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## **CIRCULAR 56 / 2026**

### **BOWLS SA: SAFEGUARDING**

#### **Purpose of this Circular**

Bowls South Africa (Bowls SA) has received a number of enquiries regarding the Safeguarding Policy and the associated reporting procedures.

#### **Policy Status**

The Bowls SA Safeguarding Policy is currently under review and will be considered at the Executive Committee Strategic Planning Session scheduled for 22–24 June 2026. In the interim, members are advised that the current policy remains in force and remains available on the Bowls SA website under the Policies and Regulations section (refer to Chapter 2): <https://www.bowlssa.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Policies-Regulations.pdf>.

#### **Reporting Safeguarding Concerns**

Bowls SA has established several mechanisms through which safeguarding incidents or concerns may be reported. Members may use any of the following reporting channels:

- Completion of the official safeguarding reporting form
- Submission of an online report (for identified reporters) via The Guardian platform
- Submission of an anonymous report through The Guardian

All relevant reporting links, forms, and guidance are available on the Bowls SA safeguarding page: <https://www.bowlssa.co.za/safeguarding>.

#### **Safeguarding Training**

Bowls SA encourages parents and guardians to enrol young players in the safeguarding training programmes offered by The Guardian. While these courses are particularly valuable for participants involved in tours or activities away from home, they also provide useful knowledge and awareness that can be applied in all environments.

Adult members are likewise encouraged to complete the Safeguarding Awareness Course to strengthen their understanding and help foster a safer sporting environment.

Further information on these courses can be found in the safeguarding section of the Bowls SA website.



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## **Bowls SA Commitment**

Bowls SA remains firmly committed to safeguarding and to the protection of all participants. All members are strongly encouraged to use the available reporting channels to raise any safeguarding concerns promptly and responsibly.

## **Conclusion**

Bowls SA appreciates the cooperation and commitment of all members in helping to maintain a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for everyone involved in the sport.

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**BOBBY DONNELLY**  
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