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**TO: DISTRICT SECRETARIES
EXECUTIVE
MEDIA**

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Invitation to Apply for District (Level 2) Coaching Course

Coaching and the development of bowls skills are the key elements in the success of our sport. It is the objective of Bowls SA to have well qualified coaches across the country to assist in raising the enjoyment and standard of our sport and to provide the necessary assistance to players of all ages and levels. NSCC is delighted to invite applications from active Club Coaches (Level 1) who are interested in upgrading their qualifications to District Coach (Level 2). The next District Coaches courses will be held at two possible times at two different venues, depending on the number of applicants and the main area the majority of the applicants are located. If there are only enough applicants for one course, it will take place from 28 August (pm only) – 1 September (am only) – either centrally, if one only or north if there are enough applicants to warrant two courses. Should there be enough applicants, a 2nd course will be offered from 25 November – 28 November (full days). Applicants may opt for either course but, all are required to fund their own travelling and accommodation expenses.

Pre-requisites are as follows:

1. DSCC & District Executive must motivate applications to NSCC (on-line form) – the candidate must be acceptable by elite and district players as a coach. A Maximum of eighteen (18) candidates will be accommodated per course. If more than one candidate is nominated by a District their nominees must be prioritised (on-line form).
2. Portfolio (on-line): The primary goal of this is to get to know something about the candidates prior to the course.
3. ±100 hours of coaching at Level 1 with the bulk of these hours accumulated over the past 4 years.
4. Computer literacy is highly recommended (Word – word processing, Excel – spread sheets, PowerPoint – presentations, e-mail communication, Internet – research). Please note computer literacy is not a requirement for successful participation – any assistance necessary at the course will be provided by NSCC.
5. Minimum of a current Level 1 Technical Official qualification.
6. Knowledge of First-Aid is recommended.

Owing to financial constraints the Bowls SA Executive decided in 2014 that Level 2 candidates will be required to cover the full cost of the course themselves – transport, accommodation and catering.

The registration fee per candidate is R150, to be paid directly to Bowls SA on confirmation of acceptance by NSCC – invoices will be sent from Bowls SA to each district. Districts and Clubs are encouraged to support and to assist candidates in covering this cost as qualified Level 2 coaches can be a great asset to the District and the Club. Each candidate is required to have a printed copy of *Lawn Bowls Coaching*, which should be ordered (at a cost of R300) from Bowls SA, through the District Secretary

Applications must be completed on-line by 31 March 2016 as follows:

- Applicant Coach – <http://websurvey.nmmu.ac.za/q.asp?sid=675&k=jnxtqokcor>
- Executive & SCC Support – <http://websurvey.nmmu.ac.za/q.asp?sid=676&k=hmqaftrath>

Ctrl-click the appropriate link or type the link in your browser to access the form. Contact Dix (dixie@nmmu.ac.za) if there are any problems in access or assistance.

Applicants will be advised of their acceptance (this will depend on numbers) in early April and will be provided with information and pre-course preparation instructions at least 4 weeks prior to the course. Please note that should less than 8 applications be received, both courses will be cancelled and only offered again in 2018.

For any further enquiries, please contact Dix (via email or telephone – 041 378 1971 or 082 220 3707).

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**John Ravenscroft
Operations Manager**

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