



BOWLS NORTH (INC)
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NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion from the Bowls North Board

MOTION:

That the proposed changes to the Bowls North Constitution be tabled at the Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2022.

PURPOSE OF MOTION:

To update and amended Bowls North Constitution to be inline with current working practices of the Association.

The proposed changes are as listed:

3. INTERPRETATION - Change wording to:

“Affiliated Bowler” means a member of an affiliated bowls club who pays such annual subscription to the club, and for whom the club has paid the necessary fees to the Association in accordance with Rule 11.

“Affiliated Junior Bowler” means a junior member of an affiliated bowls club who is under the age of eighteen (18) years on the 1st of October and who pays such annual subscription of the club, and for whom the club has paid the necessary fees to the Association in accordance with rule 11. For competition purposes a junior shall be under the age of eighteen (18) years on the last scheduled day of the event.

“Provisional Club” means a club as defined in rule 11.2.

Special General Meeting” means a general meeting other than the annual general meeting as per rule 22.

5. OBJECTS & PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION – Change wording to

5.1 The Association is the body for the administration of bowls in the region of Northern Tasmania.

- (a) The Association recognises Bowls Tasmania as the governing body of bowls in the state of Tasmania and will adhere to the directions of Bowls Tasmania and Bowls Australia.

5.2 THE BASIC OBJECTS

The objects of the Association are to promote, manage, advance and control the game of bowls in the Northern Tasmanian region in the interests of the Association.

- (a) to promote, manage and administer events on behalf of Bowls Tasmania and Bowls Australia.

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(b) to consider and deal with any matter within its jurisdiction which may from time to time be submitted to the Association.

(c) to select and manage players, teams or sides who represent the Association in state, national and other representative matches or events

7. BY LAWS

Change index number to 8.

8. INTERPREATION

Change index number to 9

9. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

Change index number to 10

Change wording of heading to 10. Members

Delete 9.1 to 9.5 and change to –

10. MEMBERS

10.1 The Members of the Association shall be:

- (a) Clubs, which are registered with Bowls North
- (b) Provisional Clubs, which will be non-voting members
- (c) Persons who are registered by the Association as
 - i. Bowlers
 - ii Life Members – all of whom are voting members
 - iii Junior Bowlers

10.2 No Club or Provisional Club shall be admitted as a member of the Association if its constitution permits its members to share in the profits of that club

10.3 The Board may, at its discretion, permit any new category of membership on such terms and conditions as it sees fit.

10.4 The Board may, as its discretion, cancel any membership where a club has failed to pay any fees by it pursuant to these rules or the by-laws in respect of that membership in any financial year by the due date.

10. CLUB AFFILIATION WITH THE ASSOCIATION

Change index number to 11

Change heading to ELIGIBILITY FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Delete 10.1 to 10.2 and change to:

11.1 Any club is eligible to apply for membership of the Association

- (a) Each affiliated club shall have a copy of their latest constitution filed with Bowls North
 - (b) Any changes to the affiliated club's constitution shall be forwarded to Bowls North within six (6) months of any changes
 - (c) Shall consist of not less than sixteen (16) full members, whose annual subscription is not less than five (5) dollars per member
- 11.2
- (a) Any provisional club is eligible to apply for provisional membership of the Association where it undertakes to complete that acquisition of a suitable green
 - (b) If a provisional club does not acquire a suitable green within a year the Board may by resolution forthwith revoke the provisional membership of the club and no further application by it for membership shall be granted until the green has been acquired.
 - (c) When it acquires a suitable green, the provisional club may apply for membership as a club

- 11.3 A club desiring to renew its affiliation with the Association shall each year comply with the following requirements:
- (a) Register with the Association all members whom they consider will be competing in any Association pennant match or competition, or any event listed on the Associations calendar of events. All members shall be registered prior to competing in those events.
 - (b) Shall have its green approved by the board and make such green available for playing of any competition or game under the control of the Association

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Change index number to 12

Change wording to:

12. The Board may appoint any member to the position of Life Membership of the Association as per Bowls North Life Membership Policy criteria.

DISCIPLINE

Change index number to 13

Change heading to Power to reprimand, fine, suspend or expel members or clubs.

Delete 12.1 to 12.6 and change to:

- 13.1 Where the Association Secretary is in receipt of an allegation that an affiliated club, affiliated bowler, Member or official has allegedly:
- (a) breached, failed, refused or neglected to comply with a provision of this constitution, any policy or any resolution or determination of the Board or any duly authorised committee; or
 - (b) acted in a manner unbecoming of an affiliated club, affiliated bowler, member of official or prejudicial to the objects and interests of the Association, bowls or laws of the game; or
 - (c) brought the Association or bowls into disrepute. The Association Secretary with the direction of the Board is to forward the allegation to the appointed Judiciary Judiciary Chairperson and panel:
 - (d) The Judiciary Panel may commence or cause to be commenced disciplinary proceedings against an affiliated club, affiliated bowler, Member or official, will be subject to the jurisdiction, procedures, penalties, and appeal mechanisms of the Association set out in this constitution.
 - (e) The Judiciary panel may reprimand, suspend, expel, or except the resignation of a member from the association if, in the opinion of the judiciary, the member is guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of the Association.
- 13.2 The Judiciary Panel shall not make a resolution under rule 13.1 unless it has at first complied with rule 13.3 and 13.4
- 13.3 Where the Judiciary panel considers that there is prima facie evidence of conduct by a member of a type referred to in rule 13.1 (a), (b) or (c), the Association Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause a motion to be given to the member.
- (a) setting out substance of that evidence and breach constituted by it: and
 - (b) stating that the member may address the Board with reference to that conduct at a meeting: and
 - (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting being not earlier that two (2) days and not later than seven (7) days after the giving of the notice: and
 - (d) informing the member that the member may do either or both of the following:
 - i Attend and speak at the meeting
 - ii Submit to the Board at or prior to the date of that meeting written representation relating to the resolution.
- 13.4 At a meeting of the Board referred to in sub-rule 13.3 the Board shall;
- (a) Give the member an opportunity, if it is sought, to make oral representations: and
 - (b) take fairly into account in determining the action which it should take in relation to the conduct in question whatever representations the member in question has made to it



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- 13.5 Where the judiciary panel makes a resolution under 13.1, the Association Secretary shall, within seven (7) days thereof, by notice in writing, inform that Member of that resolution and the member's right to appeal under rule 14.
- 13.6 A resolution by the Judiciary panel under rule 13.1 does not take effect,
- (a) until the expiration of the period in which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution where the member does not exercise the right of appeal within that period or:
 - (b) where within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the Association confirms the resolution in accordance with sub-rule 14.5

13. RIGHT OF APPEAL OF DISCIPLINED MEMBER

Change index number to 14

FINANCE:

14. INCOME & PROPERTY OF ASSOCIATION

Change index number to 15

15. RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS

Change index number to 16

16. BANKING AND FINANCE

Change index number to 17.

Delete 16.1 to 16.7 and change to:

- 17.1 The Treasurer of the Association is to:
- (a) receive all money paid into the Association; and
 - (b) chair a finance committee established by the board and allocate monies as required.
- 17.2 The Board is to cause to be opened with any bank, building society or credit union the Board selects an accounts in the name of the association into which all money received is to be paid as soon as possible.
- 17.3 Cheques and electronic funds transfers are not to be drawn on the Associations account except for the payment of expenditure that has been authorised by the Board, with the exception of such amounts that are required for the day to day operation of the Association, which are to be ratified by the Board at the Board meeting immediately following such payments.
- 17.4 All cheques, electronic funds transfer, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed, drawn, endorsed or otherwise executed as the case may be, by any two (2) of the following: Treasurer, Association Secretary, and one (1) other member of the Board.
- 17.5 All signatories to negotiable instruments shall have police and credit checks in accordance with current business practice
- 17.6 The board shall authorise all expenditure, and direct the method of dealing with monies received for and on behalf of the Association.
- 17.7 The use of electronic funds transfer banking be approved for payment of transactions

17. AUDITOR AND AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Change index number to 18

18. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Change index number to 19



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19. FINANCIAL YEAR

Change index number to 20

20. GENERAL MEETINGS

Change index number to 21

21. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Change index number to 22

22. NOTICES OF GENERAL MEETINGS

Change index number to 24

23. BUSINESS AND QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Change index number to 24

24. PRESIDENT TO PRESIDE AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Change index number to 25

Change wording 24. – 24.2 - 24.3 Chairman to Chairperson

25. ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

Change index number to 26

Change wording Chairman to Chairperson

26. DETERMINATION OF QUESTIONS ARISING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Change index number to 27

27. VOTES

Change index number to 28

28. TAKING OF POLL

Change index number to 29

Change wording Chairman to Chairperson

29. WHEN POLL IS TAKEN

Change wording Chairman to Chairperson

ADMINISTRATION:

30. THE BOARD

Change index number to 31

31. COMPOSITION OF BOARD

Change number to 32



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Change wording of chairman to chairperson

Delete 32.7

32. ELECTION OF BOARD

Change index number to 33

Change 31.1 (b) to

(b) Shall be delivered to the Association Secretary at least fourteen days (14) before the date fixed for holding of the Annual General Meeting; and

33. VACATION OF OFFICE

Change index number to 34

Add –

(l) In the opinion of the Board and in accordance with constitution

i acted in a manner or prejudicial to the objects and interests of the Association; or

ii has brought the Association into disrepute

iii is removed by resolution

34. MEETINGS OF BOARD

Change index number to 35

35. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

Change index number to 36

36. SUB COMMITTEES

Change index number to 37

37. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Change index number to 38

38. APPOINTMENTS TO STATE BODIES

Change index number to 39

39. NOTICES

Change index number to 40

40. PATONS AND VICE-PATRON

Change index number to 41

BOWLS MANAGEMENT

42.1 ROLE OF MATCH COMMITTEE

Change index number to 43

42.2 (i) delete

42.3 – delete



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43. BOWLS DIRECTORS

Change index number to 44
Delete 43 – 43.1 - 43.2 – 43.3
Change to;

44. BOWLS DIRECTORS

There shall be two (2) Bowls Directors, a Male Bowls Director and a Female Bowls Director.

44.1 Election of Directors

- (a) The ballot for election of the Bowls Director shall be conducted by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting in such manner directed by the Board.
- (b) The Male Bowls Director and Female Bowls Director shall hold the position of Board Member.

44.2 The Board shall have the power to appoint a financial member of an affiliated club as a Bowls Director to fill a casual vacancy.

44. SELECTION COMMITTEES

Change index number to 45

44.1 (a) change to:

- (a) after each Annual General Meeting, the Board shall call for expressions of interest for the positions of Male Open and Senior, Female Open and Senior selectors.

44.2 add

- (c) Match Mangers are to be appointed by the selection committee.

44.3 - Delete

ADD:

46 BOARD APPOINTED POSITIONS

- 46.1 The Board shall call and receive applications (including experience) for the position of Statistician and at the first available opportunity appoint a member to this position to co-ordinate all teams entries, pennant results and player records.
- 46.2 The Board shall annually appoint one (1) Male and one (1) Female Junior Development Officer and BN Junior Selectors after the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

Under Section 16 of the Tasmanian Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013. Appointed personal must have current WWVP card.

- 46.3 The Board shall call and receive applications by expression of interests to form the Judiciary Panel, and shall, at the conclusion of the second (2nd) Board Meeting following the Annual General Meeting appoint three (3) Members to form the Judiciary Panel. To ensure independence, Board Members shall be excluded from holding a position on this panel.

45. FORUMS

Change index number to 47

Regards

Vicki Bassett

Secretary
On behalf of the Bowls North Board