

# CIRCULAR

**No:** 23/2021  
**Date:** 14 October 2021  
**To:** All Clubs  
**Re:** Officials Reaccreditation & Coaching Courses Update



Bowls Australia has advised that a period of grace has been permitted for those officials who have been unable to undertake their reaccreditation assessment in 2021 due to the Public Health Orders (Stay at Home/Lockdown orders).

This action intends to reduce any concerns with the compliance of Public Health Orders and minimise any issues with participants and their vaccination status. The Memo from Bowls Australia on the Reaccreditation Grace Period is attached to the end of this Circular.

Based on this information, Bowls NSW Ltd advises that accreditation courses or reaccreditation assessments should not be undertaken for the remainder of 2021.

The accreditation of officials (National Umpires, Measurers and Markers) who have expiration dates during 2021 and the early part of 2022 will be regarded as current until an assessment can be conducted in the early stages of 2022.

Further, Bowls NSW Ltd advises that all coaching courses should not be run for the remainder of 2021. Any coaching courses set for 2021 should be rescheduled to commence from 2022.

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# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** STA CEOs, State Umpire Chairs

**CC:** NOAG Members, Chris Wallace

**FROM:** Neil Dalrymple, Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:** 5 October 2021

**RE:** **Reaccreditation Grace Period – COVID Restrictions**

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Bowls Australia (BA) is aware that the Public Health Orders issued in response to COVID-19 outbreaks in 2021 have affected the opportunities for Officials to conduct their reaccreditation assessments.

On the recommendation of the National Officiating Advisory Group (NOAG), BA has resolved to allow a period of grace.

Where an official has been unable to undertake their reaccreditation assessment due to Public Health Orders (e.g. 'Stay at Home' orders), a reasonable grace period following their expiration date will be extended to complete the requirements.

Any outstanding reaccreditation assessments should be undertaken as soon as practical once permitted under any applicable Public Health Orders.

Each STA is requested to administer this grace period taking into account any applicable Public Health Orders.

BA values the contribution of all Officials to our sport and the health and safety of all involved is of paramount importance.

For any queries regarding this matter, please contact NOAG Chair, John Roberts by email: [jmr333@netspace.net.au](mailto:jmr333@netspace.net.au).