



## **AFFILIATION AND ABILITY TO PLAY**

### **1 STRUCTURE**

**Bowls Queensland (BQ) is officially recognised as the administrator and governing body of lawn bowls in Queensland by Bowls Australia (BA), World Bowls (WB).**

**The structure of bowls in Queensland is such that:**

- 1.1 BQ is recognised as Member of BA. As such is to conduct and administer bowls in Qld.**
- 1.2 Clubs are recognised by BA as a result of their affiliation with BQ.**
- 1.3 Registered players (Individual members as defined in the constitution) are recognised by BQ as a result of their membership of an affiliated Club and the payment by the club of fees to BQ, BA**

### **2 AFFILIATION – CLUBS.**

- 2.1 Bowls Clubs must be affiliated with QLD and:**
  - 2.1.1 Must be an incorporated body or duly constituted legal entity under relevant legislation in QLD.**
  - 2.1.2 Have and maintain insurance policies including public liability and professional indemnity insurance.**
  - 2.1.3 Must ensure that players are financial, registered as players with BQ with full playing rights. In accordance with BQ Constitution and By-Laws.**
  - 2.1.4 Must comply with responsibilities as required under the constitutions of BQ and BA.**
  - 2.1.5 Must forward to BQ those Club Affiliation fees and any other fees that may be prescribed from time to time by BQ in conjunction with BA from all members with playing rights.**
  - 2.1.6 Must collect and forward membership data to be included in the BQ data base as required.**

### **3 AFFILIATION FEES**

- 3.1 Affiliation fees are determined by the BQ Council in September for the following year. May set increases as approved by the state council. All in accordance with BQ Constitution and By-Laws.**
- 3.2 BQ will calculate the actual figure for invoicing based on Council decision, invoicing to Clubs will be in the month of February:**
- 3.3 Clubs must ensure that payment of fees covers all Registered members with playing rights in their Club. Definition: (Playing Rights of a player or Social Bowler means a member of an affiliated club who bowls in a structured or regular game at an Affiliated Club, including those who normally do not play in club Championships or District Pennants).**
- 3.4 Clubs must advise BQ of the number of registered members (declared and non-declared) with playing rights in their Club on the Form 2 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.**



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### **4 REGISTERED – PLAYERS - MEMBERS**

- 4.1 All players within Queensland must be Registered with at least one (1) Club as a result of their being a financial member of an affiliated Club/s.
- 4.2 Only registered players may use BQ, BA and WB Intellectual Property. Usage of the LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS.

### **5 MEMBER REGISTRATION – DECLARATION OF REGISTERED/ NOMINATED CLUB**

- 5.1 All players in Queensland must be registered with at least one (1) Club.
- 5.2 A player may be a member of more than one (1) affiliated Club.
- 5.3 A player must declare only one (1) of those Clubs as their Registered/ Nominated Club for the purpose of playing in State Champion of club Champion and other events conducted by an BQ or District during a Bowling Season (all to be defined by the relevant BQ or District conditions of play).
- 5.4 Playing in a Pennant competition conducted by a District shall not constitute a declaration of a player's Registered/Nominated Club requiring a change to their Nominated Club. For clarity, Pennant is not a championship event.

### **6 ELIGIBILITY – PENNANT**

#### **6.1 Interstate:**

- 6.1.1 A player may play Pennant in more than one (1) STA within the same bowling season.
- 6.1.2 The player must be registered with each of the STAs in which they play.
- 6.1.3 The player must complete and submit an Interstate Pennant Declaration to BQ prior to being permitted to play Pennant in Qld.
- 6.1.4 **An Interstate clearance is required for a player who intends to join a club in Qld or play in championship events.**

#### **6.2 Intrastate:**

- 6.2.1 A player shall not be permitted to play Pennant for two (2) or more Clubs which are each affiliated with BQ unless specifically permitted under the conditions of play applicable to the event.
- 6.2.2 Pennant Permit. A player may be approved by their District to play Pennant with another Club, other than their Registered Club by submitting an intra club Pennant Permit Request Form. The form is to be submitted to their District prior to the Pennant Competition in which they wish to play. No application will be considered after commencement of a Pennant competition unless agreed by the District. This Form must be endorsed by both Clubs (Pennant Permit).



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### **7 ELIGIBILITY – INTERSTATE REPRESENTATION**

- 7.1 A player's eligibility to represent a particular STA in any interstate representative fixture shall be determined by the STA with which a player's Nominated Club is affiliated.
- 7.2 A player shall only be eligible to represent their STA if they are a member of their Nominated Club which is affiliated with the STA, they are selected to represent at the time of entries close.
- 7.3 In addition to complying with the criteria in 7.1 and 7.2, a player must meet the eligibility requirements within the Conditions of Play of the event.

### **8 ELIGIBILITY – CHAMPIONSHIPS (INTRASTATE AND INTERSTATE)**

- 8.1 A player shall not be eligible to play in the same (or an equivalent) state championship event or other championship event at two (2) or more Clubs in any one bowling season, regardless of whether those Clubs are affiliated with the same, or with a different STA.

### **9 CONCURRENT EVENTS**

- 9.1 A player who qualifies for more than one event under the control of the same controlling body and is instructed to play in one event, must not be penalised for failing to attend any other event which is set down to be played at the same time.
- 9.2 When a player is scheduled to play in a championship event being conducted by BQ, district/zone/region or club as the controlling body and is not able to do so because of:
  - 9.2.1 Selection to play or take part in a selection trial for Australia or BQ in an international or national event;
  - 9.2.2 Appointment to Officiate at an international or national event;  
To be played at the same time for such an event, reasonable time being allowed for travel, then:
    - 9.2.2.1 The controlling body should use their best endeavours to reschedule the championship event, or
    - 9.2.2.2 If the event cannot be rescheduled, then the player should decide which event to contest.