impact on the Region and Divisions.

- (c) Quorum –

No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A quorum for General Meetings of the Division shall be the number of Clubs as defined in the Division Constitution, represented by their Member Club Delegates present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote, in accordance with the provisions in the Division constitution.

- (d) Proxies -

If provided for in the Division constitution if both of a Club's Delegates are unable to attend a General Meeting, the Club may give its proxy to a Delegate from another Club or the chair of the meeting. For voting by proxy to be valid, the Club must notify the Chairman of the details of its proxy, in writing on the form (if any) required, not less than 24 hours before that General Meeting. A Delegate can carry no more than 5 proxy votes.

- (e) Voting

- (i) All questions arising at a General Meeting shall be determined on a show of hands;
- (ii) In the case of an equality of votes on a question, the motion shall fail;

- (iii) Neither the President nor the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

#### **4.7 Executive Committee**

An Executive Committee elected at each Annual General Meeting, shall hold office for twelve months, which expires at the time of the next Annual General Meeting of the Division, or as defined in the Division Constitution.

The executive Committee shall consist of -

- (i) President; and ]  
] One shall be male and one female
- (ii) Deputy President; ]
- (iii) Secretary;
- (iv) Treasurer;  
(The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined)
- (v) Two additional members.

#### **4.8 Establishment of Playing Groups**

Divisions may establish groupings of Clubs within the Division for the conduct of Pennant, State Championship or such other competitions as required. Such groupings of Clubs may vary according to the Event being conducted.

#### **4.9 Establishment of Division Committees**

- (a) Divisions may establish such committees as they deem necessary and appropriate. All Committees must act in accordance with their Terms of Reference, the Constitution and these Regulations. The responsibilities and terms of reference for committees are defined at the end of the regulations. Such committees may include, but are not limited to:
  - (i) Championship/Pennant/Selection Committee;
  - (ii) Under 18 Development Committee;
  - (iii) Coaching Committee;
  - (iv) Greens Committee;
  - (v) Laws and Umpiring Committee; and
  - (vi) Sponsorship, Marketing and Media Committee.
- (b) It is understood that it will not always be possible to have equal gender representation on each committee, however it is expected that each gender will be represented on each committee.
- (c) Divisions will determine the fairest and most appropriate method for electing and/or appointing members to each committee.
- (d) Division committees are to be empowered by the Division, not by BV. For the avoidance of doubt, BV is not delegating any power to the Division committees under this Regulation.

#### 4.10 Transfer of Clubs between Divisions

Any Club wishing to transfer from one Division to another shall adhere to this procedure:

- (a) Write to the Division with which it is affiliated, expressing desire to transfer and stating reasons.
- (b) Write to the Division, to which it desires to be transferred, expressing the desire to transfer and stating reasons.
- (c) Each Division concerned shall promptly send to the Region Board a copy of the correspondence received from the Club desiring to transfer together with a report regarding the proposed transfer.
- (d) The Region Board shall promptly consider the request for transfer and forward a copy of their report and reports from the concerned Divisions to the BV Chief Executive for consideration by the Board.
- (e) The Board shall, after further consultation approve or reject the transfer. If rejected the Board shall advise the Region Board, the Divisions and the Club involved and give reasons for that rejection. There shall be no appeal from a decision of the Board.

### PART III – BOWLS VICTORIA COMMITTEES

#### 5. COMMITTEES

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##### 5.1 Establishment of BV Committees

- (a) Under 23.4 of the Constitution, the Board is entitled to establish Committees and to delegate functions, power and duties to such Committees. All Committees must act in accordance with their Terms of Reference, the Constitution and the Regulations.
- (b) **The Board may establish Operational Committees including:**
  - (i) Constitution Committee;
  - (ii) Finance and Audit Committee; and
  - (c) The Board will also establish the following operational Committees:
    - (i) Awards Committee;
    - (ii) Championships Committee;
    - (iii) Coaching Committee;
    - (iv) Disciplinary Committee;
    - (v) Events Support Committee;
    - (vi) Greens Committee;
    - (vii) Laws and Rules Committee;
    - (viii) Metropolitan Pennant Committee;



- (ix) **Disability Support Committee;**
  - (x) Sponsorship, Marketing, Media Committee;
  - (xi) State Selection Committee;
  - (xii) Umpiring Committee; and
  - (xiii) Under 18 Development Committee.
- (d) The Board reserves its right to establish additional Committees at any time in accordance with the Constitution. Further, other than for any Committee which the Constitution requires it maintain, the Board reserves its right to wind up any Committee or revoke its delegation to such Committee, including those Committees listed in this Regulation 5.1.
- (e) All Committee members will be invited to reapply for their position annually, two months prior to the BV Annual General Meeting.
- (f) The Board will advertise in BV Publications two months prior to the BV Annual General Meeting for Expressions of Interest from members wishing to serve on BV Committees.
- (g) The Board will determine and advise all positions no later than six weeks after the BV Annual General Meeting.

## 5.2 Delegation to BV Committees

- (a) The Board will establish Terms of Reference for all Committees, including but not limited to those listed in Regulation 5.1.
- (b) The Board delegates to each of the Committees listed in Regulation 5.1 and any other Committees established by the Board from time to time, the functions, powers and duties which are set out in the Committee's Terms of Reference.

## 5.3 Organisation of Committees

- (a) Subject to anything in the Constitution, this Regulation or in the Terms of Reference, Committees:
  - (i) will have as ex-officio members, the Directors and the Chief Executive, who will be entitled to attend any Committee meeting but not vote;
  - (ii) must conduct their meetings in the same manner as the Board would according to the procedures set out in the Constitution, subject to any necessary or incidental amendment;
  - (iii) must have a majority of the members of the Committee at a meeting for there to be a quorum for the transaction of the business;
  - (iv) must, within seven days of any meeting, send a copy of the minutes and any supporting documents to the Chief Executive (or their nominee); and

- (v) are not authorised, entitled or empowered to legally bind BV or to incur liabilities on BV's behalf, unless specifically authorised in its Terms of Reference.
- (b) The Board will determine how Committee members will be elected and/or appointed from time to time.

## **PART IV – MEMBERSHIP**

### **6. MEMBERSHIP CLASSES**

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- (a) The Board has the right and power from time to time to create new classes of Membership in accordance with Clause 6.2(d) of the Constitution with such rights, privileges and obligations as are determined applicable even if the effect of creating a new class is to alter rights, privileges or obligations of existing members or an existing class of Members.
- (b) The Board may amend or alter the method of determining and collecting the Annual Subscription and any other fees payable by Members or any other class of Member as determined from time to time in accordance with the Clause 7 of the Constitution.

### **7. LIFE MEMBERS**

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Under 6.5 of the Constitution, the Board may determine to grant a person life membership in recognition of services rendered to BV. The Board will consider awarding a Life Membership according to the following procedure.

- (a) The Board shall receive, via the Awards Committee or otherwise, any proposals for Life Membership.
- (b) The Board may recommend to Members at the Annual General Meeting that any Affiliated Member who has rendered distinguished service to Bowls be appointed as a Life Member. The Affiliated Member must have rendered service which the Board has deemed to have assisted the advancement of Bowls in Victoria, whether as a player, administrator or otherwise.
- (c) Life Membership will be granted where the recommendation is approved by a resolution supported by not less than 75% of the Board.
- (d) An Affiliated Member must accept or reject BV's offer of Life Membership in writing. Upon written acceptance, the individual's details shall be entered upon or updated in the Register.

### **8. HONORARY MEMBERS**

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The membership category of "Honorary Members" is created by the Board under 6.2(d) of the Constitution. Honorary Members shall have the right to be present and to debate at General Meetings, but do not have voting rights at General Meetings. The Board will consider accepting individuals as Honorary Members of BV according to the following procedure.

- (a) The Board shall receive, via the Awards Committee or otherwise, any proposals for Honorary Membership.
- (b) The Board may recommend to Members at the Annual General Meeting that any person (not being an Affiliated Member) has rendered distinguished service to Bowls be appointed as an Honorary Member. The person must have rendered service which the Board has deemed to have assisted the advancement of Bowls in Victoria.
- (c) Honorary Membership will be granted where the recommendation:
  - (i) is approved by a resolution of 75% of the Board; and
  - (ii) is then approved by a resolution of the Annual General Meeting where 75% of those present and entitled to vote are in favour of the resolution.
- (d) The individual must accept or reject BV's offer of Honorary Membership in writing. Upon written acceptance, the individual's details shall be entered upon or updated in the Register.

## **9. AFFILIATED SOCIAL BOWLS CLUBS**

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- (a) The membership category of "Social Bowls Clubs" is created by the Board under **6.2(d) of the Constitution**. Social Bowls Clubs shall not have the right to be present, debate or vote at General Meetings.
- (b) Groups which qualify as a "Social Bowls Club" will be determined by the Board from time to time. However, generally it will be groups of people, being Affiliated Members, who are members of a Social Bowls Club. Further, unless BV determines otherwise, a Social Bowls Club shall not be entitled to enter a team in any event referred to in the BV "Rules for Competition" or any other event controlled by BV.
- (c) To be eligible for membership as a Social Bowls Club, the applicant's application for membership must:
  - (i) meet any criteria set by the Board from time to time;
  - (ii) be in writing in the form prescribed by the Board from time to time;
  - (iii) be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees, if any; and
  - (iv) be lodged with the Chief Executive.
- (d) As soon as is practicable after the receipt of an application, the Chief Executive shall refer the application to the Board. The Board shall determine in its discretion whether to approve or decline the application, or to approve it on certain terms and conditions.
- (e) If the Board approves the application for membership, the applicant Social Bowls Club will be notified in writing. If approved, membership shall commence on entry into the Register. If the Board does not approve the application for membership, the Chief Executive shall similarly notify the applicant in writing that their

application for membership is not approved. The Board is not required to give reasons for its decision.

- (f) The Board may at any time and at its discretion cancel any registration granted under this Regulation.
- (g) The Board will determine any annual **subscription** or other fees payable by Social Bowls Clubs from time to time, and the time for payment. The Board will also determine the terms upon which membership as a Social Bowls Club may be renewed. The Board will notify Social Bowls Clubs of these terms as required.
- (h) Each Social Bowls Club shall provide to the Bowls Victoria within 30 days of the end of the Financial Year a list of all its members.

## **10. AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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- (a) The membership category of "Affiliated Associations of Persons with Disabilities" is created by the Board under **6.2(d) of the Constitution**. Affiliated Associations of Persons with Disabilities shall not have the right to be present, debate or vote at General Meetings.
- (b) Groups which qualify as an "Affiliated Association of Persons with Disabilities" will be determined by the Board from time to time. Unless BV determines otherwise, an Affiliated Association of Persons with Disabilities shall not be entitled to enter a team in any event referred to in the BV "Rules for Competition" or any other event controlled by BV.
- (c) To be eligible for membership as an Affiliated Association of Persons with Disabilities, the applicant's application for membership must:
  - (i) meet any criteria set by the Board from time to time;
  - (ii) be in writing in the form prescribed by the Board from time to time;
  - (iii) be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees, if any; and
  - (iv) be lodged with the Chief Executive.
- (d) As soon as is practicable after the receipt of an application, the Chief Executive shall refer the application to the Board. The Board shall determine in its discretion whether to approve or decline the application, or to approve it on certain terms and conditions.
- (e) If the Board approves the application for membership, the applicant Affiliated Association of Persons with Disabilities will be notified in writing. If approved, membership shall commence on entry into the Register. If the Board does not approve the application for membership, the Chief Executive shall similarly notify the applicant in writing that their application for membership is not approved. The Board is not required to give reasons for its decision.
- (f) The Board will determine any annual subscription or other fees payable by Affiliated Associations of Persons with Disabilities from

time to time, and the time for payment. The Board will also determine the terms upon which membership as an Affiliated Association of Persons with Disabilities may be renewed. The Board will notify Associations of these terms as required.

- (g) Each Affiliated Association of Persons with Disabilities shall provide to the Bowls Victoria within 30 days of the end of the Financial Year a list of all its members.
- (h) Affiliated Associations of Persons with Disabilities, by their membership of BV, agree to abide by the Constitution and adopt rules which generally conform to the Constitution and Regulations.
- (i) Membership as an Affiliated Association of Persons with Disabilities shall be renewed annually and application for renewal shall be forwarded to the Chief Executive in writing on the prescribed forms.

## **11. AFFILIATED RETIREMENT VILLAGES**

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- (a) The membership category of "Affiliated Retirement Villages" is created by the Board under **6.2(d) of the Constitution**. Affiliated Retirement Villages shall not have the right to be present, debate or vote at General Meetings.
- (b) Groups which qualify as "Affiliated Retirement Villages" will be determined by the Board from time to time. However, generally it will be based on an application from a retirement village within Victoria who has a majority of bowlers who are also members of a Club.
- (c) Unless BV determines otherwise, an Affiliated Retirement Village shall not be entitled to enter a team in any event referred to in the BV "Rules for Competition" or any other event controlled by BV.
- (d) To be eligible for membership as an Affiliated Retirement Village, the applicant's application for membership must:
  - (i) meet any criteria set by the Board from time to time;
  - (ii) be in writing in the form prescribed by the Board from time to time;
  - (iii) be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees, if any; and
  - (iv) be lodged with the Chief Executive.
- (e) As soon as is practicable after the receipt of an application, the Chief Executive shall refer the application to the Board. The Board shall determine in its discretion whether to approve or decline the application, or to approve it on certain terms and conditions.
- (f) If the Board approves the application for membership, the applicant Affiliated Retirement Village will be notified in writing. If approved, membership shall commence on entry into the Register. If the Board does not approve the application for membership, the Chief Executive shall similarly notify the applicant in writing that their

application for membership is not approved. The Board is not required to give reasons for its decision.

- (g) The Board will determine any annual **subscription** or other fees payable by Affiliated Retirement Village from time to time, and the time for payment. The Board will also determine the terms upon which membership as an Affiliated Retirement Village may be renewed. The Board will notify Affiliated Retirement Villages of these terms as required.
- (h) Each Affiliated Retirement Village shall provide to the Bowls Victoria within 30 days of the end of the Financial Year a list of all its members.
- (i) Affiliated Retirement Villages, by their membership of BV, agree to abide by the Constitution and adopt rules which generally conform to the Constitution and Regulations.
- (j) Membership as an Affiliated Retirement Village shall be renewed annually and application for renewal shall be forwarded to the Chief Executive in writing on the prescribed forms.

## **12. REGISTERED MEMBERS**

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- (a) The membership category of "Registered Members" is created by the Board under **6.2(d) of the Constitution**. Registered Members shall not have the right to be present, debate or vote at General Meetings.
- (b) Individuals who qualify as a "Registered Member" will be determined by the Board from time to time. However, generally it will be any individual who is an enrolled, financial participant in certain BV approved programs. This may include, but is not limited to, BV's "Forty-40" program. Further, unless BV determines otherwise, a Registered Member will not be eligible to participate in State Pennant, State or National Championship events.
- (c) The process of application to be a Registered Member, renewal of this class of membership, the term of membership and the appropriate fees will be determined by the Board from time to time.

## **PART V – CODES OF CONDUCT, PROHIBITED CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE**

### **13. CODE OF ETHICS AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPORT**

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- (a) Bowlers shall at all times (both on and off the green) conduct themselves in a manner that does not reflect unfavourably on Bowls, fellow Bowlers and BV. Failure to do so will render the Bowler liable to disciplinary action under these Regulations.
- (b) All Members and Clubs shall abide by the Victorian "Code of Conduct for Community Sport". This code requires all to have a responsibility to ensure participation in any community sport event is free from any anti-social behaviour both on and off the green which prevents others from taking part and getting active. BV strongly endorses the principle that every person (be they a

spectator, player, club member, official, participant, administrator, coach, parent or member of the community) involved with Bowls should work to ensure:

- (i) inclusion of every person regardless of their age, gender or sexual orientation;
- (ii) inclusion of every person regardless of their race, culture or religion;
- (iii) opportunities for people of all abilities to participate in the sport and develop to their full potential;
- (iv) respect is shown towards others, the club and the broader community;
- (v) a safe and inclusive environment for all;
- (vi) elimination of violent and abusive behaviour; and
- (vii) protection from sexual harassment or intimidation.

People that fail to meet these standards may be subject to action by BV.

## **14. BETTING AND MATCH FIXING**

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### **14.1 Prohibited Conduct**

It will be a breach of these Regulations for any Bowler or Official to directly or indirectly (through an associate or otherwise), alone or in conjunction with another:

- (a) bet (which will include, but is not limited to, financial wagering) on any Game in which he or she, or any associate or Official, is involved; or
- (b) participate (whether by act or omission) in Match Fixing. The term "Match Fixing" means offering or receiving a bribe, inducement or otherwise to cause or attempt to cause a game to be determined otherwise than on its merits. **In all instances, the Bowls Australia Match Fixing Policy will apply.**

### **14.2 Reporting and confidentiality**

- (a) Where a Bowler or Official becomes aware of conduct which they suspect represents a breach or attempted breach of Regulation 14.1, they must report such conduct to the Chief Executive as soon as practicable. Such Bowler or Official must not otherwise report or discuss the alleged conduct, except as required by BV or in accordance with these Regulations.
- (b) BV may request any person making a report to provide the particulars in writing. If so requested, the Bowler or Official involved shall provide such written responses within the time period specified by BV.
- (c) Unless otherwise required or permitted under the Regulations, the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" or unless the issue is already in the public domain, any report made in accordance with this regulation shall be dealt with confidentially by BV until the matter is determined in accordance with these Regulations.



- (d) Unless otherwise determined by BV, any statement or media release regarding any alleged offence shall only be made following determination of the matter in accordance with this Regulation, except as is deemed appropriate or necessary to protect or preserve the reputation and goodwill of the sport of Bowls. Any statement or media release regarding any alleged offence shall only be made by the Chief Executive

## **15. DOPING AND DRUG REGULATIONS AND POLICY**

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The anti-doping and drugs policies of Bowls Australia, as amended from time to time, will apply to all BV Members and Officials with such amendment as is necessary.

## **16. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

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### **16.1 Establishment of Disciplinary Committee**

- (a) **A Disciplinary Committee will be established in accordance with Regulation 5.** The Disciplinary Committee will, unless otherwise determined by the Board, comprise three persons appointed by the Board from time to time. These people shall not be Board members.
- (b) If any matter to be determined by the Disciplinary Committee gives rise to a conflict of interest on the part of any member of the Disciplinary Committee, then the Board may appoint another independent person in their place for the determination of that matter.
- (c) The Board may, in its discretion, remove and/or replace a Disciplinary Committee member at any time and for any reason, including but not limited to if it considers there would be a conflict of interest in such person determining a matter.

### **16.2 Breach of Rules**

Where a Member, Bowler, Official or other person or organisation within the jurisdiction of BV from time to time:

- (a) breaches or fails to follow any provision of the Constitution or these Regulations (including but not limited to 10.1 of the Constitution and Regulations 13, 14 and 15); or
- (b) breaches or fails to follow any provision of "Laws of the Sport of Bowls"; or the BV Rules for Competition as amended from time to time; or
- (c) acts in a manner prejudicial to the objects and interests of BV or Bowls, or which brings BV, Bowls or themselves into disrepute,

they will have committed an offence under these Regulations and are subject to the power of the Disciplinary Committee.

### **16.3 Report and Investigation of Disciplinary Matter**

- (a) The Board or any person (including but not limited to a Member, Official, Director and the Chief Executive) (**Complainant**) may give written notice to the Chief Executive of a complaint relating to the



conduct of a Member or other relevant person or organisation (**Defendant**) where they consider such conduct represents a breach of **Regulation 16.2**.

- (b) Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Chief Executive shall as soon as practicable, but within **fourteen (14)** days of receipt of a notice of complaint, forward written details of the complaint to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.
- (c) The Board, through the Chief Executive, may also investigate any matter to determine whether it considers there exists conduct which may represent a breach of **Regulation 16.2**. This may be done prior to referring a matter to the Disciplinary Committee.

#### **16.4 Consideration of Matter by Disciplinary Committee**

- (a) The Disciplinary Committee shall, as soon as practicable after receiving a referral, investigate and consider the matter, and shall within fourteen (14) days of receiving such notice:
  - (i) dismiss the matter, because there has been no relevant breach of discipline or the complaint is otherwise vexatious or trifling in nature; or
  - (ii) agree to proceed to determination of the matter.
- (b) If the Disciplinary Committee dismisses the matter under this regulation, it shall, as soon as practicable, give written notice to the Complainant of this dismissal.
- (c) If the Disciplinary Committee agrees the matter warrants further review under it shall, as soon as practicable, serve a notice in writing on the Defendant and the Complainant:
  - (i) stating that the Defendant and the Complainant may address the Disciplinary Committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than fourteen (14) and not later than twenty-eight (28) days after service of the notice;
  - (ii) stating the date, place and time of that hearing;
  - (iii) informing the Defendant that they or it may do one or more of the following:
    - (A) attend that hearing and make oral submissions; and
    - (B) give Disciplinary Committee, before the date of that hearing a written statement setting out relevant information surrounding the complaint.
- (d) The Disciplinary Committee may conduct the hearing convened in accordance with this regulation in such manner as it sees fit, but in all cases it must:
  - (i) give to the Defendant and the Complainant every opportunity to be heard, either through oral submissions they make personally or through submissions on their behalf by an adult representative who is not being legally accredited, trained or qualified;

- (ii) give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the Defendant and the Complainant; and
- (iii) by resolution determine whether to dismiss or uphold the complaint.
- (e) Having had regard to any submission or evidence of the Defendant and the Complainant, if the Disciplinary Committee considers that the Defendant has committed a breach of **Regulation 16.2** it may by resolution:
  - (i) expel the Defendant from the Association;
  - (ii) suspend the Defendant from membership of the Association for a specified period;
  - (iii) fine the Defendant;
  - (iv) reprimand the Defendant; or
  - (v) otherwise impose such penalty or arrive at such other resolution as considered appropriate in the circumstances. This may include, but is not limited to, loss of competition points, suspension from competition or forfeiture of matches or awards.

The Disciplinary Committee must give the Member written notice of such resolution within seven days of passing the resolution. The decision takes effect immediately, unless otherwise determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

## **16.5 Appeal**

There shall be no appeal from a decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

## **16.6 Discipline of Affiliated Members by Clubs**

A Club which takes any disciplinary action against a Bowler which involves suspension or expulsion shall after all rights at Club level are exhausted notify Bowls Victoria within seven (7) days of the details of the offence and the disciplinary action taken by the Club. If such disciplinary action is cancellation or suspension of Club membership and no appeal is lodged with Bowls Victoria within seven (7) days in accordance with **Regulation 16.7**, the Chief Executive shall notify all Affiliated Clubs of such cancellation or suspension. The Chief Executive shall not be liable at the suit of any Bowler for giving to the Clubs any information supplied to him by a Club in accordance with this Regulation.

## **16.7 Appeal by Individual Member of a Club (Bowler)**

- (a) A Bowler, who has been suspended or expelled at Club level and who has no further right of appeal at Club level, shall have a right of appeal to Bowls Victoria. Such appeal shall be lodged within seven (7) days of such Club disciplinary action, together with a deposit of \$100. Such deposit to be refunded if the appeal decision finds in favour of the appellant that the Club disciplinary action was unreasonable.
- (b) Such appeal will be dealt with in accordance with **Regulation 16**.

- (c) A Bowler who has been suspended or expelled at Club level who has lodged an appeal with BV may continue to play in Club, Division, Region, State and National events pending the hearing and decision on the appeal.

## **PART VI – BOWLER REGISTRATION**

### **17. CLEARANCES**

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#### **17.1 Guiding Principle**

No person who is or has been an Affiliated Member of a Club within the preceding two years and who wishes to transfer to another Club, shall be eligible to play pennant, BV or Bowls Australia events, championships or tournaments for that Club until obtaining a clearance in writing:

- (a) signed by a person authorised by the Club to sign clearances; and
- (b) signed by a person authorised by the new Club to sign clearances; and
- (c) subsequently approved by BV and such approval received by the new Club.

#### **17.2 Transfers between Clubs within Victoria**

- (a) A Clearance is required for:
  - (i) any person who is currently an Affiliated Member of a Club and wishes to change his/her nominated Club to another Club within Victoria, or
  - (ii) any person who has been an Affiliated Member of a Club affiliated with BV in the past two years and wishes to change his/her nominated Club to another Club within Victoria.

This type of Clearance is known as a "Club Clearance".

- (b) A Club Clearance is not required for a person that has not been registered as an Affiliated Member at a Club affiliated with BV in the past two years.
- (c) A Club Clearance is required regardless of whether an Affiliated Member has played in any BV Event during the past two years, or whether an Affiliated Member or player is a financial member at both Clubs that they wish to change between if neither Club was previously the player's nominated Club.
- (d) Prior to the Clearance Form being submitted to BV, the Affiliated Member or player must provide evidence that he/she is registered with the Club to which he/she is transferring as the nominated Club
- (e) A Club Clearance will not be considered as processed until payment and a completed clearance form is received by BV and notification has been received by the new Club.

- (f) No Club shall unduly delay or fail to issue a Clearance to the detriment of an applicant without just cause.

### **17.3 Interstate Clearances**

- (a) A player permanently relocating from another State who is or has been a registered player within the preceding two-year period shall produce a bona fide clearance from the relevant State or Territory Bowls association.
- (b) Such application shall be in accordance with Bowls Australia procedures and on the current Bowls Australia "Application for Interstate Clearance" form.

### **17.4 Refusal of Clearance**

Any person who is refused a Clearance by a Club may appeal to BV who shall require that the Club state in writing the reason for such refusal. The Board (or its nominee) shall hear any evidence adduced by the appellant and the refusing Club and may:

- (a) determine that the Clearance has been refused without reasonable cause and may grant the clearance;
- (b) determine that the Clearance was validly denied and may support the Club's refusal; or
- (c) make any other determination it deems fit.

### **17.5 Failure to Comply**

No Club shall knowingly allow any person for whom a Clearance is required under these Regulations to play in any pennant match, BV or Bowls Australia event or tournament for that Club until a Clearance has been completed in accordance with **Regulation 17.2(e)**. If a Club breaches this clause, the Board may, subject to appeal, impose on that Club such penalty as it deems fit.

### **17.6 International Clearances**

Any person transferring from a Member National Authority of World Bowls will comply with the requirements of the current Bowls Australia policy.

### **17.7 Club Mergers, Amalgamations and Relocations**

- (a) Clearances resulting from the merger/amalgamation of Clubs, the closure of a Club, or the relocation of a Club to another existing Club, not having been arranged prior to the merger/amalgamation, closure or relocation taking place shall be dealt with as follows:
  - (i) If a Club merges/amalgamates with an existing Club, a member of the Club which loses its identity and who wishes to transfer to another Club, including the merged/amalgamated Club, must obtain a clearance to be eligible to play matches for that Club; and
  - (ii) If two or more Clubs merge/amalgamate to form a totally new Club, the members of the merging/amalgamating Clubs who wish to transfer to the new Club must obtain a clearance to be eligible to play matches for that Club; and.

- (iii) If a Club closes, the members of that Club who join another Club must obtain a clearance to be eligible to play pennant for that Club.
- (b) No clearance is required if the Affiliated Bowler's nominated Club was a Club other than the Club/s closing or merging.

## 17.8 Fees

The fee payable to BV for processing Clearances shall be as determined by the Board from time to time.

## 18. DUAL MEMBERS

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A Dual Member shall not be eligible to vote on Region, Division or BV matters or hold office in the second Club, unless so provided in the Club's constitution. See Definition 2.2.

## 19. PENNANT PERMITS

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- (a) An Affiliated Member of BV may play in a mid-week pennant competition or Saturday pennant competition for a Club other than the member's Nominated Club provided they are a full member of the other club and provided that:
  - (i) the Affiliated Member's Nominated Club does not participate in the relevant pennant competition, and
  - (ii) both Clubs involved consent by completing and submitting the appropriate form to BV or the relevant Region or Division Association, for approval.

For the avoidance of doubt, mid-week pennant includes all scheduled Metropolitan, Region or Division pennant games played on the same day (currently in the metropolitan area women's twelve (12) and eight (8) a side and open twelve (12) and eight (8) a side played on Tuesday).

- (b) Pennant Permits are only valid for the season they are issued and will expire on 30 June each year.
- (c) Players wishing to play for another Club under the provisions of Regulation 18 must complete a new application annually and submit to BV with the appropriate fee.
- (d) A Pennant Permit provided under Regulation 18 automatically lapses if the Player is Cleared to another Club during the currency of the Permit. A Player seeking a Pennant Permit to play with a new Club under the provisions of Regulation 18 must obtain a Clearance from their previous Club.
- (e) Players who are Cleared must reapply for a new Permit if they still require playing for another Club other than their Identified Club under the conditions of Regulation 18.
- (f) A Bowler who is affiliated with another State or Territory Association who wishes to register with a Victorian Club for the purpose of playing pennant should complete the current Bowls Australia "Interstate Pennant Declaration" form.

## **20. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

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- (a) A Player is qualified to represent Victoria in any Bowls Australia and World Bowls sanctioned event (including all International Events and all other Events) if
  - (i) they were born in Australia;
  - (ii) they are a citizen of Australia;
  - (iii) they have been a permanent resident of Australia for a period of twenty-four (24) months prior to the commencement of the event;
  - (iv) they are not currently under disqualification or suspension by World Bowls, Bowls Australia, or any other National State or Territory Authority;
  - (v) they satisfy the eligibility criteria of BV;
  - (vi) if they comply with applicable rules and regulations of BV.
- (b) A Player who is eligible to represent two or more State or Territory Associations in any Bowls Australia and World Bowls sanctioned event (including all International Events and all other Events) may on notice being given to the Board elect which Association they will represent.
- (c) A Player who has previously represented another State or Territory Association in any Bowls Australia, State or Territory Association or World Bowls sanctioned event (including all International Events and all other Events) may not represent Bowls Victoria:
  - (i) for a period of at least twenty-four (24) months; or
  - (ii) without the approval of both the State or Territory Associations that the Player is eligible to represent. or
  - (iii) without the approval of the Board.

## **21. RECIPROCITY OF MEMBERSHIP**

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- (a) A Bowler who is affiliated to a Bowls Australia Association or a World Bowls National Authority should be granted reciprocal rights when visiting BV Clubs.
- (b) Visiting players who are currently affiliated and in good standing with their home State Association or National Authority should obtain a letter or other suitable form of introduction to present to the Club visited. The letter should be sent initially to the headquarters of BV and a copy carried to present to each Club that is visited.

## PART VII – CONDUCT OF EVENTS

### 22. CLUB TOURNAMENTS

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- (a) A "Club Tournament" or "Open Tournament" is deemed to mean a tournament conducted on the greens of a Club in which the following players may compete:
- (i) any person who has affiliation with BV;
  - (ii) any person registered as a junior or other class of Member with BV, subject to the event being an event for which they are qualified; and
  - (iii) any member of a bowling club other than a Club of BV that is under the jurisdiction of a State or Territory Association, Bowls Australia and World Bowls Board.
- (b) Members of Clubs with Associate/Social Bowler registration may compete in tournaments conducted by their home club only if they are an Affiliated Member.
- (c) The Board, after due inquiry, may disqualify or suspend from pennant play, or BV matches or tournaments, for any period or periods, any Club which infringes, or allows any infringement of this Regulation.

## PART VIII – AWARDS

### 23. HALL OF FAME AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

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#### 23.1 Hall of Fame

- (a) BV may induct individuals who have provided eminent service or contribution in any area of Bowls activity whether locally, nationally, or internationally to the "Bowls Victoria Hall of Fame". This is the highest recognition that can be given for a contribution to BV and the game of Bowls in Victoria. It recognises an inspirational contribution to the game by those who have demonstrated a personal commitment of the highest degree, far above and beyond what would normally be expected.
- (b) The selection criteria, time and manner of induction and the benefits or entitlements which flow from the induction to the "Bowls Victoria Hall of Fame" will be determined by the BV Awards Committee and the Board from time to time.

#### 23.2 Outstanding Service Award

- (a) BV may grant individuals who have provided extraordinary voluntary service in administration at Club, Division or Board level, or who have achieved at an extraordinarily high level as a player at Club, with the "Outstanding Service Award".
- (b) The selection criteria, time and manner of award, and the benefits or entitlements which flow from the award of the "Outstanding Service Award" will be determined by the BV Awards Committee and the Board from time to time.

## **24. OTHER AWARDS**

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- (a) Clubs and others may nominate Affiliated Members for the following awards at any time:
  - (i) Distinguished Service Awards; Reference Clause 27.9
  - (ii) 50-years Continuous Club Service Award; Reference Clause 27.9
  - (iii) Super Veterans Gift (80 years of age)
  - (iv) Ninety Year Gift (90 years)
  - (v) Bowls Victoria Centenarian Gift (100 Years)
- (b) The selection criteria, time and manner of awards, and the benefits or entitlements which flow from the above awards will be determined by the BV Awards Committee and the Board from time to time.

## **PART IX – GENERAL**

### **25. ELECTION OF ELECTED DIRECTORS**

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The following procedure for the election of the Elected Directors will be followed when an election is required by Rule 18 of the Constitution.

- (a) Where applicable, voters will be asked to tick/select two boxes for males and two boxes for females on the ballot paper and this must be done for the vote to be counted as a formal vote.
- (b) Where applicable, the two male and two female candidates with the highest number of votes will be determined elected as the Elected Directors of BV.
- (c) In the event of an equality of votes between two or more candidates, the returning officer will determine the result by drawing lots to determine the outcome.
- (d) Each candidate shall be eligible to appoint a scrutineer at the count of votes.
- (e) The details of the votes cast for each candidate will be posted on the BV website following the declaration of the poll.
- (f) Prior to the election, the Board will determine any additional regulations required for the conduct of the election.

### **26. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TRADE MARKS**

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- (a) The Board shall have sole rights to approve the use of the BV intellectual property and trademarks and may, at its discretion, set a fee for such use.
- (b) Any person (including Regions, Divisions and Clubs) who wish to use of BV's intellectual property and trademarks must first receive approval in writing from the Board (or its nominee). In exercising this approval, the Board shall pay due regard to the purpose and



intent of the other party in requesting such use and the ramifications of such usage.

- (c) Applications to use any BV intellectual property and trade mark shall be submitted to the Chief Executive, in writing, stating full details of its intended usage.
- (d) Use of the BV intellectual property and trademarks without the prior approval of the Board may lead to legal action or such penalty as determined by the Board.

## **PART X – POLICIES & RULES**

### **27. POLICIES**

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#### **27.1 BOWLS AUSTRALIA POLICIES**

Detailed Bowls Australia policies as varied from time to time can be found at [www.bowlsaustralia.com.au](http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au) and should be checked when these policies are applied.

- Affiliation, eligibility to play and player clearance policy
- Clearances
- Transfers
- Pregnancy
- Gender Identity
- Registration of players
- Dual Registrations
- Affiliation of Clubs
- Transfer of Affiliation
- Concurrent Events
- Extreme Weather Policy
- Member Protection Policy
- Masters Qualification Policy

Policies of particular relevance to Victorian bowlers are set out below

#### **27.2 APPEALS – Bowls Australia Policy**

This policy relates to appeals against the umpire's decision and appeals in general. It should be noted that there are issues where an appeals process is documented which should be followed.

##### **APPEAL AGAINST AN UMPIRES DECISION:**

The following guidelines are to be followed where a player/team/side wishes to lodge an appeal against the umpire's decision at the conclusion of the match.

##### **(i) Matters which may be appealed:**

An umpire's decision upon a question relating to the meaning or interpretation of any law or given set of circumstances not covered in the law may be subject to an appeal.

##### **(ii) Referred by:**

An appeal may be lodged by the skip of either team in a team game or the manager of either side in a side game or by either player in a singles game.

**(iii) Deposit Required:**

\$50.00

**(iv) Referred to:**

The appeal may be heard by the State or territory association through the Controlling Body. The decision of the state or territory association should be final and binding with respect to the appeal submitted.

If the appellant requests, the state or territory association should submit the case to the Bowls Australia National Officiating Committee whose decision shall be binding for future occasions.

**(v) Procedures to Follow:**

- (A) If, on hearing the umpire's decision, the player decides to appeal the decision, then the umpire should be advised by the player who should then pay the deposit to the umpire.
- (B) The umpire should as soon as possible submit a written report on all the circumstances leading up to the appeal, including the decision which is subject to the appeal, forwarding it together with the deposit to the state or territory association.
- (C) If, in the opinion of the state or territory association, the appeal is found to be frivolous, the deposit should be forfeited; otherwise it should be returned to the appellant.
- (D) If it be required that the result of the game or competition be decided forthwith or at the end of play on the day on which the incident occurred, then, whether or not the umpire's decision be later found by the state or territory association or the Bowls Australia National Officiating Committee to be incorrect, it shall be final and binding in respect of all circumstances adjudicated upon and no further action will be taken by the state or territory association or the Bowls Australia National Officiating Committee other than under the terms of sub clause E.
- (E) If an immediate result of the game or competition be not considered necessary, or if the game or competition involves play at a later date of a further round, and before such later date the decision made by the umpire is held to be incorrect either by the state or territory association or the Bowls Australia National Officiating Committee on appeal, then the state or territory association will forthwith make any consequential adjustment to the score and/or take any further action that may become necessary to rectify the result of the original decision of the umpire.
- (F) In the event of the umpire's decision being ultimately held to be incorrect, or varied in any way, and whether the matter be dealt with under the terms of either sub-clause D or E, in either case Bowls Australia or the relevant state or territory association

should take steps to disseminate the correct decision in the given circumstances.

### 27.3 ARTIFICIAL DEVICES POLICY – Bowls Australia Policy

#### (a) POLICY:

The Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Second Edition, Law 38.1 under the heading of ‘Players with disabilities’ states that “Wheelchairs should be of a type approved by both World Bowls and the Governing Body for wheelchair bowlers in the country in which the player is playing” (in this case Bowls Australia in conjunction with Wheelchair Sports Australia Lawn Bowls). Further, Law 38.6 states that Member Nation Authorities can approve the use of artificial devices such as bowler’s arms.

#### (b) PRINCIPLE:

The Bowls Australia philosophy is to allow access to our sport to as many participants as possible and ensure an inclusive atmosphere from club to elite level. That being said, we must also ensure that all users (regardless of any requirement of a wheelchair or artificial device) should ensure the green is not damaged during play.

#### (c) SPECIFICATIONS:

- (i) **Wheelchairs:** the large and usually rear tyres (pneumatic or soft rubber slicks), should have a minimum width of 45mm. Tyres must be smooth “slicks” or inverted tread tyres, for example a standard ‘BMX tyre’.
  - (A) The most suitable tyres for the small or front wheels are 200mm x 50mm with a pneumatic tyre or soft rubber slicks.
  - (B) Castors, made of nylon or polyurethane are becoming increasingly popular and can also be used for front wheels. The recommended width of these should be a minimum of 75mm. It is further recommended that the edges, if sharp, must be rounded off.
  - (C) If there are any doubts about tyre tread, as a temporary or precautionary measure, duct tape can be placed over the tyre to provide a smoother surface.
  - (D) The above guidelines are intended for use in all conditions, however in the case of particularly wet greens or other unusual circumstances, consultation and a common sense approach between the wheelchair user and club administrator or greenkeeper is appropriate. To further ensure there is no undue damage to the green, players should ensure a wide circle is taken when turning their chair on the green.
  - (E) The use of an electric wheelchair encompasses the above guidelines and measurements, with the additional consideration of the weight of the chair. This is of particular importance for the care of the surface where the green is wet or experiencing another unusual circumstance.

- (ii) **Bowler's arms:** There are currently three types of bowlers arms approved for use in Australia. They are known as the "Drakes Pride Arm", the "Bionic Bowler Arm" and the "DHB arm". Each device is manufactured in several lengths and release mechanisms. Only approved arms (with Bowls Australia codes) can be used in Australia. Modifications are not permitted.
- (iii) An affiliated member must gain approval to use an artificial device (bowlers arm). A medical certificate stating that the affiliated member requires the bowlers arm to continue to participate in lawn bowls must accompany the approval form.

## 27.4 BETTING & MATCH FIXING POLICY – Bowls Australia Policy

### (a) PHILOSOPHY OF AND BACKGROUND TO THE POLICY

- (i) Bowls Australia is committed to ensuring fair play in the sport of bowls, and in particular considers that inappropriate betting on matches and the practice of match fixing are unacceptable. Bowls Australia condemns conduct on the part of any person involved in the sport of bowls which brings the sport into disrepute.
- (ii) As the national body for the sport of bowls in Australia, and pursuant to clause 2(t) of its constitution, Bowls Australia has an object, and the power, to implement appropriate policy in relation to matters as arise from time to time as issues to be addressed in bowls. Betting and match fixing are such issues.
- (iii) Recent legislative changes have meant it is desirable for Bowls Australia to establish and implement a policy relating to betting on the game of bowls and match fixing which governs all people associated with the game of bowls in Australia, including bowlers and officials.

### (b) DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- (i) In this policy the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

**"Associate"** of a person means a bowler playing in the same game as that person.

**"Bet"** means to stake money on the outcome of a game, generally but not necessarily for the purpose of securing a pecuniary gain.

**"Board"** means the board of directors of Bowls Australia.

**"Bowler"** means a financial, bowling member who has paid his state authority's capitation fee or is otherwise accepted to play in any game.

**"Controlling Body"** means the body having immediate control of the conditions under which a Game is played, in the order or precedence set out in the laws of bowls.

**"Event"** means any international or national competition or tournament in the sport of bowls or such other competition or tournament as is governed by Bowls Australia.

**“Game”** means a game of bowls played at or as part of an event

**“Laws of Bowls”** mean the international, national or local rules, regulations, by-laws and policies of bowls, as varied from time to time, which operate in respect of any Game in accordance with the order of precedence applying in the circumstances.

**“Match fixing”** means offering or receiving a bribe, inducement or otherwise to cause or attempt to cause a game to be determined otherwise than on its merits.

**“Official”** means any board or council member, member of the board, council or executive of any state authority, coach, referee, umpire, team or squad manager, official bowls tester, authorised bowl inspector, promoter, match committee member or representative or medical officer associated with a Game.

**“State Authority”** means a member recognised under Rule 3 of the Bowls Australia constitution to conduct and administer the sport of bowls in a particular State.

- (ii) In this policy, except as otherwise defined in clause (ii) and (iii), unless the context otherwise requires, defined terms shall have the same meaning as in the constitution of Bowls Australia or the laws of bowls. In the event of any conflict between the defined terms in the constitution and the laws of bowls, the defined terms in the constitution shall take precedence.
- (iii) In this policy, if a word or phrase is defined, cognate words and phrases have corresponding definitions.

## **(c) PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT**

### **(i) Prohibited conduct**

- (A) A bowler or an official shall not directly or indirectly (through an associate or otherwise), alone or in conjunction with another,
  - (1) Bet on any Game in which they or any associate or official is involved; or
  - (2) Participate (whether by act or omission) in match fixing.

## **(d) REPORTING AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

- (i) A bowler or an official must report any actual, possible or attempted contravention of clause (c)(i)A to the Chief Executive Officer who shall inform the president of BA or his/her nominee), but shall not otherwise report or discuss the alleged contravention except in accordance with this policy.
- (ii) Bowls Australia may request any person making a report in accordance with clause (d)(i) to provide particulars in writing and if so requested, the bowler or Official shall provide such written particulars within the required time frame.

- (iii) Any report made in accordance with clause (d)(i) shall be dealt with confidentially by Bowls Australia, unless otherwise required or permitted under this policy, the laws of bowls or at law, or unless already in the public domain.
- (iv) Any statement or media release regarding any alleged contravention of this policy shall only be made following determination of the matter in accordance with this policy except as is deemed appropriate or necessary to protect or preserve the reputation and goodwill of the sport of bowls.

**(e) DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

If a report of alleged betting or match fixing is made under clause (c)(i)A, the matter shall be dealt with expediently in accordance with the disciplinary regulations of Bowls Australia.

**(f) INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPLES INTO OTHER AGREEMENTS**

Bowls Australia shall take such other steps as are necessary or expedient to ensure the principles set down in this policy (as these may vary from time to time) apply in respect of any national or international bowlers, Officials and Events, including the inclusion of relevant conditions in team and squad agreements, conditions of entry and similar documentation.

**(g) CONTROLLING BODY TO ADOPT PRINCIPLES**

In furtherance of this policy, relevant controlling bodies shall use best endeavours to proceed to adopt policies, rules, by-laws or agreements (or amendments thereto) which are in accordance with and reflective of the principles set down in this Policy (as these may vary from time to time).

**(h) REVIEW OF POLICY**

Having regard to the evolving nature of the issues of betting and match fixing in sport, Bowls Australia shall review this policy at least on an annual basis to ensure its effectiveness and may review the policy at any time. In the interests of natural justice, the policy and amendments to the policy should be brought to the attention of relevant parties in such reasonable manner as Bowls Australia sees fit.

**27.5 BOWLS TESTING – Bowls Australia Policy**

Under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Second Edition, no player shall use a bowl which has a bias less than that of the “World Bowls Working Reference Bowl”.

**(a) SPECIFICATIONS:**

This policy in no way intends to contradict the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Second Edition. This policy provides assistance in the practicalities of receiving a challenge to bowls and the consequences thereof.

The following actions will be applied by the Tournament Director once a Challenge has been lodged:

- (i) The bowls are to be sent immediately to the nearest licensed bowls tester as per Law 8.4.

- (ii) If subsequent games are being played after the challenge within the same event the following action should be applied:
  - (A) Sectional Play – The player may continue play with another set of legal bowls until the result of the testing is determined. Should the Bowls fail, the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Second Edition Law 8.5.1 will be applied
  - (B) Knockout Play – The result of the test must be determined before any subsequent games can be played.
- (iii) Where the result of the test is not available in a practicable timeframe, the tournament/event conditions of play will prevail over the Domestic Regulations.
- (iv) Law 8.5 from the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Second Edition indicates that when a player’s bowls fail the table test then the game in which they were challenged should be forfeited to the opponent. If no evidence is presented (or reported by the licensed tester) that the bowls have been deliberately altered, then no further disciplinary action will be taken against the bowler.
- (v) Law 8.6.2 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Second Edition indicates that any player who intentionally alters the bias of a set of bowls other than by a Licensed Bowls Tester will be suspended from playing for as long as Bowls Australia determines.
- (vi) In determining the penalty, the minimum penalty applicable for intentionally altering the bias of a bowl is 12 months.

**(b) PRINCIPLE:**

Bowls Australia believes in a fair and equitable competition and will do everything in their power to ensure that all players participate within the rules of the sport of bowls.

Bowls Australia further believes that no bowler should be unjustly penalised for inadvertently using non-conforming bowls.

## **27.6 SUBSTANCE POLICY - LEGAL AND ILLEGAL – Bowls Australia Policy**

Bowls Australia aims to provide a sporting/leisure activity and workplace which is considerate of the health of the participants, spectators, employees and volunteers. This includes both legal (alcohol, tobacco and prescription medication) and illegal substances. The latter category is covered by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority and commences from page two of this policy.

**(a) LEGAL SUBSTANCES:**

As the governing body of the sport of lawn bowls, Bowls Australia will conduct all events (where BA is the controlling body) with the safety of all stakeholders in mind. Therefore, all playing areas and immediate surrounding areas will be both ‘smoke-free’ and alcohol free. While any game/match is in progress, participating players should refrain from smoking and/or drinking alcohol at events where BA is the controlling

body. Any player who breaches the Legal and Illegal Substance Policy may face penalties as set down by the Bowls Australia Disciplinary Committee or Bowls Australia Judicial Committee.

### **(b) ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES**

ASADA is the governing body for the control of illegal substances in sport. The application to the sport of lawn bowls is contained in the remainder of the Bowls Australia document to be found at [www.bowlsaustralia.com.au](http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au)

## **28. RULES**

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### **28.1 CHILD PROTECTION**

- (1) From 30 June 2010, under the *Working with Children Act 2005* and *Working with Children Regulations 2006* all those engaged in 'child related work' at bowling clubs are required to have a Working with Children Check.
- (2) Child related work' - is regular direct contact with children under eighteen (18); that contact is not directly supervised; and if the person does not qualify for an exemption then a WWC must be obtained.

### **28.2 COMMITTEES - REGION/DIVISION**

#### **(a) Championship/Pennant/Selection Committee**

- (i) This committee shall consist of a minimum of **five (5)** members.
- (ii) For Championships the committee shall:
  - (A) prepare the necessary entry forms for each event;
  - (B) conduct all Region/Division events according to Bowls Victoria rules for competition;
  - (C) elect members from its committee to be representatives of the Region/Division and so assist in organising State Title events at region/division level;
  - (D) in conjunction with the Laws and Umpire Committee appoint the appropriate number of umpires and markers for events under their control;
  - (E) settle questions of eligibility; and
  - (F) deal with any dispute on any matter concerning the games or their management.
  - (G) every Member Club shall allow Bowls Victoria the use of its greens and facilities for the conduct of Bowls Victoria events, and when so requested, shall provide its best available rinks, and shall fully cooperate with Bowls Victoria conduct of such events; and
- (iii) For Pennant the Committee shall:



- (A) prepare the entry forms for Pennant competition and make them available to all clubs;
  - (B) conduct the draw for the competition immediately entries have closed;
  - (C) advise clubs in writing of the various procedures applicable to the competition for that season;
  - (D) collect the results after each game and maintain up to date ladders for each Region Division and Section of the competition; and
  - (E) in conjunction with the Greens Committee allocate greens for the final series.
- (iv) For Selection of teams representing the Region the committee shall:
- (A) conduct selection trials where invited players will be provided the opportunity to display their talents in front of Selectors;
  - (B) to select squads from which representative sides will be selected e.g. Senior Sides and Under 25 Sides and conduct necessary training days;
  - (C) through the Side Manager prepare a report for submission to the Executive Committee on the performance of the Region Side for each event; and
  - (D) within seven (7) days of any meeting of the Committee, the committee shall send a copy of the minutes and any supporting documentation to the Region Secretary.

**(b) Club Development & Support Committee**

- (i) This committee shall consist of a maximum of five (5) with a minimum of three (3) members.
- (ii) This Committee shall:
  - (A) provide advice to existing and prospective clubs on procedural matters relative to their compliance with legal requirements;
  - (B) liaise with clubs considering merging or taking over the assets of another club;
  - (C) offer assistance to clubs that may be or appear to be experiencing difficulties;
  - (D) offer assistance to clubs on strategies for the recruitment of new members;
  - (E) within seven (7) days of a meeting of the committee, the committee shall send a copy of the minutes and any supporting documentation to the Region/Division Secretary.

**(c) Coaching Committee**

- (i) This committee shall consist of a maximum of five (5) with a minimum of three (3) members.
- (ii) The Committee shall:
  - (A) ensure that coaches and potential coaches are properly educated in the methodology used in basic coaching;
  - (B) be responsible for the procedures around the accreditation and re accreditation of coaches;
  - (C) conduct required coaching seminars in all areas of the Region;
  - (D) liaise closely with the Division Coaching Committees on all matters of relevance; and
  - (E) within seven days (7) of a meeting of the committee, the committee shall send a copy of the minutes and any supporting documentation to the Region/Division Secretary.

**(d) Greens Committee**

- (i) Regions/Divisions not under the direct control of BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee for the conduct of pennant competitions and BV Championships Committee for the conduct of major events.
  - (A) This committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members.
  - (B) The Committee shall:
    - (1) arrange through the Region the annual inspection and reporting on each green of each club and on completion forward a copy of the green inspection report to the BV Greens Committee;
    - (2) arrange for records to be maintained of the number of greens and type of grass used in each green for each club within the Region
    - (3) appoint a person or persons approved by BV Greens Committee to conduct inspections of new or reconstructed grass or synthetic greens and issue an approval or list of requirements needed to be attended to before approval will be obtained;
    - (4) where clubs are constantly preparing greens that are running at speeds outside the recommended guidelines the Committee should arrange a meeting with the club concerned and their greenkeeper to see if the problem can be resolved or whether a consultant should be contacted. It is important to remember that Greens Committee members are not seen as experts on the establishment and maintenance of greens. Members should refrain from offering advice or criticisms but direct the enquiry to a recognised current or retired greenkeeper or a current or retired turf consultant. This person could be on the Greens Committee;

- (5) in conjunction with the Region and Division Championship/ Pennant and Selection Committees recommend greens that are suitable for conducting pennant finals and championship events;
  - (6) every Member Club shall allow BV the use of its green and facilities for the conduct of BV events, and when so requested, shall provide its best available rinks, and shall fully cooperate with BV conduct of such events; and
  - (7) within seven (7) days of a meeting of the committee, the committee shall send a copy of the minutes and any supporting documentation to the Region Secretary.
- (ii) Regions/Divisions under the control of BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee for the conduct of pennant and BV Championships Committee for the conduct of major events
- (A) This committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members.
  - (B) The Committee shall:
    - (1) arrange through the Region the annual inspection and reporting on each green of each club to the BV Greens Committee;
    - (2) Arrange for records to be maintained of the number of greens and type of grass used in each green for each club within the Region;
    - (3) Inspections of new or reconstructed grass or synthetic greens to be conducted by a member or members of the BV Greens Committee and issue an approval or list of requirements needed to be attended to before approval can be obtained.
    - (4) Where clubs are constantly preparing greens that are running at speeds outside the recommended guidelines the Committee should arrange a meeting with the club concerned and their greenkeeper to see if the problem can be resolved or whether a consultant should be contacted. It is important to remember that Greens Committee members are not seen as experts on the establishment and maintenance of greens. Members should refrain from offering advice or criticisms but direct the enquiry to a recognised current or retired greenkeeper or a current or retired turf consultant. This person could be on the Greens Committee;
    - (5) in conjunction with the Region and Division Championship/Pennant/Selection Committee recommend greens that are suitable for conducting pennant finals and championship events;
    - (6) every Member Club shall allow BV the use of its green and facilities for the conduct of BV events, and when so

requested, shall provide its best available rinks, and shall fully cooperate with BV conduct of such events; and

- (7) within seven (7) days of a meeting of the committee, the committee shall send any relevant documentation to the Region Secretary.

**(e) Laws & Umpiring Committee**

- (i) This committee shall consist of a maximum of five (5) and a minimum of three (3) members who shall each hold the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme card.
- (ii) The Committee shall:
- (A) ensure that umpires and potential umpires are properly educated in the interpretation of the Laws and Rules of the Sport and other umpiring skills such as measuring and other relevant skills;
  - (B) be responsible for the procedures around the accreditation and reaccreditation of umpires;
  - (C) maintain a panel of elite umpires to be used at Region/Division events;
  - (D) be the committee responsible for the interpretation of all Laws and Rules as they relate to specific events;
  - (E) draft any suggested changes to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls for consideration by the BV Laws and Rules Committee; and
  - (F) within seven (7) days of a committee meeting, the committee shall send a copy of the minutes and any supporting documentation to the Region/Division Secretary.

**(f) Sponsorship/Marketing/Media**

- (i) This committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members.
- (ii) The Committee shall:
- (A) actively seek out major sponsorship opportunities for the Region;
  - (B) establish a portfolio outlining the marketing opportunities available to sponsors of the Region;
  - (C) ensure that existing arrangements with sponsors are adequately documented and that the requirements of the sponsorship arrangement are properly serviced;
  - (D) in conjunction with the Under 18 Development Committee be aware of the availability of Government and other grants; and

- (E) within seven (7) days of a committee meeting, the committee shall send a copy of the minutes and any supporting documentation to the Region/Division Secretary.

**(g) Under 18 Development Committee**

- (i) This committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members.
- (ii) The Committee shall:
  - (A) encourage clubs to establish contact with key personnel in the education field in an endeavour to have the sport included in the school curriculum;
  - (B) encourage clubs to host information sessions in their local schools;
  - (C) be aware of and encourage activity in the Junior Development Squads operating throughout the State;
  - (D) conduct Under 18 championships;
  - (E) have representation at fixtured events; and
  - (F) within seven (7) days of a committee meeting, the committee shall send a copy of the minutes and any supporting documentation to the Region Secretary

**28.3 DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS OF REGIONS AND DIVISIONS**

(a) The President

- (i) Shall be the executive officer of the Region/Division;
- (ii) the President shall not hold office continuously for a longer period than four (4) consecutive terms but shall be eligible for a further term after an absence of a further twelve (12) months;
- (iii) occupy the chair at all meetings other than sub-committee meetings;  
or
- (iv) be substituted by the Deputy President but in the absence of all such office bearers, the meeting shall appoint its own Chairperson.

(b) The Secretary shall

- (i) be an affiliated member of a member club and shall;
- (ii) attend all meetings of the Region/Division;
- (iii) carry out all those duties usually associated with such office;
- (iv) receive all monies and pass them on to the Treasurer;
- (v) not be required to attend any sub-committee meetings;

- (vi) assist all committees in any matter requiring office facilities at the request of the chairperson of such committee;
  - (vii) establish and maintain proper records and minutes concerning all transactions, business, meetings and dealings of the **Region/Division** together with a record of those present at general and executive meetings; and
  - (viii) retain all records and minutes for a minimum of seven (7) years.
- (c) The President and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees where possible.
  - (d) The Treasurer shall:
    - (i) receive all monies through the Secretary and bank such monies as soon as possible;
    - (ii) keep a faithful record of receipts and expenditure and of the assets and liabilities and all other financial transactions of the Division;
    - (iii) report the financial position of the **Region/Division** at each Executive and **Region/Division** meetings;
    - (iv) pay all accounts approved by the committee;
    - (v) furnish a properly audited statement of accounts and balance sheet to the Annual General Meeting; and
    - (vi) arrange for all cheques to be signed by any two of the following office bearers: President, Secretary or Treasurer.
  - (e) The **Region/Division** is prohibited from making any distribution whether in moneys, property or otherwise howsoever to its Members.

## 28.4 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Suspected misconduct other than harassment or discrimination as set out in these regulations should be referred to the Equal Opportunity Commission or the Anti-Discrimination Board or Commission.

## 28.5 HALL OF FAME

- (a) Selection Criteria:
  - (i) The Selection Committee is the Board, which receives recommendations from the Awards Committee;
  - (ii) Nominations may be submitted in writing by Board Members, or Region Executive Committees, detailing full grounds on which the nomination is submitted;
  - (iii) The nominee must be regarded as a superior achiever at the highest level of participation or service;
  - (iv) Posthumous nominations will be considered;

- (v) Nominations will not be considered if the person being nominated has been subject to disqualification;
- (vi) The Board reserves the right to seek advice from any person or organisation to determine the suitability of the candidate;
- (vii) The Board may subsequently withdraw the appointment of any nominee if the circumstances arise;

(b) Presentation:

- (i) Photograph with inscription to hang in the Hall of Fame;
- (ii) Plaque and Lapel Pin to be presented to successful nominee by the President

(c) Entitlements:

In addition to the entitlements afforded to a BV Life Member, a Member of the BV Hall of Fame shall be entitled to receive an invitation to all official BV Events.

## 28.6 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

(a) Selection and Presentation:

- (i) The Selection Committee is the Board.
- (ii) it is expected the nominee will already have been presented with a BV **Distinguished** Service Award some time previously and have provided an even higher contribution since that presentation;
- (iii) the position of President, Secretary, or other office holder, or Region or Division representative does not automatically qualify an affiliated member for an **Outstanding Service Award** as a result of that appointment;
- (iv) nomination will be made on the appropriate form by the Club Committee of Management to the respective Region Association for endorsement by that body. The Board will consider the application and make a recommendation;
- (v) the badge must be presented by a member of the BV Board or their nominee.

(b) Entitlements:

The entitlements as afforded to a BV Life Member.

## 28.7 POSTAL BALLOTS

For Election of Region and Division Executive and Committees

(a) Elections

The Executive may, by resolution, determine that the election of the Region and Division Executive and Committees be conducted by postal ballot

(b) Nominations

Nominations for the positions on the Executive Committee and Committees must be:

- (i) in writing;
- (ii) signed by the nominee expressing their consent to accept the position for which they are nominated;
- (iii) signed by the proposer and seconder; and
- (iv) accompanied by the nominee's curriculum vitae.
- (v) The nominee, the proposer and the seconder must each be a financial member of an affiliated club.
- (vi) Nominations must be received by the Secretary of the Region/Division at least 28 days prior to the date on which the election is to be declared as determined by the Executive Committee.
- (vii) The Secretary must, as soon as practicable after the time for receiving nominations, notify each Delegate and Affiliated Club of the nominations and ballot timetable.
- (viii) A list of nominations and their affiliated club, as received by the Secretary, must be displayed on the Bowls Victoria web site.
- (ix) If insufficient nominations are received to fill any position, then the person/persons nominated to fill that position/positions must be declared elected at the meeting at which the elections are to be declared.
- (x) If no nominations are received for any or all of the positions, the person currently holding that position may continue to do so in a temporary capacity until the vacancy is filled. If the person currently holding that position declines to act, then the Executive Committee may opt to appoint a financial member of an affiliated club to act in a temporary capacity until the vacancy is filled.

(c) Returning Officer

- (i) A Returning Officer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
- (ii) The duties of the Returning Officer shall be to control the issuing and the counting of the ballot papers prior to the date on which the election is to be declared as determined by the Executive Committee.
- (iii) The Executive Committee may appoint one or more Assistants to the Returning Officer.
- (iv) Neither the Returning Officer nor any Assistants to the Returning Officer shall be a candidate in the ballot.
- (v) The Returning Officer shall:
  - (A) Conduct a random draw to determine the position of each candidate on the ballot paper.



- (B) Shall record each candidate's name on the ballot paper in the order as drawn by lot.
  - (C) Arrange to notify each candidate of the date and time of the draw and who shall be entitled to be present in person or by proxy.
- (vi) The Returning Officer shall
- (A) submit a written report in relation to the election of Office Bearers, and Committees in separate sealed envelopes for each category to the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting of the names of those elected to the positions which were contested by postal ballot;
  - (B) record the number of votes received by each candidate and present this information to the Chairman of the meeting. The results showing the name of each candidate and the total votes obtained posted on the Bowls Victoria website within 24 hours of the result being declared;
  - (C) It shall be the duty of the Returning Officer, after the declaration of the poll, to destroy the ballot papers on the expiration of 14 days.
- (d) Postal Ballot Papers**
- (i) Three envelopes shall be issued by the Returning Officer with the Ballot Papers as follows:
    - (A) Envelope (A): A plain envelope marked 'Ballot Papers' large enough to hold the Ballot Papers without folding.
    - (B) Envelope (B): A printed envelope in the form of a declaration, with spaces to indicate Name of the Region, Date of Posting and Signature of the Club Secretary.
    - (C) Envelope (C): An envelope large enough to contain Envelopes (A) and (B).
  - (ii) The return of the ballot paper and completion of the details on envelope (B) shall be the responsibility of the Club Secretary.
  - (iii) Envelope (A) must be sealed and placed inside Envelope (B) and Envelope (B) must be sealed and placed inside Envelope (C).
  - (iv) Envelope (C), containing Envelopes (A) and (B), shall be returned to the designated address, by Certified mail, so as to reach the office no later than 4.00pm on the Friday prior to the date on which the election is to be declared.
  - (v) The Region Secretary or the designated officer shall:
    - (A) open Envelope (C) and enter the details of Envelope (B) into the Register kept for that purpose and the date and time of receipt;

- (B) open Envelope (B) and place the sealed Envelope (A) in the Ballot Box; and
  - (C) initial the Register to indicate all procedures have been followed.
- (vi) Envelope (A) will remain sealed until opened by the Returning Officer at the commencement of counting.
  - (vii) The Returning Officer shall ensure that each Ballot Paper clearly indicates the method of voting.
- (e) Ballot Results
    - (i) The result of each ballot shall be determined on the first-past-the-post system, or as defined in the Region/Division Constitution.
    - (ii) If there is an equal number of votes for two or more candidates the Returning Officer shall draw lots to determine the result
    - (iii) The results of the election shall be provided by the Returning Officer to the President at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary Meeting or by mail as the case may be.
    - (iv) In the case of an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting the President must declare the results of the report of the Returning Officer.
    - (v) The result of the election shall be posted on the Bowls Victoria website as soon as practicable.

## **28.8 REGISTERED PROGRAMS**

Bowls Victoria Registered Programs – such as 40/40

- (a) Participation will be by Registered Members who pay the appropriate fee for the program.
- (b) Member Clubs who have registered to participate in Bowls Victoria Programs will be provided with Bowls Victoria promotional material.

## **28.9 SERVICE AWARDS**

Member Clubs nominating a member for Service Awards, and 90 and 100 years of Age Certificates shall do so on the appropriate form available from BV and shall submit the form through their Region who will then forward the nomination to the BV Chief Executive for processing and consideration by the Awards Committee  
Super Veterans Badges will be presented at appropriate functions by a BV Representative or their nominee.

- (a) Service Awards
  - (i) Distinguished Service Member Award
 

May be conferred on ordinary or Life Members of a Club affiliated with BV who have given outstanding and distinguished service in administration positions at State/Region/Division and Club level. A

minimum period of ten (10) years' service at State/Region/Division level is required in addition to any Club Service

- (ii) 50 years Continuous Club Service Award
  - (A) Club members who have achieved fifty (50) years continuous financial membership with the one club, and who are affiliated with BV in the year of becoming eligible for this award, may be eligible for a certificate of recognition from BV.
  - (B) Club members who have achieved verifiable fifty (50) years continuous affiliation with BV or its predecessors and who are registered with BV in the year of becoming eligible for this award may be eligible for a certificate of recognition from BV.
  - (C) In exceptional circumstances, and if deemed appropriate, the Board may waive the above provisions.
- (b) Super Veteran Badge

Club members eighty (80) years of age or over shall be eligible to receive a Super Veterans Badge, provided -

- (i) they are currently affiliated with BV in the year they become eligible.
- (ii) In exceptional circumstances, and if deemed appropriate, the Board may waive the above provisions

## 28.10 STATE UNIFORM

State Uniform for players and officials selected to represent BV at interstate and National events will be as determined from time to time by the Board and no Victorian player (past or present) shall be entitled to wear a State Uniform or any part thereof in any event unless directly representing Victoria in the event.

**Penalty:** (1) player will be required to surrender uniform to BV;  
(2) in default, de-registration for up to five (5) years.

## 28.11 REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

The key responsibilities of the Group are to

- (a) Act as the mainstream contact for Regions/ Divisions and Clubs with the Board.
- (b) Provide advice and feedback to the Board on matters being considered by the Board.
- (c) Submit and present recommendations to the Board on behalf of Regions.
- (d) Consider any other business as requested by the Region's Clubs and/or Divisions or by the Board.
- (e) Within seven (7) days of a meeting of the Group, the Group shall send a copy of the minutes and any supporting documentation to the Chief Executive.

## 28.12 BOWLS VICTORIA REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE GROUP (BVRR's)

As defined in the **23.5 of the Constitution**, there will be one male and one female representative elected by each Region whose roles should include the following -

- (a) Assist Region and Division Boards with the development of strategic planning for their Region or Division
- (b) Attend Region and Division Board and General meetings
- (c) Visit all Clubs within the Region and Division at least once annually.
- (d) Where elected direct ROR's in the performance of their duties;
- (e) Assist in the development of linkages with local government, Regional Sports Assemblies and other sporting Associations
- (f) Assist in the development of linkages with all forms of media in the Region and Divisions
- (g) Assist in developing sponsorship packages for the Region
- (h) Provide advice to BV any developing issues in the Region or Divisions
- (i) Attend BVVR Group meetings to be held at least quarterly
- (j) Provide an annual report to the BV, the Region and Divisions
- (k) Present Service Awards, Veterans Badges etc and carry out other representational duties as requested from time to time by the State President
- (l) Such other tasks as requested from time to time by the Board of BV or the Region Executive.

## 28.13 PARTICIPATION

- (a) In accordance with its purposes outlined in Rule 2 of the Constitution that includes a specific responsibility for governing the sport and the development of the game at all levels within Victoria, BV also has a social objective to enhance existing bowling communities and to position bowls clubs and the sport in the wider community.
- (b) To support this objective, the Board has determined that affiliated clubs will collect and provided six monthly participation data using a prescribed collection format supplied for that purpose.
- (c) For each data collection period, bowls participation data will be collated under the following participant categories:
  - i. Pennant participants who can play in BV, Bowls Australia and other State and Territory Bowls Association sanctioned events or Club Championship or inter-club events; and

- ii. Transitional participants who are not pennant players but use the greens for social or barefoot bowls and may play in internal club events.

## **29. BOWLS VICTORIA: BOWLS REGIONS, BOWLS DIVISIONS & CLUBS**

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### **29.1 Bendigo Campaspe Bowls Region**

#### **(a) Bendigo District Bowls Division**

Bendigo BC  
Bendigo East Bowling Club  
Bendigo VRI Bowling Club  
Bridgewater Bowling Club  
Calivil Bowling Club  
Campbell's Creek Bowling Club  
Castlemaine Bowling Club  
Dingee Bowling Club  
Eaglehawk Bowling Club  
Golden Square Bowling Club  
Harcourt Bowling Club  
Heathcote Bowling Club  
Inglewood BC  
Kangaroo Flat BC  
Lockwood South BC  
Marong BC  
North Bendigo BC  
Serpentine Bowling Club  
South Bendigo BC  
Strathfieldsaye BC  
White Hills BC  
Woodbury Bowling Club

#### **(b) Campaspe Valley Bowls Division**

City of Echuca BC  
Deniliquin Bowling Club  
Deniliquin RSL Bowling Club  
Elmore BC  
Kyabram Valley View BC  
Lockington BC  
Mathoura District & Servicemen's Bowling Club  
Moama Bowling Club  
Rich River BC  
Rochester BC  
Tongala BC

### **29.2 Central Goulburn Murray Bowls Region**

#### **(a) Central Bowls Division**

Alexandra Bowling Club  
Broadford Bowling Club  
Eildon Bowling Club  
Kilmore BC  
Seymour Bowling Club

Seymour VRI Bowling Club  
Wallan Bowling Club  
Yea BC

**(b) Goulburn Valley Bowls Division**

Avenel Bowling Club  
Colbinabbin BC  
Dookie BC  
East Shepparton BC  
Euroa BC  
Hilltop (Tatura) BC  
Kyabram BC  
Merrigum BC  
Mooroopna BC  
Mooroopna Golf BC  
Murchison BC  
Nagambie BC  
Rushworth BC  
Shepparton Golf BC  
Shepparton Park BC  
Shepparton RSL BC  
Stanhope BC  
Tatura BC  
Violet Town BC

**(c) Murray Bowls Division**

Barooga Sports BC  
Berrigan BC  
Cobram Bowling Club  
Finley Bowling Club  
Finley RSC BC  
Jerilderie Sports Club  
Katandra West Bowling Club  
Nathalia Bowling Club  
Numurkah BC  
Numurkah Golf BC  
Picola Bowling Club  
Strathmerton Bowling Club  
Tallygaroopna Bowling Club  
Tocumwal BC  
Wunghnu BC

**29.3 Central Victoria Bowls Region**

**(a) Ballarat District Bowls Division**

Avenue Bowling Club  
Ballan Bowling Club  
Ballarat Bowling Club  
Ballarat East Bowling Club  
Ballarat Memorial Sports Bowling Club  
Ballarat North Bowling Club

Beaufort Golf BC  
Buninyong Bowling Club  
Central Wendouree Bowling Club  
City Oval Bowling Club  
Clunes Bowling Club  
Creswick Bowling Club  
Daylesford Bowling Club  
Invermay Bowling Club  
Learmonth Bowling Club  
Linton & District Bowling Club  
Midlands Golf BC  
Mt Xavier Bowling Club  
Sebastopol Bowling Club  
Smeaton Bowling Club  
Victoria Bowling Club  
Waubra Bowling Club  
Webbcona BC

**(b) Central Highlands Bowls Division**

Bacchus Marsh Bowling Club  
Diggers Rest Bowling Club  
Gisborne & District Bowling Club  
Kyneton Bowling Club  
Kyneton Golf Bowling Club  
Lancefield Bowling Club  
Macedon Ranges Bowling Club  
Mt Cottrell Bowls Club  
Romsey Bowling Club  
Trentham Bowling Club  
Woodend Bowling Club

**(c) Goldfields Bowls Division**

Avoca Country Golf Bowling Club  
Carisbrook Bowling Club  
Dunolly Bowling Club  
Maldon Bowling Club  
Maryborough Golf BC  
Maryborough Highland Society BC  
Newstead Bowling Club  
Talbot Bowling Club

**29.4 Eastern Ranges Bowls Region**

Bayswater BC  
Bennettswood Bowling Club  
Berwick BC  
Blackburn BC  
Blackburn North Bowling Club  
Boronia BC  
Box Hill RSL BC  
Chirnside Park BC  
Cockatoo & District BC  
Croydon Bowling Club  
Eastwood Golf BC

Ferntree Gully Bowling Club  
Glen Waverley BC  
Healesville Bowling Club  
Heatherdale Recreation BC  
Heathmont BC  
Lilydale Bowling Club  
Marysville BC  
Mitcham Bowling Club  
Monbulk Bowling Club  
Mooroolbark BC  
Mt Waverley Bowling Club  
Mulgrave CC Bowling Club  
Ringwood BC  
Upwey-Tecoma BC  
Vermont South Bowling Club  
Warburton BC  
Waterford Valley Lakes Bowling Club  
Waverley Golf BC  
Yarra Glen Bowling Club  
Yarra Junction Bowling Club

## **29.5 Geelong Bowls Region**

Anglesea Bowling Club  
Bannockburn & District BC  
Bareena Bowling Club  
Barwon Heads Bowling Club  
Bell Post Hill BC  
Belmont BC  
City of Geelong BC  
Clifton Springs Bowling Club  
Drysdale Bowling Club  
Geelong BC  
Geelong Cement BC  
Geelong Eastern Park Bowling Club  
Geelong RSL BC  
Highton BC  
Inverleigh BC  
Lara Bowling Club  
Leopold Sportsmans BC  
Norlane Bowling Club  
Ocean Grove Bowling Club  
Point Lonsdale BC  
Portarlington BC  
Queenscliff Bowling Club  
St Leonards Bowling Club  
Torquay BC

## **29.6 Gippsland Bowls Region**

### **(a) East Gippsland Bowls Division**

Bairnsdale BC  
Bairnsdale Golf BC  
Bruthen Bowling Club



Howitt Park BC  
Lakes Entrance BC  
Lindenow Bowling Club  
Metung BC  
Orbost BC  
Paynesville Bowling Club  
Tambo Valley Bowling Club

**(b) North Gippsland Bowls Division**

Golden Paradise Beach Bowling Club  
Heyfield BC  
Loch Sport BC  
Maffra & Recreation BC  
Rosedale Bowling Club  
Sale BC  
Stratford Bowling Club  
West Sale BC  
Yarram CC BC

**29.7 Metro West Bowls Region**

Altona Bowling Club  
Altona North BC  
Altona Sports BC  
City of Melbourne BC  
Deer Park BC  
Footscray Park Bowling Club  
Hoppers BC  
Laverton Bowling Club  
Melton Bowling Club  
Newport BC  
Palm Lake Resort Truganina BC  
Point Cook Village Bowls Club  
Port Melbourne Bowling Club  
Rosamond Bowling Club  
St Albans BC  
Sunshine City Bowling Club  
Sunshine RSL Memorial Bowling Club  
Sunshine VRI Bowling Club  
Werribee BC  
Williamstown Bowling Club  
Yarraville/Footscray Bowling Club

**29.8 Murray Mallee Bowls Region**

**(a) Bowls Sunraysia Division**

Coomealla Bowling Club  
Euston BC  
Irymple BC  
Merbein Bowling Club  
Mildura BC  
Mildura Workingman's Bowling Club  
Nangiloc & District BC  
Ouyen BC  
Red Cliffs Bowling Club

Underbool BC  
Wentworth Services Bowling Club

**(b) Murray Valley Bowls Division**

Balranald District Ex-Servicemen's Bowling Club  
Lake Boga Bowling Club  
Manangatang & District Bowling Club  
Moulamein Bowling Club  
Murray Downs Golf & Country Club Bowling Club  
Nyah District Bowling Club  
Swan Hill BC  
Swan Hill Racecourse BC  
Tooleybuc Bowling Club

**(c) Northern District Bowls Division**

Barham District Services Bowling Club  
Barham Sports Bowling Club  
Cohuna BC  
Cohuna Golf Bowling Club  
Gunbower BC  
Kerang BC  
Kerang Golf Bowling Club  
Leitchville BC  
Pyramid Hill Bowling Club  
Wakool Bowling Club

**(d) Tyrell Bowls Division**

Berriwillock Bowling Club  
Birchip BC  
Culgoa Bowling Club  
Quambatook Bowling Club  
Sea Lake Golf BC  
Woomelang Bowling Club

**29.9 Northern Gateway Bowls Region**

Aberfeldie BC  
Aberfeldie Community BC  
Broadmeadows BC  
Brunswick Bowling Club  
Buckley Park BC  
Coburg Moreland BC  
Craigieburn Bowling Club  
Doutta Galla BC  
Epping RSL BC  
Essendon BC  
Fawkner Bowling Club  
Fitzroy Victoria Bowling Club  
Flemington/Kensington Bowling Club  
Gladstone Park BC  
Glenroy BC  
Keilor Bowls Club  
Kingsbury BC

Lalor Bowling Club  
Maribyrnong Park BC  
Moonee Ponds Bowling Club  
Moonee Valley Bowling Club  
Preston Reservoir BC  
Princes Park Bowling Club  
Strathmore BC  
Sunbury Bowling Club  
Thornbury BC  
West Coburg Bowling Club  
Whittlesea BC

#### **29.10 Ovens and Murray Bowls Region**

Beechworth BC  
Benalla BC  
Bright BC  
Chiltern Bowling Club  
Club Mulwala BC  
Corowa Civic Bowls Club  
Corowa Services Bowling Club  
Corryong BC  
Dederang BC  
Kiewa Valley Bowling Club  
Mansfield BC  
Milawa BC  
Mitta Valley Bowling Club  
Moirra Benalla BC  
Moyhu Bowling Club  
Myrtleford BC  
Ovens BC  
Rutherglen Bowling Club  
St James BC  
Swanpool Bowling Club  
Tallangatta Bowling Club  
Tawonga Bowling Club  
Tungamah BC  
Wangaratta BC  
Wareena Park BC  
Wodonga Bowling Club  
Yackandandah Bowling Club  
Yarrawonga & Border Golf BC  
Yarrawonga BC

#### **29.11 Peninsula Casey Bowls Region**

##### **(a) Flinders Bowls Division**

Balnarring Social BC  
Dromana BC  
Flinders Golf BC  
Main Ridge BC  
Mt Martha BC  
Rosebud BC  
Rosebud CC BC  
Rye BC  
Sorrento BC

Village Glen BC  
West Rosebud Bowling Club

**(b) Peninsula Bowls Division**

Baxter Village BC  
Belvedere BC  
Blue Hills Bowling Club  
Blue Hills Rise BC  
Cardinia Waters Bowls Club  
Carrum Bowling Club  
City of Frankston Bowling Club  
Cranbourne Bowling Club  
Cranbourne RSL BC  
Hastings Bowling Club  
Hampton Park BC  
Karingal Bowling Club  
Koo Wee Rup Bowling Club  
Mornington Bowling Club  
Mornington Civic BC  
Mt Eliza Bowling Club  
Narre Warren BC  
Pakenham BC  
Somerville Bowling Club  
Woodlands Park B  
Yamala Park Frankston Bowling Club

**29.12 Sandbelt Bowls Region**

Albert Park VRI BC  
Armadale BC  
Beaumaris BC  
Bentleigh Bowling Club  
Black Rock Bowling Club  
Brighton Beach BC  
Brighton Bowling Club  
Burden Park Bowling Club  
Caulfield Park Alma Bowling Club  
Chadstone BC  
Chelsea Bowling Club  
Cheltenham BC  
Clayton BC  
Coatesville Bowling Club  
Dandenong Club BC  
Dandenong RSL Recreation BC  
Edithvale Bowling Club  
Elsternwick Club BC  
Elsternwick Park BC  
Glen Eira McKinnon BC  
Hampton BC  
Hampton RSL Bowling Club  
Highett BC  
Keysborough BC  
Malvern Bowling Club  
Melbourne Bowling Club  
Mentone Bowling Club  
Middle Park Bowling Club

Moorabbin Bowling Club  
Mordialloc BC  
Murrumbeena BC  
Murrumbeena Park BC  
Noble Park BC  
Oakleigh Bowling Club  
Parkdale Bowling Club  
Royal Melbourne Golf Club BC  
Sandringham BC  
SOC BC  
South Oakleigh Bowling Club  
St Kilda Bowling Club  
Toorak Bowling Club  
Willow Lodge BC

### **29.13 Strzelecki Bowls Region**

#### **(a) South Gippsland Bowls Division**

Corinella Bowling Club  
Fish Creek Bowling Club  
Foster BC  
Inverloch Bowling Club  
Korumburra Bowling Club  
Lang Lang Bowling Club  
Leongatha BC  
Loch & District Bowling Club  
Meeniyan Bowling Club  
Mirboo North Bowling Club  
Phillip Island Bowling Club  
Port Welshpool & District Bowling Club  
San Remo BC  
Tarwin Lower & District BC  
Toora BC  
Wonthaggi BC

#### **(b) West Gippsland Bowls Division**

Boolarra Bowls & Recreation BC  
Drouin Bowling Club  
Garfield Bowling Club  
Longwarry BC  
Moe Bowling Club  
Morwell Bowling Club  
Morwell Club Bowling Club  
Neerim District Bowling Club  
Thorpdale & District Bowling Club  
Trafalgar BC  
Traralgon BC  
Traralgon RSL Bowling Club  
Warragul Bowling Club  
Yallourn Bowling Club  
Yallourn North Bowling Club  
Yarragon Bowling Club  
Yinnar BC

## 29.14 Wimmera Bowls Region

### (a) Grampians Bowls Division

Aradale BC  
Ararat Bowling Club  
Ararat VRI BC  
Chalambar BC  
Lake Bolac & District Bowling Club  
Landsborough & District Bowling Club  
Stawell Bowling Club  
Stawell Golf Bowling Club  
Willaura BC

### (b) North Central Bowls Division

Boort BC  
Charlton Bowling Club  
Donald Bowling Club  
Donald Golf BC  
Korong Vale Bowling Club  
St Arnaud Bowling Club  
St Arnaud CC Bowling Club  
Watchem Bowling Club  
Wedderburn BC  
Wycheproof BC

### (c) North Wimmera Bowls Division

Beulah Bowling Club  
Brim Memorial Bowling Club  
Hopetoun BC  
Jeparit & District Bowling Club  
Minyip BC  
Murtoa Bowling Club  
Rainbow BC  
Rupanyup BC  
Warracknabeal Bowling Club  
Warracknabeal Golf BC

### (d) Wimmera Bowls Division

Coughlin Park BC  
Dimboola Bowling Club  
Edenhope Bowling Club  
Goroke Bowling Club  
Horsham City Bowling Club  
Horsham Golf Bowling Club  
Horsham Sunnyside Bowling Club  
Horsham West Bowling Club  
Kaniva BC  
Natimuk Bowling Club  
Nhill Bowling Club  
Serviceton Memorial Bowling Club

## 29.15 West Coast Bowls Region

### (a) Corangamite Bowls Division

Apollo Bay BC  
Birregurra Bowling Club  
Camperdown Bowling Club  
Camperdown Golf BC  
City Colac BC  
Cobden Bowling Club  
Colac Bowling Club  
Colac Central Bowling Club  
Cressy Bowling Club  
Derrinallum Bowling Club  
Lismore Memorial Bowling Club  
Lorne BC  
Skipton Golf Bowling Club  
Simpson BC  
Winchelsea BC

### (b) ar Western Bowls Division

Balmoral BC  
Casterton Bowling Club  
Coleraine Bowling Club  
Dartmoor Bowling Club  
Dunkeld Bowling Club  
Grangeburn Bowling Club  
Hamilton Bowling Club  
Heywood Bowling Club  
Macarthur BC  
Penshurst BC  
Portland Bowling Club  
Portland RSL Memorial Bowling Club

### (c) Western District Bowls Division

Dennington Bowling Club  
Koroit BC  
Mortlake BC  
Port Fairy BC  
Terang Bowling Club  
Timboon Bowling Club  
Warrnambool BC  
Warrnambool City Memorial BC  
Warrnambool Lawn Tennis Bowling Club

## 29.16 Yarra Bowls Region

Alphington Bowls Club  
Ashburton BC  
Auburn BC  
Bundoora RSL Bowling Centre  
Burwood District BC  
Camberwell Central BC  
City of Heidelberg Bowling Club

Darebin City Bowls Club  
Diamond Creek Bowling Club  
Doncaster Bowling Club  
Donvale BC  
East Ivanhoe Bowling Club  
Eltham Recreation Bowling Club  
Fairfield Bowling Club  
Greensborough Bowling Club  
Greythorn Bowling Club  
Hawthorn BC  
Heidelberg Golf Bowling Club  
Hurstbridge Bowling Club  
Ivanhoe Bowling Club  
MCC BC  
MCC Kew Sports Club  
Montmorency Bowling Club  
North Balwyn BC  
Rosanna Bowling Club  
Richmond Union Bowling Club  
Templestowe Bowling Club  
Yarra Valley CC BC