

The following are Notices of Motion to be considered at the forthcoming Bowls SA Annual General Meeting. The Port Natal Bowls Executive Committee invites comments from interested parties.

7.1 By Bowls SA Executive

To increase affiliation fees due to Bowls SA for each member from 1 January 2018 to R215 p.a. VAT inclusive. This represents a 7.5% increase.

MOTIVATION

Included in this increase is a proposed increase in the contribution to the International fund from R40 to R45. This increase has become necessary due to the depreciation of the Rand against international currencies.

ADOPTED

7.2 By Bowls SA Executive

That Zone meetings with representatives from District Executives be arranged for six months after the Bowls SA AGM. These meeting to take the form of a workshop and are conducted at a time and at venues suitable to all parties.

MOTIVATION

It was agreed at the 2016 workshop that the Executive of Bowls SA would meet with District Executives at least three times a year. These meetings are meant to improve communications. Bowls SA has experienced difficulties with arranging suitable times and venues and the purpose of this motion is to formalize the process and to manage the cost in an economical manner.

ADOPTED

7.3 By Bowls SA Executive

To introduce an entry fee of R25 for both Open and Senior Singles at the National Championships.

MOTIVATION

- To contribute towards the costs of the National Champions attending the World Champion of Champions
- To cover administration costs for withdrawals subsequent to the draw being published.

ADOPTED

7.4 By Eastern Province Bowls

To move the U30 Inter-Districts Championship out of the annual Youth Bowls (U15 & U20) event in Bloemfontein

- 1 To later in the year but no later than the last week in September,
- 2 Start on a Monday, and
- 3 Moved around the country as per the other national tournaments.

MOTIVATION

The main motivation for the above is to promote maximum accessibility and participation in the U30 Championships.

- i) Many U30 players around the country are already playing in the Open A or B Inter-District Championships. The close proximity of the 2 forces many players to choose to play in one or the other and the U30 Championship suffers as a result. Young people at the start of their careers cannot take 2 weeks leave so close together and/or afford to participate in both. This inhibits participation.
This tournament should be held no later than the end of September as the age-group includes players pursuing a tertiary education – these players would be heavily involved in writing tests and handing in projects in October and writing exams in November. While this falls into the period of green-renovation for many districts, not all districts renovate at the same time and the tournament may be able to alternate between late September and late November / early December, depending on where it will be held.
In addition, with the expansion of the U15 & U20 Championships, it is unlikely that Bloemfontein will have space for the U30 tournament at the same time.
- ii) Having the week-end before the tournament available for travel and acclimatise is more beneficial to the players than the week-end at the end of the tournament. Starting on the Monday could also, depending on the number of entries, limit the number of days leave the players and managers would need to take from work.
- iii) As the U30 group provides the future of top-level players for the country, the more top-level competitions they play on various surfaces in a variety of conditions will enrich their development to reach their potential.
In addition, if this tournament is moved around the country, districts who could not afford to send multiple teams away and who host the tournament could provide the opportunity to more of their U30 players, thus increasing accessibility.

ADOPTED

7.5 By Johannesburg Bowls Assoc

ANNUAL JUNIOR INTER DISTRICT

JBA propose that the current Under 20 age group for the annual Junior Inter District held in Bloemfontein be changed to Under 18. There could be three sections in this age group – Boys, Girls and Mixed, should entries deem this necessary, or the current Mixed format could be retained.

MOTIVATION

In support of the above it is felt that the old Under 19 and current Under 20 facilitates access to alcohol with little or no control according to age. This puts clubs at risk in that should they be caught serving alcohol to under age individuals, their licence could be taken away. By making the age group Under 18, no players will be allowed to purchase alcohol.

DEFEATED

7.6 By Ekurhuleni Bowls

That the Annual Inter Districts be reduced to games of 15 ends with 3 sets of 5 ends.

MOTIVATION

With the increasing costs of Travel & Accommodation and the need for younger Bowlers to take time off from their Work Place if the Games are reduced to 15 ends with 3 games per day, the 9 sectional games would be accommodated over 3 Days, Thursday - Saturday, with the Final played over 21 ends on the Sunday Morning, With Travelling on a Wednesday, instead of previous Saturday or Sunday would save districts at least 3 days in accommodation and any daily subsistence allowances.

DEFEATED

7.7 By Johannesburg Bowls Assoc

ANNUAL INTER DISTRICT

JBA propose that the current format of the Open, 'B', and Senior Inter District be changed from games of 21 ends to games of 15 ends. This would bring the format in line with that used at World Bowls. Scoring of three sets per game could be retained.

MOTIVATION

In support of the above a format of 15 ends per game would enable 3 games to be held per day, reducing the duration of the tournament. Currently the tournaments take 5 days – Mondays to Fridays. The new format could start on a Thursday and end on a Sunday. Benefits would include:

- Reduced costs,
- Leave taken by players.

WITHDRAWN

7.8 By Limpopo Bowls

Format of Inter Districts Tournament

It is proposed that the league basis format of the Inter Districts tournament be changed to a normal competition format, whereby each district is required to enter two sides of fours, but each side of fours shall compete in its own right.

MOTIVATION

In his message at the 2017 Inter-Districts, the President of Bowls South Africa, Kallie Haupt stated that “the most important purpose...is to play championship bowls to determine the top...Inter District side.”

Due to the league format of the tournament, the stated purpose of the President was not achieved. The top side was not identified, but rather the top league combination of sides.

In addition to not achieving the ultimate goal, this format discriminates against smaller districts. It also creates anomalies that could be eliminated. By doing so, more benefits will be achieved.

1. Discrimination

Whilst a normal bowls side consists of four, three or two players depending on the required format for a specific competition, the league format of this tournament requires that each District must enter two sides of fours. This creates a discriminatory situation because smaller districts often find it difficult to identify sufficient competitive players to fill one side of fours in each category of the Inter-districts tournament.

The current format, however, requires that they must enter **two** sides of four, i.e. eight players per category.

The historic reason why an Inter Districts “side” should consist of two sides of fours is unknown. Such a dispensation could be implemented successfully in a situation where all competing districts are similar in terms of numbers and geographic distribution.

The South African bowls scenario is, however, a far cry from equal in these two respects, as illustrated by the following statistics:

District	Number of clubs	Affiliated members	Average members per club
JBA	41	2 337	57
Port Natal	35	2 325	66
WP	37	2 929	79

Sedibeng	7	287	41
Limpopo	14	422	30
Mpumalanga	19	465	24

The smaller districts are generally spread over vast areas, for example Limpopo where many of the 14 clubs are well in excess of 200 kms apart whilst in Gauteng, where five districts consisting of 111 clubs are situated, no clubs in any district can be more than about 50 kms apart.

2. Anomalies

The current tournament format could lead to the anomaly where a side of four players that **wins most or even all of its matches** only qualifies for **silver** whilst **a side of four that loses most or even all of its matches** could qualify for **gold**. This anomaly clearly illustrates why the President's stated purpose is not achieved.

The anomaly also adds to the discriminatory effect on smaller districts that are able to enter only one side of four competitive players. This side of four players is hindered in its efforts to compete for gold by being held back by their district's second side. These second sides have to compete against much stronger second sides from huge districts that are able to easily enter two, three or even more sides with the ability to compete at the highest level.

3. Additional benefits

When a side of four is on their own, they will be more motivated to play at their very best level: there is no "backup" from a "senior side."

There will also be more healthy competition to reach the top side of four than when you can almost "walk into" a team of eight in the smaller districts.

WITHDRAWN

7.9 By Kingfisher

The Inter District B Sides be reduced from eight in the side to a team of four players with the option of entering two teams to accommodate the larger districts.

MOTIVATION

Whilst we feel there is a place for the B Sides to give experience to the newer bowlers at this level, many of the smaller districts find it difficult to field three sides of eight. They do not have the resources of players without reducing the strength of the Open and Senior Sides. Therefore, the smaller districts will be more competitive if the tournament is played with teams of four and not sides of eight.

The financial burden on the Districts would be greatly reduced by less accommodation and transportation costs.

WITHDRAWN

7.10 By Sables Bowling Assoc

With the intention of ensuring that our Officials have the opportunity to qualify at the highest level and creating common International standards of umpiring at all levels, it is proposed that:

- 1) Under the control and guidance of the existing Bowls South Africa Technical Officials Standing Committee, Bowls South Africa adopts the International standard and examinations for umpires as set out in the document dated March 2016 by World Bowls.

That there will be Two levels of Umpire:

- a) Club/ District/National: utilising the examination laid down by World Bowls and selection/measurement of skills by the DSTOC.
 - b) International: based on the criteria and Examination set by World Bowls
- 2) That Under the control and guidance of the existing Bowls South Africa Technical Officials Standing Committee, Bowls South Africa a separate training course(s) be established for Train the Trainer and Tournament Officials with an appropriate qualification and badge, to be run at District level.

MOTIVATION:

The reasoning is simply that we need more umpires at all levels and it is illogical that we expect “umpires” to obtain skills that do not relate to the job that is required of them as umpires.

It is incomprehensible that we require more hours (and additional non umpiring skills) to be a “District Umpire” than is required by World Bowls to be an International Umpire (Technical Official).

If World Bowls is satisfied that an umpire with three years’ experience and 90 hours should be capable of passing the International exam surely we can achieve the same standard in South Africa.

DEFEATED

7.11 By Bowls Gauteng North

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA EXECUTIVE

Gauteng Bowls propose that clause 5.2.1 be changed as follows:

5.2.1 Each year (~~the Executive and~~) every District shall have the opportunity of nominating one person to each of the following positions, with no more than two (2) persons from one District serving on the Bowls South Africa Executive:

5.2.1.1 President

5.2.1.2 Vice-President

5.2.1.3 Four members of the Executive

MOTIVATION

The current clause allows the Executive to nominate a member to become the next Vice-President, President and/or additional members of the Executive. This in reality allows for a situation where the Districts could be excluded from the nomination of the Vice-President and President due to a possible “gentleman’s agreement” between the Executive members to not accept a nomination, from the Districts, to oppose the Executive’s preferred candidates for President and/or Vice-President. Allowing only the Districts to nominate members of the Executive, the Vice-President and President will also enhance the accountability of the BSA Council (i.e. Districts) wrt the nomination/election of the Executive, but more so the Vice-President and President.

WITHDRAWN

7.12 By Ekurhuleni Bowls

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA EXECUTIVE

Ekurhuleni Bowls together with the districts of Gauteng Bowls propose that Clause 5.3.2 of the Constitution of Bowls South Africa, be changed to read:

Separate ballots shall be held at the Annual General Meeting, for the positions below, in the order indicated. Prior to the Districts voting for the President and Vice President, those members of the Executive who wish to stand for either of the positions, and who qualify in terms of Clauses 5.2.2.1 and 5.2.2.2 of the Constitution of Bowls South Africa, will indicate their willingness to be elected. Those willing to stand for the positions must, prior to voting, give a short presentation on why they wish to stand and what they have achieved in the years they have been on the Executive of Bowls South Africa to warrant being voted for:

- 5.3.2.1 President
- 5.3.2.2 Vice President
- 5.3.2.3 Four Members of the Executive

In support of the above, two of the Districts making up Gauteng Bowls, in terms of clause 12.8 of the Bowls South Africa constitution, will call a Special General Meeting to precede the workshop just prior to the Bowls South Africa Annual General Meeting later in 2017, to consider and vote on the above change.

MOTIVATION

In support of the above:

Clause 5.2.1 of the Constitution of Bowls South Africa states - "each year the Executive and every District shall have the opportunity of nominating one person to each of the following positions." Currently it appears that the 6 Executives decide amongst themselves who will be the new Vice President, with the current Vice President becoming the new President unopposed. Much has been said and written about the apparent 'conveyor belt' system in place at present, and Ekurhuleni Bowls together with Gauteng Bowls want the 'best man for the job' to be put forward for election.

WITHDRAWN

7.13 By Johannesburg Bowling Association

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2. The poor showing of our National Team at the recent World Bowls event in New Zealand is a very good indication that the current leadership have lost touch with what is required to succeed on the World stage.

3. The downward trend in membership and the number of clubs, which has gone on for years, is an indication that we do not have the right people in place to rescue a dire situation. Once on the 'conveyor belt' there is an apparent lack of energy to achieve – this has to change in order to put in place an effective rescue plan.

WITHDRAWN

7.14 By North West Bowls

To amend the Constitution of Bowls South Africa as follows:

4. Council

4.2 Voting

4.2.1. **To read**

The voting strength of each District shall be a maximum of 2 votes.

(Point 4.2.1.1 then falls away)

MOTIVATION

This will prevent unfair caucus and give the smaller Districts the satisfaction that their votes are equally important as their role in the promotion of the sport of bowls.

WITHDRAWN