



MEMBERSHIP Policy

A. BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Coaching programs & clinics
- Officiating programs & clinics
- Development clinics
- Bowls Sask club grants
- Bowls Sask funding for individual Bowls Sask members
- Access to some insurance through Bowls Sask's insurance policy
- May participate (exceptions identified in the Sport for All Policy) in any sanctioned Bowls Sask or club run events (tournaments, provincial championships, developmental clinics, etc.). Participants in these events must adhere to all Bowls Sask policies and/or club policies.

B. APPLICATION FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

1. Application for Club Membership

Each club desiring admission to the Association shall make application in writing to the office of the Association. The application shall include the following information:

- a. The name of the club.
- b. The name, address and telephone number of the club president.
- c. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of its current club Board of Directors.
- d. A membership list which must include: name, address, phone, email, age category, gender and membership type. Age categories are as follows: 0-12, 13-19, 20-34, 35-55, 55+

The club shall stipulate in writing that it agrees to be governed by the Bylaws and Policies of the Association.

2. Admission of New Clubs

The submitted application for membership shall be reviewed by the Bowls Sask Board of Directors via the office of the Association. The Board of Directors shall have full power to accept or reject the application of any eligible club. Upon acceptance, a club shall be received into the Association and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a member club.

3. Withdrawal from Club Membership

Any member club wishing to withdraw from the Association may do so by forwarding a written notice to the Bowls Sask office.

A club wishing to reapply for membership after having withdrawn may do so by following the procedure for admission of new clubs.

4. Suspension or Expulsion from Club Membership

The Board of Directors of the Association may suspend or expel a member club from taking part in any of the activities of the Association. A member club may be suspended or expelled for continuous breach of the Bylaws and Policies, or for conduct detrimental to the Association.

If a member club fails to pay its membership fees by the due date, such club shall be suspended until the dues are paid.

A member club shall have the right of appeal to the Board of Directors and/or at a General or Special meeting of the Association, and any decision thereafter shall be binding.

5. Reinstatement of Club Membership

Any club which has been expelled may reapply for membership after a period of one year from the date of expulsion.

C. MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

Athlete, Coach, or Official	\$30
Youth Athlete	\$25
Short Mat Member	\$15

D. MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE

Each outdoor club must submit their membership list to Bowls Sask by May 31 and again June 30 annually to register all of its members. Clubs must pay the corresponding membership fees by August 15 of each year. Additional members can be added throughout the year with subsequent membership fees submitted promptly.

Each short mat club must submit their membership list to Bowls Sask by December 31 annually to register all of its members. Clubs must pay the corresponding membership fees by January 15 of each year. Additional members can be added throughout the year with subsequent membership fees submitted promptly.

A membership list must include: name, address, phone, email, age category, gender and membership type. Age categories are as follows: 0-12, 13-19, 20-34, 35-55, 55+

E. INSURANCE

Each member of Bowls Sask (clubs and individuals) will automatically be included in the Bowls Sask Liability and Accident Insurance policy. Only registered Bowls Sask members will have accident insurance for attending any 'sanctioned events'. See Sanctioning Policy for information on how to sanction events.

F. CLUB GRANTS

1. MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) GRANT

All member clubs are entitled to receive funding under the Membership Assistance Program grant as administered by Sask Sport and Saskatchewan Lotteries. See the Finance Policy for criteria and forms.

2. CLUB COACHING HOURS GRANT

All member clubs are entitled to receive funding under the Club Coaching Hours Grant. See the Finance Policy for criteria and forms.

3. TOURNAMENT OR CLINIC FACILITY RENTAL

Clubs that host Bowls Sask events will receive a fee for facility rental, greenskeeper and drawmaster services. It is the club's decision on how this fee is distributed. The Fee Schedule can be found in the Sport for All Policy. The Bowls Sask Expense Claim Form (see Finance Policy) must be submitted, accompanied by the Participant List and Results Form (see Sport for All Policy).

4. TOURNAMENT OR CLINIC TRAVEL GRANT

Travel Allowance grants will be paid to Bowls Sask members who travel to attend specific events (i.e. the Grassroots Tournament, Development Clinics, etc.). Eligible events and amounts can be found in the Sport for All Policy. Clubs must submit the Tournament and Clinic Fund Record Form (see Sport for All Policy) at the end of the event, listing all participants who attended. Athletes eligible for a travel grant must submit the Bowls Sask Expense Form to be reimbursed (see Finance Policy). Deadline for submission of all expense claims is September 30 (outdoor) or March 15 (short

mat).

G. DEADLINES

MAP Spending Plan	Outdoor	August 31
	Short Mat	December 31
MAP Follow-up Report (w receipts)	Outdoor	January 31
	Short Mat	March 1
Club Membership Lists	Outdoor	May 31 and June 30
	Short Mat	December 31
Club Membership Fees	Outdoor	August 15
	Short Mat	January 15
Tournament & Clinic Travel Grant	Outdoor	September 30
	Short Mat	March 15
Club Coaching Hours Grant	Outdoor	October 31
	Short Mat	March 15
Grey Cup Tickets		November 10
Award of Merit Nominations		December 31
Tournament Expense Form		Immediately following event

H. STARTING A SHORT MAT CLUB

1. Process

See Section A for the process to have a short mat club recognized by Bowls Sask.

2. Description of the 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 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 re-delivered from the played end, until you have played a predetermined number of ends to complete a game.

3. 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 one piece)
- 1 block of wood (12” x 4” approx. – lightweight 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.
- c. Community Responsibility
- Must have 15 or more participants
 - Pay the current Bowls Sask membership fee per member per year
 - Participate in the Bowls Sask Annual General Meeting (2 delegates)
- d. Bowls Sask Responsibility
- Loan a mat and related mat equipment for a term of 2 years including 2 small end mats, 1 center block, 2 indoor jacks and 2 end bumper, if available
 - Loan 6 sets of bowls for 2 years, if available
 - Provide a set of short mat 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
- e. The year following the formation of the club, the club would be entitled to access all grants and funding offered by Bowls Sask.