

New Bowls SA Coaching Structure

Appendix A

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Towards a Higher-Level Coaching Qualification

The South African Qualifications Authority [SAQA] and the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee [SASCOC] have agreed to the concept of recognition of prior learning (RPL) as a means of opening the pathway for coach qualifications and certification as part of the implementation of the South African Coaching Framework. Bowls South Africa recognises previous coaching experiences and physical educational qualifications which are underpinned by functional competency.

The only motivation for application of RPL would be to fast-track a candidate into the next available higher-level course, without the candidate being obliged to attend and fulfil the qualification obligations of a lower-level course. *Note: No certification is awarded for RPL.*

The RPL programme will be conducted in line with the following principles and be managed by the National Standing Committee for Coaches [NSCC].

1. Prior recommendation to be obtained from the NSCC and authorised by the BSA Executive for RPL of any candidate.
2. Full motivation to be submitted by Districts for RPL for any candidate with reasons why the candidate cannot attend a full course or why the candidate is deserving of being recognised with prior learning without going through formal qualification obligations.
3. Certificates of any sports education and details of previous practical coaching experience or extended international play must accompany the application if applicable to the applicant.
4. If the candidate is accepted into the process, certain pre-reading, practical application and discussion tasks will be required, depending on the Level of RPL application.
5. Districts to indicate how the candidate will be employed in their coaching structure.
6. Name of coach/s responsible for RPL and certification of candidate.
7. The NSCC reserve the right to interview the candidate.

Approved by the Executive of Bowls South Africa

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