

CIRCULAR

No: C6/2023
Date: 20 April 2023
To: All Clubs
Re: 2023-24 Membership Affiliation Fees



Bowls NSW Membership Affiliation Fees for the 2023-24 Financial Year will increase by 4%. This equates to an average increase of 5¢ per individual bowling member, per week. Bowls NSW will issue Bowling Clubs a single invoice from 1st July 2023 which must be paid by 31st July 2023.

This is the first membership affiliation fee increase under the current Bowls NSW Ltd entity. Upon unification, Bowls NSW Ltd discounted affiliation fees by 6% and did not increase fees for the following two years (FY2021-22 and FY2022-23). Putting this into context, upon the commencement of the 2023-24 Financial Year, affiliation fees will remain less than they were in 2019.

Next Steps for Clubs

Invoices will be issued to clubs from 1st July 2023 via email and physical post. Clubs are required to pay their affiliation fees to Bowls NSW by 31st July 2023. Failing to do so will make a club unfinancial, meaning they are unable to participate in any Bowls NSW State events.

Clubs are required to update their annual club information through our online [Annual Club Update Form](#). Filling out this form will take roughly 5 minutes to complete. We also kindly ask clubs to fill out our online [Club Contact Update Form](#) which is critical for our ability to communicate effectively with Club administrators.

We often receive questions when issuing fees each year, which is why we have prepared a Q&A document on the following page to assist with some of the immediate queries or concerns you may have.

If you require further assistance, please contact our Head Office on 1800 WE BOWL (1800 93 2695).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Rowe".

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Q&A – Bowls NSW Membership Affiliation Fees

Question: *We only received one invoice, but we have separate Men's and Women's bowls clubs within our club. What is the best way to allocate this internally?*

Answer: It is correct that you should have only received one invoice. Bowls NSW only sends one invoice to the Club Limited. Meaning, if you have a separate men's and women's bowls club, you will have received a combined invoice for both clubs. It is up to the club administration as to how to proceed from here however, best practice suggests taking the total amount invoiced and dividing it by the total number of bowling members to determine the appropriate allocations.

Question: *What do we get for our membership?*

Answer: Your membership provides opportunities to participate in State events, access to pathways to National and International events; insurances under Zone & District administered State Events; access to Regional Bowls Managers; administrative, marketing and Governance support from Bowls NSW HQ; exciting opportunities to represent your Clubs, Zones and State and the passion and tribalism that comes with this; the provision of live streaming content of many NSW State events; access to member discounts and benefits through Bowls NSW Partners such as P&O Cruises (with more to come into 2023-24) just to name a few.

Question: *We have experienced some significant challenges as a Club and are not confident that we will be able to pay our fees.*

Answer: If your club has endured significant hardship, we encourage you to read through Section 4.2 of our Regulations and contact our office if you satisfy the criteria. Applications must be considered exclusively by Bowls New South Wales, it is not guaranteed that applications will be approved, and outcomes will be determined by the Board of Bowls New South Wales.

Question: *I can't access the Annual Club Update Form, what should I do?*

Answer: Contact the Bowls NSW Head Office on 1800 WE BOWL (1800 93 2695).

Question: *How are fees determined?*

Answer: The current fees charged to clubs are fixed fees. Bowls NSW has calculated current fees based on the following information:

- The FY2019-20 fee charged to clubs.
- Discounting that amount by 6% (applied after State unification)
- Increasing that amount by 4% (applied for FY2023-24)

Using this calculation, clubs will be paying less than what they were prior to the 2019-20 season.



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