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**TO: ALL DISTRICT SECRETARIES  
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS  
MEDIA**

### **CIRCULAR 34/2012**

#### **PROVINCIAL SPORTS COUNCILS**

We advise that the Department of Sport and the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (Sascoc) have aligned their structure into nine (9) Provincial Sports Councils. They do not recognize our twenty (20) separate Districts. Our President has discussed our structure with these entities and for the moment, they accept that for financial and logistical reasons we may continue to operate as we are currently separated into the twenty Districts. The important fact is that we administer our sport in all the nine provinces.

It is essential that bowls is represented on all the Provincial Sports Councils in order to enjoy the benefits of funding and logistical support. It should be acknowledged that unless we attend meetings and participate in the functions of these Provincial Sports Councils, Districts and Clubs will not enjoy any financial benefits from the Department of Sport and the National Lottery Board in the future. The various Provincial Sports Councils will only issue letters of support to both Districts and Clubs if they are satisfied that bowls has embraced the objectives of the national structure. These letters of support are required by Districts and Clubs when applying for financial funding from the Department of Sport and the National Lottery Board.

With reference to the above background, District Presidents are urgently requested to discuss this matter with their neighboring District Presidents and to appoint two delegates who will be required to attend Provincial Sports Council meetings and represent the Districts in question. These delegates should keep the Districts they represent and Bowls SA fully informed of matters relevant within the local structure.

**It would be appreciated, as a matter of extreme urgency, if District Presidents could provide Bowls SA with the identity of their respective delegates on or before 31 July 2012.**

**Executive Committee:**

President: Debra Ferguson, Vice President: Allan Freeman  
Members: Kallie Haupt, Sergio Martinengo, Isabel Smith, Ron Weddell

The following table groups our Districts into the nine Provincial Sports Council structure.

Eastern Cape	-	Border Bowls
	-	Eastern Province Bowls
Free State	-	Southern Free State Bowling Assoc
	-	Northern Free State Bowling Assoc
Gauteng	-	Bowls Gauteng North
	-	Eastern Gauteng Bowls
	-	Johannesburg Bowls Assoc
	-	Sables Bowling Assoc
	-	Sedibeng Bowls
KwaZulu Natal	-	Kingfisher Bowling Assoc
	-	KwaZulu Natal Country Bowls
	-	Natal Inland Bowling Assoc
	-	Port Natal Bowls
Limpopo	-	Limpopo Bowls
Mpumalanga	-	Mpumalanga Bowls Assoc
Northern Cape	-	Northern Cape Bowls
North West	-	North West Bowls
Western Cape	-	Boland Bowls
	-	Bowls Southern Cape
	-	Western Province Bowling Assoc

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