

AFFILIATION FEE POLICY

1. Policy Statement

In terms of the National Sport and Recreation Act 110 of 1998 as amended by Act 18 of 2007 Bowls South Africa (Bowls SA) is the controlling body for the sport of Bowls within the Republic of South Africa. As such it is empowered to seek financial support from those associations affiliated to Bowls SA in order for Bowls SA to perform its duties to the benefit of those members.

Affiliation is not something that is linked to competitiveness and every bowler has the moral duty to support the required infrastructure of the sport, which is a Club, the District, and the National Authority. By supporting the infrastructure of the sport, a member will also have the benefit of advice on playing formats, receiving umpiring advice and participate in coaching schemes.

Bowls SA and its Provincial Associations are independent bodies and stand apart from all constituencies, commercial and otherwise of the sport and adopt policies that are in the best interests of the sport and for the enjoyment of its participants. Individuals who play the sport are benefiting from the infrastructure and the laws of the sport developed and amended over many years by Bowls SA and its Provincial Authorities. The National and Provincial Authorities provide instructional materials and access to materials and supplies on all aspects of the sport without which the sport would not exist. In addition, it acts as the controlling body for all National events and is responsible for the development of talented bowlers who may seek to represent our Country at international events.

2. Right of access to playing facilities provided by clubs

It is recognised that there are no mechanisms in Bowls SA / Provincial or District Association constitutions that provides control over the playing facilities at clubs that are affiliated to District and or Provincial Associations.

Therefore, it is proposed with the adoption of this policy clubs shall have the sole rights of determination as to who will be granted access to the playing facilities, except where such clubs are hosts to National, Provincial or District events in which case the organising body of such events have rights of determination as to the use of said greens for such period as the event is in progress.

Clubs thus have autonomy of when and by whom a green may be used. As clubs will henceforth pay a globular sum of annual affiliation fees which may be subject to annual escalation as determined by Council. It therefore becomes their prerogative to make a determination as to how and how much each member, including 'casual' participants will be liable to contribute to defray the cost that is 'affiliation fees'.

3. Rights of access to Bowls SA National events

It is recorded that only members that are registered on the Bowls SA database will be entitled to participate in Bowls SA National events. Provincial / District and Clubs are entitled to make a determination as eligibility to participation in their events. It should be noted that Bowls SA encourages Provincial / District and Club administrators to apply the same criteria for participation as that in place for Bowls SA events.

4. Mechanism to afford Club and Provinces relief in the event Clubs are no longer active in their role as a provider of facilities.

Over time there exists the reality that clubs may be forced to cease trading and the collection of fees on the above principle becomes untenable. In such event a sub-committee consisting of the Club President, the District / Provincial President, and the Bowls SA representative for that area of jurisdiction will ascertain where persons that were members of that club have moved to and such club will be subject to an adjustment of fees. Where the members have ceased to be active members of the sport an adjustment will be made to the fees payable by that Club, District and Province.

5. Full membership of Bowls SA

Every member of a club be that a person with full rights or a person with limited rights shall be entitled to become a registered member of Bowls SA.

6. Payment Process

By no later than the 7th January of every year Bowls SA will issue an invoice to the Nine Provincial Bowls Associations. Such invoiced will be based on the prior year's invoice, subject to changes as provided for in Paragraph 4 and such increment as approved at the Annual General Meeting immediately preceding the year in payment becomes due. In terms of Paragraph 9.14.15 of the Bowls SA constitution such amounts due must be paid by the 1st February of every year. Failure to comply with this will result in the imposition of interest penalties at the discretion of the Executive. Subject to written approval from Bowls SA the manner in which Provinces with multiple Districts within their area of jurisdiction seek to make payment to Bowls SA shall be at the discretion of such Provinces.