



Dear clubs,

This is to notify all clubs and interested parties of a Special AGM to take place on March 17 at 6:30pm at the Bowls Wellington office. This will be followed by the scheduled Delegate's meeting.

In light of Bowls NZ's recent changes to Affiliation fees and Membership classification, and upon advice from our financial reviewer, Bowls Wellington is proposing the following motions.

### **Affiliation fee**

At the recent Bowls NZ AGM, they have changed their affiliation fee from an annual 'per member' model to a 'fixed fee' calculated on the number of Playing Members as at 31 December, 2018. This fee is not to increase or decrease regardless of increases or decreases in membership, except for the case of CPI or in 'exceptional circumstances'.

To continue to align with Bowls NZ, Bowls Wellington propose the following motions;

#### **Motion 1**

That rule 14.1 be deleted in its entirety and be replaced with the following rule 14.1.

##### **14.1 Affiliation fee**

(a) Each year, each club shall pay to Bowls Wellington an affiliation fee calculated on the number of playing members of that club as 31 December, 2018.

b) The affiliation fee for each club for each financial year shall be fixed and is calculated as follows;

the number of Playing Members of the club as at December 31, 2018 as reported to Bowls Wellington in the annual return.

Multiplied by

\$36.30 + GST per Playing Member and \$10.65 + GST per Student Member up to 25 years of age and in a full-time course of education.

c) the amount of the affiliation fee is fixed and will not be altered for any reason, including where the number of individual membership numbers at a club increase or decrease, except in circumstances described in Rule 14.1 (d).

d) The Affiliation Fee for each club may only be altered by the Board, with effect from the following Financial Year, in the following circumstances:



- i) payable by all clubs shall be increased by the same percentage as the CPI increase; or
- ii) where the Board deems, in its sole opinion, that a significant change in a club's operations justify a change in affiliation fee; or
- iii) where a club joins or merges with one or more other clubs. In such a case the affiliation fees of all merged clubs shall be totalled.
- iv) where a new club is formed, the Affiliation fee of the new club will be calculated on the number of playing Members as at 31 December of the first full financial year as reported to Bowls NZ and is to be paid retrospectively. A new club is one deemed to be a new entity in the sole opinion of the Board. A name change does not constitute a 'new club'.
- e) for purposes of Rule 14.1 (d)ii the definition of significant shall be by no more than 50% and shall consider movement in all club operations and membership.
- f) nothing in Rule 14 prevents or limits the centre of imposing additional fees or membership charges.

## **Motion 2**

That the following definition be added in Rule 2

"Affiliation fee" means a fee payable by each club the Bowls Wellington as specified in Rule 14.

## **Membership types/definition**

Bowls NZ have introduced a new membership type – 'Limited Playing Member'. This membership was deemed necessary as some members were not captured under current Non Playing or Casual Member definitions. Bowls Wellington propose the following motions to add 'Limited Playing Member' and to clarify 'Playing Member' definition.

## **Motion 3**

That the following change be made to the definition of 'Playing Member' in Rule 2 to read;

'Playing Member' means a person who wishes to enjoy the full playing and non-playing rights and privileges of being a club member, including playing life members, and students. Only playing members are entitled to play at other affiliated clubs and to enter Club Championships, Centre, Regional and/or National tournaments and events.

## **Motion 4**

That a new Member definition be included called 'Limited Playing Member' in Rule 2.



‘Limited Playing Member’ means a person who wishes to play bowls at their club only. The rights and privileges of membership as a Limited Playing Member shall be specified in the constitution, regulation and/or rules of the club, but cannot extend beyond specific club tournaments and events. A Limited playing member can only play in bowls events within the boundary of the physical club and may not participate in club championships, centre or national events, or at any events at another bowling club.

#### **Motion 5**

That the following change be made to ‘Individual Member’ in Rule 2:

Individual member - the words ‘Limited Playing Member’ be added so that clause reads;

‘Individual Member’ means a person who is a member of Bowls NZ and/or a centre and/or a club pursuant to Rule 9 of this constitution and includes Playing Members, Limited Playing Members, Non Playing Members and Casual Members.

#### **Motion 6**

‘Limited Playing Members’ is added to Rule 8 and 9 when reference to different types of membership is identified.

### **Change of AGM Date**

After the 2018-2019 Bowls Wellington Financial accounts review undertaken by Ken Brown, the recommendation is that the date of the AGM be changed from July until August. This will provide a more suitable time frame for which the financial accounts can be reviewed for presentation at the AGM.

#### **Motion 7**

That the date of the AGM is changed in Rule 23.1 to read:

‘An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Bowls Wellington shall be held no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August each year.’