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**TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DISTRICT SECRETARIES
MEDIA**

CIRCULAR 35/2018

WARWICK: BOWLS SA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

We advise that for some considerable time the number of entries recorded into the above event has been under review with growing concern. The trend has been decreasing over many years and following investigation it emerges that the following reasons have been identified.

- The cost of travel.
- The cost of accommodation.
- The exhaustion of employee annual leave. The option of "sports leave" belongs in former times.

The options to resolve the situation under discussion are:

- To abandon the Championships.
- To spread the event over different periods during the year and shorten the time for each discipline.
- To retain the status quo.
- To reformat the event into a qualification to enter through district championships.

This entire discussion has been placed on the workshop agenda taking place on 25 August 2018, where direction regarding the future shall be debated.

The executive shall table a proposal as detailed below in order to satisfy the needs from our sponsor and taking into account the needs of our membership. The following is prescribed:

- We need to establish champions in our sport.

Executive Committee:

President: Robert Forbes, Vice President: Charles Levy
Members: Heather Boucher, Trevor Davis, Ian Stayt and Andrew Strong



- The event needs to remain a club based entry however, taking into account the international trend of allowing “dual membership”.
- The sponsor’s opportunity to expose their products and services to a greater audience.
- Any change to the status quo will be implemented from 2020. This avoids districts having to amend their 2019 calendars and allowing for Council to gain necessary mandates.

Taking into account the above the following proposal will be presented to Council at the workshop.

- The men’s and women’s national events could be combined in order to play these events at the same time and at the same venues.
- That the different disciplines should be played over different dates during the year and in different districts for each discipline.
- The events should start on a Wednesday to finish over the week-end.
- That all disciplines should be played in sections, including the singles, with the knock-out rounds being played between sectional winners.

Districts, having consulted with their clubs and players, are requested to circulate the intended proposal to all Council Members prior to the workshop. This will enable all concerned to evaluate a format that not only caters for all those who currently participate but also attract greater entries.



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