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**No: C13/2020**  
**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020**  
**To: Zones, Districts & Clubs**  
**Re: Fee Relief for Bowls NSW Member Clubs and Affiliated Sub-Clubs**

**The Bowls NSW Board has resolved to reduce all annual fixed fee amounts for Member Clubs and Affiliated Sub-Clubs by a base amount of 25%.**

Prior to COVID-19 shutting down Clubs and the Association, it had been resolved that there would be no fee increase for 2020/21 annual fees. As such, the 25% reduction will be based on the Club's 2019/20 annual fee amount and will apply for the 12-month period starting from March 2020 up to February 2021 so that all Clubs will receive the discount.

This represents an amount of over \$560,000 in fee relief being provided to Clubs, and a significant amount of revenue which the Association will forgo in the 20/21 financial year. Some of this loss will be offset by the cancellation of several events and the receipt of Government stimulus grants.

To provide additional time for Clubs to be able to pay their annual fee to Bowls NSW, Clubs with Financial Year ending March 2020 through to August 2020 will have up to September 2020 to pay their annual fee.

Bowling Members of Clubs who have had their annual fee deferred due to COVID-19 from March 2020 to August 2020 will remain eligible to compete in Bowls NSW Association Events in the interim until September 30 2020, when payment is due from the Club.

It is hoped that this 25% reduction will go some way to alleviating the financial stress that many of our Clubs will experience as we begin the recovery phase of our sport.

Clubs with existing fee relief applications currently being considered will be contacted by Bowls NSW regarding the status of their application.

Bowls NSW has encouraged all Zones and Districts to also consider offering Clubs a fee reduction where possible. Zones will issue advice directly to Clubs on this matter.

Invoices for all Annual Fees which have been deferred from March 2020 will be issued on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Any Member Club or Affiliated Sub Club experiencing financial hardship is encouraged to contact Bowls NSW to discuss via email [enquiries@bowlsnsw.com.au](mailto:enquiries@bowlsnsw.com.au).

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