

February 3, 2026

Hello - Bowls Sask Members:

The Bowls Sask Board will be presenting proposed Bylaw Amendments for approval at the Special Meeting scheduled for March 15, 2026. We are providing this so that our members are informed and aware of the importance of approving these changes.

Why Bylaw Amendments?

Sask Sport informed all provincial sport organizations that Markel, our insurer, now provides funding for professional bylaw and policy reviews. Bowls Sask took advantage of this opportunity and engaged Sport Law's Legal Team to participate in the review and update of our Bylaws. Their advice and recommendations were critical in ensuring that Bowls Sask Bylaws were complying with the Non-profit Corporations Act, which all charitable non-profit organizations must follow.

IMPORTANT: Bowls Sask received legal advice from three lawyers from the Sport Law Legal Team. Their recommendations deserve serious consideration.

Developments at the 2025 AGM

At that 2025 AGM it was moved to form a committee with one representative from each club (outdoor, indoor and short mat) to review the proposed amendments and present a report of their review and acceptance to the Board for approval that would be taken to the Special Meeting. Some delegates felt not enough time had been provided for members to review the proposed changes for the AGM and that it would be helpful to have clubs involved in providing feedback to the proposed changes and gain their support. This motion was approved by a majority of delegates in attendance. It provided the opportunity for members to obtain a better understanding of the proposed bylaw amendments by being part of the process.

IMPORTANT: Bowls Sask supported the motion to provide the extra time to review the proposed bylaws as it would broaden members understanding of the needed changes and ensure their support.

Forming of a Bylaw Review Committee

The Bylaw Review Committee was formed in early November 2025 with all clubs having a representative (except Weyburn Short Mat), two Bowls Sask Board members and the chair being the member from the Mayfair LBC. The Committee met virtually on November 12, 2025 and again on December 3, 2025.

Highlights from Committee Meetings:

- Bowls Sask provided all committee members with supporting documents that included comparison findings from ten other Saskatchewan Provincial Sport Organizations and seven Lawn Bowls Associations across Canada and other information to aid them in their discussions and decisions.
- The documents listed below are available to any member on request;

- Voting delegate selection for AGM and Special Meetings
- Time circulation requirement for Bylaw Amendments
- Who can call a Special Meeting
- Requirement for Amending Bylaws
- The Bowls Sask president responded to the many questions sent to the committee from Regina LBC.
- Nine of the eleven committee members recommended some minor changes to the proposed amendments. These were accepted by the Bowls Sask Board and the Sport Law Legal Team.
- Nine of the eleven members of the committee voted to support all amendments from The Bowls Sask Board and Sport Law Legal Team.
- Seven of nine clubs represented on the committee plus the Bowls Sask Board are in full agreement to accepting the Sport Law Legal Team's proposed changes as they benefit the Association and its members as a whole. This is encouraging in obtaining voting delegate support for the proposed amendments at the Special Meeting.

IMPORTANT: Bowls Sask 'listened', 'did their due diligence' and 'involved all clubs' in the bylaw review process. The legal team's participation, advice and recommendations was invaluable and should be given serious consideration.

What Bowls Sask Requires From its Members - Support

Bowls Sask requires two-thirds of the voting delegates at the Special Meeting to pass any Bylaw amendments (i.e. if 30 voting delegates then 21 are needed to pass an amendment). Members of each club are being asked to voice their approval of the Sport Law Legal Team & Bowls Sask Board proposed Bylaw amendments.

Please encourage your club's voting delegates to support the proposed bylaw amendments from the Sport Law Legal Team & Bowls Sask Board.

Anyone having questions or requiring more information is encouraged to contact the Bowls Sask office.