CIRCULAR

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Date: 31 March 2025

To: All Clubs and Regions

Re: 2025-26 Membership Affiliation Fees



Dear All,

Bowls NSW Membership Affiliation Fees for the 2025-26 Financial Year will increase by 2%. This fee increase is based off expected Bowls NSW expenditure for the 2025-26 financial year.

Next Steps for Clubs

Invoices will be issued to all clubs from 1st July 2025 via email. Clubs are required to pay their affiliation fees to Bowls NSW by 31st July 2025. Failing to do so will make a club unfinancial, meaning they are unable to participate in any Bowls NSW State events from 1 August onward.

A copy of this circular will be also be sent to club finance contacts.

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 02 9283 4555.

Kind regards,

Tim Rowe

Bowls New South Wales Ltd



Q&A – Bowls NSW Membership Affiliation Fees

Question 1: What Does Your Annual Fee Provide?

Answer 1: Your membership delivers significant value, ensuring your club and its members benefit from a wide range of services and opportunities, including:

- Access to Competitions & Pathways Participate in State events and unlock pathways to National and International competitions.
- Club Support & Resources Gain access to expert Club Support Managers and dedicated online club support tools through Bowls Australia.
- Administrative, Marketing & Governance Support Receive direct assistance from Bowls NSW to help your club thrive.
- Exclusive Promotions & Discounts Take advantage of exciting offers and benefits from Bowls NSW sponsors.
- Live Streaming Coverage Enjoy free, high-quality live streaming of major bowls events across the State year-round.
- Representative Opportunities Compete for your club, region, or even your State, embracing the passion and pride that comes with it.
- Sport Growth & Promotion Benefit from dedicated marketing campaigns designed to attract new players and grow participation in the sport.
- Insurance Coverage Enjoy coverage under State/Region-administered events.

These are just a few of the many benefits your club receives in return for its annual fee. Your membership ensures the continued success of our sport across NSW.

Question 2: Our Club has experienced some significant challenges and are not confident that we will be able to pay our fees for the 2025-26 year. What are our options?

Answer 2: 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. Options available include the possibility of implementing a payment plan to remain financial or requesting direct fee relief. Applications for fee relief must be made from 1 July each year after fees have been issued and will be considered exclusively by Bowls New South Wales. It is not guaranteed that applications for fee relief will be approved.



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Question 3: Bowls NSW charges our Club a fixed fee for membership. What does this mean?

Answer 3: This fee can be compared to any other fixed cost for your Club. The fee is not based off a 'per head' or 'capitation' figure but a fee that remains the same regardless of increases or decreases in membership numbers.

