



# CIRCULAR

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**To:** Club, District and Zone  
**Re:** Removal of Multi-Membership

The intention of removing Multi Membership as a category of registered membership with Bowls NSW is to simplify administration at both a Club and State level.

All Bowling Members must still be registered with Bowls NSW; however they are now only required to be registered with Bowls NSW at ONE (1) Club which shall be their **Declared Club**.

This does NOT restrict a person from joining or retaining membership of two or more Bowling Clubs (in addition to their declared Club) however there will be no fee payable to Bowls NSW.

If any Bowling Member joins a Club that is NOT their Declared Club and the Bowling Member is already registered with Bowls NSW, it is at the Club's discretion as to the membership fee they charge the individual to join the Club.

- With Multi-Membership, a Bowling Member registered at two or more Clubs was required to pay \$46 at their FULL Club and \$23 at every additional MULTI Club (a total of \$69 or more per annum). A Bowling Member will now only be required to pay a maximum fee of \$60 per annum to Bowls NSW regardless of the number of Clubs at which they are members.
- A Bowling Member's DECLARED Club was not determined by their status as a FULL or MULTI member and this at times caused confusion about an individual's eligibility to play Association Events, which led to a number of disqualifications of teams and sides. This situation will be avoided with Bowling Members only being registering with Bowls NSW at their Declared Club,
- The administration of Membership Status Reversals will no longer be required to change a Bowling Member from Full to Multi Member at a particular Club.
- A Club Clearance form and payment of \$11 will still be required when a Bowling Member wishes to change their Declared Club; however they will not be charged an additional membership fee to register with their new Club. Instead the new process will allow for their registration with Bowls NSW to be transferred and remain valid at the new Club until the end of that Club's financial year.
- The cost of membership is at the discretion of each individual Club, and may wish to establish a fee category for any person who joins their Club, but who does not wish to make that their declared club.

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**Distribution:** Board, Districts, Zones, Committee Chairmen, Staff

### **Clearance and Transfer Process**

As was previously the case, a Bowling Member will be required to submit a clearance form if they wish to change their Declared Club from one club to another. The clearance process will now automatically transfer the registration of that individual from one club to another.

A Bowling Member Still requires permission to change their declared club during the season if they have already played Association Events

A new Clearance and Member Transfer form has been produced to administer all future clearance applications.

### **Life Membership**

A person who is a Life Member of a Club which is not their Declared Club will continue to be a Life Member of that Club even if not registered with Bowls NSW.



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