

CLUB MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

A. MEMBERSHIP FEES

In order to be a member in good standing with Bowls Saskatchewan, each person must join in one of the following categories and pay the applicable membership fee:

Athlete, Coach, or Official	\$25
Jr. Athlete	\$20
Short Mat Member	\$15

B. MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE

Each club must register all of its members and pay the corresponding membership fees by July 15th of each year (Dec 15th for Indoor clubs). Additional members can be added throughout the year. A membership list which includes the following minimum information must accompany the fee: name, address, phone, age category, gender. Email address is also recommended. Age categories are as follows: 0-12, 13-19, 20-34, 35-55, 55+

C. INSURANCE

Each member of Bowls Saskatchewan (clubs and individuals) will automatically be included in the Liability and Accident Insurance program. A copy of the current insurance policy will be sent to each club annually.

D. CLUB GRANTS

1. MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) GRANT

All registered member clubs are entitled to receive funding under the Membership Assistance Program grant as administered by Sask Sport and Saskatchewan Lotteries. See Section B in FINANCIAL POLICIES for criteria and forms.

2. ADVERTISING GRANT

Each club is entitled to receive a grant to cover expenses related to advertising and publicity of club activities such as newspaper or radio ads, club brochures, trade show booths, etc. Receipts should be forwarded to the Bowls Sask office by September 30th of each year. Grants will be paid near the end of the fiscal year in proportion to the number of claims received and the amount of funds allocated in the budget.

3. TOURNAMENT OR CLINIC FACILITY RENTAL

Clubs that use their facility to host Bowl Saskatchewan events will receive a fee for facility rental and in most cases a fee for greens setup. Fee schedule can be found in Section D of the SPORT FOR ALL POLICIES. Tournament Expense form (or regular Bowls Sask expense form) must be submitted, accompanied by participant list and results.

4. TOURNAMENT OR CLINIC TRAVEL GRANT

Travel Allowance grants will be paid to participants who travel to attend the Grassroots Tournament, Bowls Sask Tournament, 3-2-1 Development Clinic and U18 Youth Day. Rates can be found in Section D of the SPORT FOR ALL POLICIES. Clubs must submit the Tournament and Clinic Fund Record (see Form 9 in the SPORT FOR ALL POLICIES) at the end of the event, listing all club members who attended. Payment will be made in one cheque to the club to be disbursed to the members. Deadline for submission is September 30th.

E. CLUB DEADLINES

MAP Spending Plan	Outdoor	July 15
	Indoor	Nov 30
MAP Follow Up Report (with receipts)	Outdoor	Dec 31
	Indoor	Mar 1
Club Membership & Fees	Outdoor	Jul 15
	Indoor	Dec 15
Advertising Receipts		Sept 30
Grey Cup Tickets		Nov 10
Award of Merit Nomination		Dec 31
Club Coaching Hours		Oct 31
Tournament & Clinic Travel Grant		Sept 30
Tournament Expense Form		Immediately following event

F. SANCTIONED EVENTS

All club programs including league bowling, tournaments, clinics, social events, fundraising events, and visiting groups will be considered sanctioned by Bowls Saskatchewan and will therefore be included in the club liability insurance. Only registered Bowls Saskatchewan members will be included in the Accident insurance.

G. STARTING A SHORT MAT CLUB

1. Description of Game

This is the name given to a modified “lawn bowling” game that is played indoors on a mat. The word “short” refers to the length of the mat used which is 45 feet as opposed to any outdoor rink of 120 feet. Short Mat Bowling can best be compared to curling without sweeping!

The game is played on a 45’ x 6’ felt-like mat that has chip foam backing of approximately ½” thick. The mat can be placed on top of other carpet, tiles or parquet floor.

The object of the Game is to have your bowls(s) closer to the jack (a small billiard like white ball that is your target) than your opponent(s). You use the same bowls as are used for outdoor lawn bowling, and the games you play are identical to those played on grass: Fours (rinks), Triples, Pairs, and Singles. The bowls are delivered to one end, and redelivered from the played end, until you have played a predetermined number of ends to complete a game.

2. Equipment

a. Equipment needed to play a game of Short Mat Bowls

- 1 mat 45' x 6'
- 2 indoor jacks
- 2 small mats to deliver the bowls from (14" x 24")
- 1 set of bowls (4) for each person (in a pinch you could share a set by marking 2 with tape and only roll two a piece)
- 1 block of wood (12" x 4" approx. – light weight wood is suitable- this is placed in the middle of the mat to deter you from rolling fast or alley type bowls
- 2 fenders for the back of the “ditch” (explained in the rule book), again usually constructed out of light wood (redwood)
- Shoes that are flat and smooth soled
- A facility that has a flat, smooth, and even as possible, surface to lay the mat on, with enough room to walk down at least one side and around the back of the mat.

b. Approximate cost of new equipment

- Mat - \$2,400; Carry bags are an extra \$300 (Shipping and handling are extra)
- Indoor Jack - \$85
- Small End Mats - \$50 a pair
- Bowls – (set of 4) \$500, plus wood costs.
- Used equipment is sometimes available at a lower price. The mats are imported from England and can be ordered with a vinyl cover (cost extra).
- Storage of mats is recommended by rolling up tightly when not in use.

For any additional information on how to get a group started in your community, please contact the Bowls Sask office.

3. Club Formation

a. Community Responsibility

- Must have 15 or more participants
- Pay the current Bowls Sask affiliation fee per member per year
- Pay the Bowls Sask fee of .50 per person per session (game) played (goes towards mat wear/tear/replacement).
- Provide to Bowls Saskatchewan club bylaws, list of Executive Members (President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc) and membership list
- Participate in the Bowls Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting (2 delegates)

b. Bowls Sask Responsibility

- Loan a mat and related mat equipment for a term of 2 years including 2 small end mats, 1 centre block, 2 indoor jacks and 2 end bumper (optional)
- Loan 6 sets of bowls for 2 years
- Provide a set of indoor rules
- Provide basic “Learn to Bowl” lessons

- Provide basic draw formats
 - After 2 years, Bowls Sask may continue to loan the mat and related mat equipment on a year to year basis
- c. Membership Benefits - upon formation of the club, the club and/or its members may access:
- Coaching for the club membership
 - Coaching – level I clinics – Certification
 - Scheduled invitational Indoor tournaments
 - Officiating programs
 - May participate in any sanctioned Bowls Sask events, including outdoor tournaments, Provincial playdowns and Developmental clinics
- d. The year following the formation of the club, the club would be entitled to access:
- MAP funding
 - Coaching funding – (if certified coaches are coaching)
 - Advertising funding
 - Tournament funding (one Provincial Tournament indoor or outdoor per year) for members participating in one of these tournaments