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**TO: ALL DISTRICT SECRETARIES.
ALL CONVENORS OF DISTRICT STANDING COMMITTEES –
COACHES**

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BOWLS SA – TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME

At the recent Bowls SA Workshop that was held at Willow Park at the end of October, 2009, attended by all Bowls SA Standing Committees, the National Academy announced the introduction of a revamped Talent Identification programme (TID)

The National Standing Committee for Coaching (NSCC) has been tasked with the responsibility for implementing, monitoring and managing the TID programme on behalf of the Academy. The successful implementation of this project can only be done with the assistance and support of District Executives and their District Standing Committees for Coaching (DSCC).

The TID is applicable at Club and District level countrywide, and the success of this venture will depend on the accurate recording of results. Each DSCC will be responsible to receive, record and to forward the results from their district each month to the Bowls SA's offices for capturing and assessment.

To assist the DSCC's in this important implementation process, please find enclosed a new information booklet, which contains detailed information on how to setup, score and record players' results for the TID programme.

Players, individual TID results are to be recorded on the attached Results Schedules by the DSCC in each district every month.

Two different Results Schedule are to be used by each DSCC, being the Districts Results Schedule, and the Top Ten Results Schedule.

A District Results Schedule is to be kept for each category of player, i.e. the U19's, U25's, Open Men, Open Ladies and Senior Men and Senior Ladies.

From these District Results Schedules, the DSCC's are to extract the Top Ten players in each category, and these players results are to be recorded on the Top Ten Schedule provided.

Once completed, the top Ten Schedule is to be copied for local retention and use and the originals are to be forwarded to the Bowls SA offices each month.

The completed monthly Top Ten Results Schedule can be mailed or faxed or scanned and emailed to Bowls SA offices at info@bowlssa.co.za, with the subject heading "National Academy TID" and the month date. Results Schedules can be faxed to Bowls SA at 086 519 6162, or mailed to the Bowls SA office address directly.

Executive Committee:

President: Debra Ferguson, *Vice President:* Allan Freeman

Members: Kallie Haupt, Sergio Martinengo, Isabel Smith, Ron Weddell

The Results Schedules could be useful by District Selectors, to gain an insight into the quality of players available in their own district.

The national database is being extended to process and receive the results directly from the districts and should be ready some time during 2010. In due course the DSCC's will be able to enter the Results information directly via the Bowls SA website each month – more information on how this will be done will be forthcoming as the database software evolves.

The National Academy and the National Selectors will use the results submitted by the Districts to identify players who can meet the desired performance level – the National Academy will determine which players will be included in the different national squads and in time notify such players of their need to attend any National Camps.

If there are any questions or queries regarding the attached TID booklet and the Results Schedules, please contact the District Liaison member responsible for your district, whose details appear below - they will be happy to assist or advise you with regard to the proper implementation of the TID programme and the use of the Results Schedules.

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The Executive decided that there will be NO OTHER means of gaining invitations to the National Academy camps in future, other than through the TID programme. Districts are kindly requested to inform their players of the opportunity that the TID represents for gaining acceptance to the National Squads.



John Ravenscroft
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