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**TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DISTRICT SECRETARIES
Z-SQUAD ORGANISERS
MEDIA**

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UPDATED Z-SQUAD PROTOCOL FOR 18 JUNE 2018 TO 31 MAY 2019

Please note that an updated Protocol for the Zone Talent Development Programme, commonly known as Z-Squad, for the next period indicated above, is attached to the distribution email as a separate document – *01 2018-2019 Z-Squad Plan & Protocols v01.pdf*. To access the current set of Z-Squad documents click on the Z-Squad Documents button on the Bowls SA web-site (<http://www.bowlssa.co.za>) shown below:

Z Squad Documents

There are 2 changes to the actual Exercises:

1. Bowls are **REMOVED** by the Scorers as they come to rest, and the score noted for **20-20 exercises and Attacking exercises**. Note that bowls are still NOT REMOVED for the Target exercises.
2. The target-mat should be laid down as LANDSCAPE for the **Control** exercise, i.e. with the length of the mat across the centre-line.

It has come to the attention of the managers of this programme, that in some instances, Districts have been interpreting the previously published instructions to suit themselves, rather than applying the nationally required instructions. The attached protocol document may not be deviated from in any way to ensure consistency across the country. All Event Organisers **MUST** read this document carefully before running their Events.

It is of great concern that this programme has not yet been activated in a number of Districts, thus prejudicing their players who have aspirations from coming to the attention of the National Selectors through the programme. All Districts are requested to ensure that a minimum of 4 dates, at least one month apart, are built into their annual calendar/fixture lists and to ensure that the scheduled events actually occur. These dates must be sent to Z-Squad@bowlssa.co.za as soon as they have been established.

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