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BOWLS SA GUIDELINES: MULTI MEMBERSHIP

These guidelines recognise that a player has the right to associate with the club or clubs of their choice, including the ability to hold membership at more than one club, subject to the constitutions, rules, registration requirements, and competition regulations of Bowls SA, the relevant District, and the clubs concerned. In South Africa, freedom of association is protected as a constitutional right, and these guidelines should therefore be applied in a fair, consistent, and transparent manner while also preserving the integrity of club, district, and national competitions.

Multi-Club Membership (Intra-District)

A player must be deemed a full member of at least one Club within the District and must be registered as such on the Bowls SA Database. The player's primary registration must be clear to the relevant Club and District so that eligibility, representation, and administrative responsibilities can be properly managed.

A member may hold membership at another Club or Clubs within the same District, provided that all applicable multi-club membership fees are paid as determined by each Club. Any such fees should be communicated clearly to the member and should be administered in accordance with the relevant Club constitution and District requirements.

A member may participate in Club events at all Clubs where they hold valid membership. However, the District may restrict participation in events that directly influence or determine qualification for a District event, representative pathway, or District-controlled competition. Examples may include Club Singles where the winner progresses to the District Champion-of-Champions, District League, or any other event where unrestricted participation could create an unfair advantage or conflict of representation.

Multi-Club Membership (Across Districts)

A player who wishes to hold membership at Clubs in different Districts must be deemed a full member of at least one Club and must be registered as such on the Bowls SA Database.

The player's membership status in each District should be properly recorded to ensure that eligibility, representation, and competition entry requirements are clearly understood.

A member may pay the applicable multi-club membership fees at the other Club or Clubs, as determined by those Clubs. Where membership crosses District boundaries, the fee structure should also take into account any District affiliation or registration requirements that apply in the additional District or Districts.

A member may play in Club events at all Clubs, including Clubs situated in different Districts, where they hold valid membership. Participation remains subject to the rules of the relevant Club, the applicable District, and any competition-specific conditions of entry.

A member may participate in District events in each District where they hold valid membership, provided that such participation complies with the rules of the relevant District and the requirements of Bowls SA. Bowls SA may restrict participation in events that influence selection, qualification, or progression to a Bowls SA event, including but not limited to Mixed Pairs, Inter-Districts, or any other event where participation in more than one District could compromise fairness, eligibility, or the integrity of the competition.

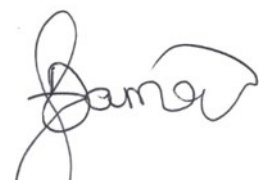
International Federation Players and Players Relocating to South Africa

Players affiliated to another International Federation may become members of a Club in South Africa, provided that such membership is approved by the player's home National Federation and is accepted by the relevant Club in accordance with its constitution, membership requirements, and any applicable Bowls SA or District registration processes.

Such players may participate in Club activities and Club events for which they are eligible as members, subject to the rules of the Club and the conditions of entry for the relevant event. However, they may not represent the District or Bowls SA at any event while they remain affiliated to, or under the jurisdiction of, another International Federation or home National Federation.

Players who relocate to South Africa may join any Club, subject to that Club's membership requirements and the applicable Bowls SA and District registration processes. Once properly registered, such players may be eligible to represent the District in accordance with the District's rules and selection criteria.

Where a player who has moved to South Africa wishes to be considered for selection to represent South Africa, the player must comply fully with the Bowls SA Selection Policy, including any eligibility, residency, clearance, affiliation, or other requirements prescribed by Bowls SA and the applicable international regulations.



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