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**CLUBS: GUN FREE ZONES**

Bowls SA has received enquiries regarding members carrying firearms at Bowls Clubs. In accordance with the current legislation (Firearms Control Act – Act 60 of 2000, as amended by Act 28 of 2006) firearms are to be carried in accordance with the following stipulations:

“84. (1) No person may carry a firearm in a public place unless the firearm is carried:

**(a) in the case of a handgun**

(i) in a holster or similar holder designed, manufactured, or adapted for the carrying of a handgun and attached to his or her person; or

(ii) in a rucksack or similar holder; or

**(b) in the case of any other firearm**, in a holder designed, manufactured, or adapted for the carrying of the firearm.

(2) A firearm contemplated in subsection (1) **must be completely covered** and the person carrying the firearm must be able to **exercise effective control** over such firearm.”

It is however the prerogative of a Club to declare the Club area and/or Clubhouse a “Gun Free Zone”. See attached documents in this regard.

If clubs decide to allow guns on premises, then the club should provide a gun safe (with all the safety precautions) on the premises.

Clubs can contact Gun Free South Africa (Tel no: 071 876 1135, Email: [info@gfsa.org.za](mailto:info@gfsa.org.za)) for assistance.

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