



SUNSHINE COAST DISTRICT BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC. BY-LAWS

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BY-LAWS OF THE SUNSHINE COAST DISTRICT BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC.

SECTION A

Management Committee Members - Positions, Duties, Composition

Position Descriptions

Persons who hold any position in the SCDBA organisational structure must hold a current Queensland Government blue card. – As detailed in the Bowls Queensland Blue Card Policy.

A.1.(a) President:

Abide by the District Constitution and By Laws.

At all times promote the image of the District and the Game of Bowls and goodwill throughout the district. Attend and contribute to all Management Committee and other meetings as a member of the Management Committee.

Act as Chairperson at all meetings of the Association.

Act in close relationship with the District Secretary and relevant Committee members to ensure the smooth running of the district affairs.

When necessary, make decisions on behalf of the Management Committee for urgent matters.

Attend all Club and District President's days, Inter District competitions, District competitions and other functions when invited.

Attend sub-committee meetings and other duties required by the Management Committee.

Submit to the Secretary, a Presidents Report for the monthly Management Committee meeting, at least 48 hours before each monthly meeting.

A.1.(b) Vice Presidents (1 Female and 1 Male):

Abide by the District Constitution and By Laws.

At all times promote the image of the District and the Game of Bowls and goodwill throughout the district. Attend and contribute to all Management Committee and other meetings as a member of the Management Committee.

When requested accompany the District President on visitations, President's Days, Inter District competitions and District Championships.

Carry out duties as requested by the President and any other duties required by the Management Committee.

Deputise for the President in his/her absence.

A.1.(c) Secretary:

Abide by the District Constitution and By Laws.

At all times promote the image of the District and the Game of Bowls and goodwill throughout the district.

Attend and contribute to all Management Committee and other meetings of District as required.

Attend to all requirements of the Dept. Of Fair-Trading Qld. including the Annual Return.

In conjunction with the Executive, have the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property, and funds of the Association.

Ensure all meetings are conducted according to the Constitution and By-laws.

Arrange meetings as required and compile an agenda for distribution to the members of the Management Committee, Committee Chairperson, and the Club Delegates as appropriate.

Compile full and accurate minutes of all proceedings at every meeting. The accuracy of the minutes of every meeting shall be approved by the President, or Vice President in the Presidents absence.

A record of all minutes and correspondence to be stored digitally and distributed to all relevant recipients.

Answer all correspondence without undue delay after discussion with the relative Committee.

Compile the Annual General Report booklet with support from the I.T. Chairperson.

With support of the I.T. Chairperson, control of the letting/rent and maintenance of the district rooms by all Committees, other bowls organizations, and the public.

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A.1.(d) Treasurer:

Abide by the District Constitution and By Laws.

At all times promote the image of the District and the Game of Bowls and goodwill throughout the district. Attend and contribute to all Management Committee and other meetings as a member of the Management Committee.

When requested accompany the District President on visitations, President's Days, Inter District competitions, all District competitions etc.

Compile an annual budget for the Association and report against that budget at each meeting of the Management Committee or as otherwise directed.

Ensure that the funds of the Association are banked in the name of the Association.

Maintain accurate records of accounts in printed form showing the financial affairs of the Association.

Deposit all moneys as soon as practicable after receipt thereof.

Ensure that any negotiable instrument issued by the Association is signed by at least two of the association executive members approved by the Association's Management Committee registered with the financial institution where the account is held.

Provide audited annual reports to the Association as required by the Constitution.

Submit a Treasurer's Report and "Out of Pocket" claims, to the Secretary, for the monthly Management Committee meeting, at least 48 hours before each monthly meeting.

A.1.(e) Assistant Secretary:

Abide by the District Constitution and By Laws.

At all times promote the image of the District and the Game of Bowls and goodwill throughout the district. Attend and contribute to all Management Committee and Council meetings as a member of the Management Committee.

Oversee the maintenance of the district website and the district calendar of events and provide advice to the management committee on the use of social media.

Monitor Facebook and other digital media sites and report to the management committee cases of positive or negative publicity.

Deputise for the Secretary and/or Treasurer when they are unavailable.

A.1.(e) Chairperson, District Match Committee:

Abide by the District Constitution and By Laws.

At all times promote the image of the District and the Game of Bowls and goodwill throughout the district. Attend and contribute to all Management Committee and other meetings as a member of the Management Committee.

Develop and control the Association's match/game program and establish and publish an annual calendar of events.

Oversee the conduct of all District competitions including calling for nominations and completing the draw on closure of nominations.

Maintain a current record of all District competitions in conjunction with the District Secretary.

Manage the annual pennant competition and compile and publish the results of weekly events.

Advise clubs of all the necessary details to ensure smooth running of District events.

Act in accordance with the conditions of play and the laws of the Game.

Recruit qualified members to be appointed to the Match Committee.

Attend to all matters pertaining to Match and submit a written monthly report, to the Secretary for the Management Committee meeting, at least 48 hours before each monthly meeting.

A.1.(f) Chairperson, District Selection Committee:

Abide by the District Constitution and By Laws.

At all times promote the image of the District and the Game of Bowls and goodwill throughout the district. Attend and contribute to all Management Committee and Council meetings as a member of the Management Committee. Oversee the selection of players/teams to represent the district.

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Recruit suitably qualified people to act as selectors for both male and female teams and to have such persons approved by the Management Committee.

All selectors shall complete the BQ Selectors training module or be trained accordingly to act with fairness and respect in the selection of players.

Seek expressions of interest from clubs and individuals for suitably qualified bowlers to be considered for district selection.

Attend all events where district players are participating and arrange accommodation and transport.

Attend to all matters pertaining to Selection and submit a written monthly report, to the Secretary for the Management Committee meeting, at least 48 hours before each monthly meeting.

Adopt an appeal and selection policy as approved by the Management Committee.

Be responsible to ensure that all matters contained in the Selection Policy 04/23 at Section G of the Association By-Laws are adhered to.

A.1.(g) Chairperson, Junior Development Committee:

Abide by the District Constitution and By Laws.

At all times promote the image of the District and the Game of Bowls and goodwill throughout the district.

Attend and contribute to all Management Committee and Council meetings.

Recruit qualified members to be appointed to the district junior development panel.

Oversee the training and development of all junior players within the district.

Engage with specialist skills coaches to conduct regular development workshops to improve the skills of junior players within the district.

Liaise with the district selectors to nominate appropriately skilled junior players to play in district events.

Engage with the parents and guardians of junior players to ensure that they are protected and supported at all events in which they play.

Attend to all matters pertaining to the junior player development and submit a written monthly report, to the Secretary for the Management Committee meeting, at least 48 hours before each monthly meeting.

A.1.(h) Chairperson, District Coaching Committee:

Abide by the District Constitution and By Laws.

At all times promote the image of the District and the Game of Bowls and goodwill throughout the district.

Attend and contribute to all Management Committee and Council meetings.

Recruit qualified members to be appointed to the district coaching panel.

Oversee the training and development of all district coaches.

Conduct regular development workshops to attain and maintain a professional standard of coaching within the district.

Maintain records to ensure that all coaches are advised when they are due to have their blue cards or qualifications renewed.

Attend to all matters pertaining to Coaches and submit a written monthly report, to the Secretary for the Management Committee meeting, at least 48 hours before each monthly meeting.

A.1.(i) Chairperson, District Umpires Committee:

Abide by the District Constitution and By Laws.

At all times promote the image of the District and the Game of Bowls and goodwill throughout the district.

Attend and contribute to all Management Committee and Council meetings.

Recruit qualified members to be appointed to the district umpire's panel.

Oversee the training and development of all district umpires.

Conduct regular development workshops to attain and maintain a professional standard of umpiring at district events.

Appoint umpires to officiate at events within the district as requested by the clubs.

Attend to all matters pertaining to Umpires and submit a written monthly report, to the Secretary for the Management Committee meeting, at least 48 hours before each monthly meeting.

A.1.(j) Chairperson, Winter Carnival Committee:

Abide by the District Constitution and By Laws.

At all times promote the image of the District and the Game of Bowls and goodwill throughout the district. Attend and contribute to all Management Committee and Council meetings.

The Winter Carnival Committee shall have the responsibility of arranging the financing, the distribution of nomination forms, publicising the Carnival, to receive nominations, arrange the draw and select the Greens for the conduct of the Carnival.

Engage and manage oversee an Event Manager to carry out the specified duties as defined in the role description for that position.

Recruit qualified members to form the Committee each year.

Liaise with the seconded members of the committee on a regular basis.

Attend to all matters pertaining to the Carnival and submit a written monthly report, to the Secretary for the Management Committee meeting, at least 48 hours before each monthly meeting.

A.1.(k) Bowls Queensland Delegates - (1 Female and 1 Male)

Abide by the District Constitution and By Laws.

At all times promote the image of the District and the Game of Bowls and goodwill throughout the district. Attend and contribute to all Management Committee and Council meetings.

Represent the district and provide input to matters under consideration.

Advocate on behalf of the district and for the benefit of the district.

Receive reports and correspondence from Bowls Queensland and provide advice to the district secretary for distribution to clubs and bowling members as necessary.

Attend all Bowls Queensland delegates meetings and submit written reports to the next Management Committee meeting.

A.2 Sub-committee composition:

- District Selection Committee - Chairperson (EG) plus 2 Female and 2 Males
- District Match Committee - Chairperson (EG) number variable
- District Coaching Committee - Chairperson (EG) - number variable.
- District Umpires Committee - Chairperson (EG) - number variable.
- Junior Development Committee - Chairperson (EG) - number variable.
- Winter Carnival Committee - Chairperson (EG) - number variable.
- Any other sub-committee as the Management Committee may appoint.

(a) The Chairperson of any sub-committee shall keep the Management Committee of the Association informed of all decisions and other business of the sub-committee.

(b) The Chairperson of any sub-committee and any delegate to Bowls Queensland may also be members of the Management Committee

SECTION B

Miscellaneous Rules

B.3 ASSOCIATION BADGES.

Association name-badges will be provided to Management Committee members, appointed Sub-Committee members, Life Members and Patron of SCDBA.

B.4 ASSOCIATION HAT BANDS

Association Hat Badges may be provided to Management Committee members, appointed Sub-Committee members and Life Members of SCDBA.

B.5 ATTIRE.

SCDBA will be responsible for ensuring that all players, markers, and umpires participating in games on greens of an affiliated Club shall wear the correct attire as determined by SCDBA Policy 07/23

B.6 EXPENSES OF DISTRICT TEAMS

The selection Committee will submit recommendations to the Management Committee, in a timely manner, for approval or otherwise of all travel, accommodation, meals and other expenses that are expected to be incurred

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for any upcoming competition in which members of the District Teams are competing.

B.7 PATRON.

A Patron may be appointed at a General Meeting on the recommendation of the Management Committee. A Patron shall not be a member of the management committee.

B.8 REPRESENTATION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

All requests by Clubs for official SCDBA Management Committee representation or attendance at any meeting, competition or event must be made in writing to the Secretary of SCDBA.

B.9 RESIGNATIONS OF APPOINTEES.

A person appointed to any position, including those on Match or Selection Sub-Committees, may resign their position at any time by giving notice in writing to the District Secretary and such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the Secretary, unless a later date is specified in the notice, when it shall take effect on that later date.

SECTION C

Management of District Competitions

C.10 PLAYER COMMITMENTS.

1. When a member of a Club has been called to fulfill a Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland, District Bowls Association or Club commitment in a match or on official business, on any day on which they are drawn to play in a Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland, SCDBA or Club commitment, the onus shall be on the player to notify the Bowls Queensland, SCDBA or Club, as the case may be.
2. The Association Match Committee will develop the Conditions of Play for all District competitions provided such conditions do not conflict with the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls (including the Domestic regulations for Australia), Bowls Queensland Conditions of Play and Bowls Australia Policies. Conditions of play set down by the Match Committee for all District events will not be overturned by the Management Committee or Clubs.
3. The Association is empowered to impose and collect penalties in respect to any breaches of any Conditions of Play for any competitions conducted by the Association, provided that such penalty does not conflict with any penalty provided by the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls (including the Domestic regulations for Australia) and Bowls Australia Policies.

C.11 MEMBER OF 2 OR MORE CLUBS OR DISTRICTS.

1. The matter of Club membership is the responsibility of the Club.
2. In accordance with Bowls Australia policy "Affiliation, Eligibility to Play and Player Clearance Policy", (Registration of Players and Dual Registrations), a member of an affiliated club shall no longer be required to lodge a declaration declaring his/her intention for which club the player wishes to represent. Any player having played in a Champion of Club Championship event cannot play in any Champion of Club Championship event in any other Club as per Bowls Queensland By-Law 8. All other Championship events are the responsibility of the club and their by-laws and conditions of play.
3. No member of an affiliated club shall play for more than one club in any pennant championship competition conducted by SCDBA in any calendar year Any player wishing to play Pennant at any other club other than their Primary club must be a Secondary member of that Club and lodge with the District Secretary, District Match Chairperson and both clubs a Intra Club Pennant Permit. This form must be lodged before the commencement of the Pennant season. The Secondary Club Administrator

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Management of District Competitions (contd.)

4. will ensure that the permit is registered against that member's name in "Certifications" in BowlsLink. Any request after the commencement of the Pennant season shall only be approved by the District
5. Executive and will need to be of a substantial nature. A player may play in any Club Championship event in any club that he may be a member of, (subject to that's Clubs Constitution and By-laws), however he/she may only represent the club that he/she has declared for as per the preceding paragraph. In the event of any member of an affiliated club so doing he/she will be disqualified and the club for which he/she is not qualified may also be disqualified from such competitions or championships.
6. No member of an affiliated club who has played in any State or District Association match or competition (excluding Carnivals) arranged by a State or District Association outside of this State or District Association shall in the same calendar year play in any match or competition (excluding Carnivals) arranged by SCDBA unless he/she has obtained written permission from the District Management Committee. If permission has not been granted, he/she shall be disqualified from such match or competition arranged by SCDBA.
7. No member, who has played in any other State or District Representative team in that same calendar year, shall be eligible for selection of SCDBA representative teams without first obtaining the written permission from the District Management Committee.

C.12 COMPETITIONS AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY.

1. All competitions and other matches played or held under the patronage and auspices of SCDBA shall be played in accordance with the current Laws of the Game and Bowls Queensland Conditions of Play where applicable.
2. SCDBA shall set the conditions of play for competitions provided such conditions shall not conflict with these By-laws or the Laws of the Game. The SCDBA is empowered to impose and collect penalties in respect of any breach of any conditions of play pertaining to competitions conducted by SCDBA provided that such penalty is not in conflict with any Laws of the Game.
3. Whilst SCDBA is conducting a Carnival, Inter District competition or District competition, no club or any other organization, clubs, companies etc. shall conduct any carnival, or any other competition during the same period without prior approval in writing from SCDBA.
4. Where a player has nominated in 2 competitions controlled by different controlling bodies and the matches are called for the same time the player must elect in which event, he/she wishes to participate. No substitute will be allowed for him/her in the other event.

C.13 CONTROLLING BODY.

The controlling Body for all matches will be the SCDBA Match Committee, or such person (s) as appointed by the Match Committee.

SECTION D

D.14 CLUB RESPONSIBILITY - AFFILIATION WITH BOWLS AUTHORITIES.

1. Clubs will affiliate with Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland and accept and abide by the Rules and By-Laws of each entity.
2. Clubs will become a member of SCDBA and will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the SCDBA.
3. Clubs will renew their affiliation with Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland each year and forward the annual affiliation fees to Bowls Queensland by the due date of payment.
4. Clubs will renew membership with the Association each year according to the Association Constitution and pay annual membership to the Association by the due date of payment.

5. Clubs will maintain accurate and up-to-date details of their members through the BowlsLink System and make such membership information available to Administrators at District, State and National levels.
6. Clubs will ensure that Membership Types, Participation Types, Primary Club, and/or Secondary Club are correctly recorded in BowlsLink.
7. A player wishing to play in SCDBA Pennants for a Secondary Club rather than their Primary Club – as recorded in the BowlsLink membership Register at the time of the submission, is required to complete and submit a Intra Club Pennant Permit to the SCDBA Match Chair and SCDBA Secretary prior to the commencement of the Pennant season in which they wish to play.
8. Clubs will not make, amend, or repeal any Conditions of Play or Rules in relation to the playing of the game of bowls that conflict with the Conditions of Play or Rules of Bowls Queensland and the SCDBA and Bowls Australia Policies.
9. It is a Bowls Queensland Policy that no one shall hold a position in the Bowls Queensland organisational structure, including District and Clubs, unless they hold a current “Working with Children Check (Qld.) – Blue Card.
10. Should a Club be unable to meet the requirements of sub-clause D.14.4, they must notify the District Secretary in writing prior to the due date, setting out the reasons and offering solutions for the Management Committee to consider.

SECTION E

E.15 PRIVACY OF INFORMATION.

1. All information received is for the exclusive use of the SCDBA Management Committee and any appointed sub-committees. This information is to be used only if a player is taking part in, or is selected for, any SCDBA event or competition.
2. This information shall be treated as strictly confidential by the SCDBA and will not be sold or given to any other person or business.
3. The SCDBA will take no responsibility for the security of information conveyed to the Association by players using social media.

SECTION F

F.16 POLICY DOCUMENTS

- The following Policy Documents took effect on 16 April 2023, endorsed by the Management Committee. Copies are available from the Secretary or download from SCDBA website at “About Us”
 - a) Policy Number 01/23 Code of Conduct Policy. (as amended)
 - b) Policy Number 02/23 Discipline Policy. (as amended)
 - c) Policy Number 03/23 Grievance Policy. (as amended)
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