



To: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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**BOWLS SA: DATABASE: MEMBERS OVER THE AGE OF 19 HAVE THEIR “BSA MEMBER CLASS” SHOWN AS “SCHOLARS – EXEMPT”**

1. Bowls South Africa (“Bowls SA”) is currently conducting a comprehensive audit of the Bowls SA membership database. During this process, it has been identified that a number of members who are 19 years of age or older continue to be recorded under the BSA Member Class “Scholars – Exempt”.
2. District and Club Information Officers are hereby requested to ensure that the “Scholars – Exempt” classification is applied strictly and exclusively to members who are legitimately registered as scholars at recognised **Basic Education Institutions**, including duly registered home-based education programmes.
3. For the avoidance of doubt:
  - 3.1. The “Scholars – Exempt” classification does not automatically apply based on age alone.
  - 3.2. Bowls SA reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to request and review appropriate documentary proof confirming a member’s current scholar registration status.
4. District and Club Liaison Officers are therefore requested to verify all affected memberships and implement the necessary corrections or updates on the Bowls SA Database no later than 31 May 2026.
5. Your cooperation in ensuring the accuracy, integrity, and compliance of the Bowls SA membership records is appreciated.

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