

## **SECTION 3 – H- MEMBERSHIP**

### **3.1. Classes of Membership-Classes**

#### **(a) Affiliated Clubs**

—All outdoor, indoor and short mat clubs ~~that are who have been granted affiliated club membership status by Bowsl Sask and pay who have paid the annual membership fees for all their members, to Bowsl Sask. These clubs must conform to the Bylaws and Policies of the Association as herein described.~~

#### **b) Members of Affiliated Clubs**

—All ~~individuals members of affiliated clubs~~ who have paid ~~the club membership fees, which includes the Bowsl Sask membership fee, to their Affiliated Celubs, which includes the required Bowsl Sask fee. Every member of each club shall uphold and comply with the Bylaws and Policies of the Association as herein described.~~

### **3.2 Qualifications for Affiliated Clubs**

To be and remain eligible for Affiliated Club Membership, a club must:

**(a) Maintain and enforce bylaws that include the following minimum requirements, and provide annual confirmation of compliance:**

i. A requirement that all directors are individuals in good standing with Bowsl Sask, BCB, and Sask Sport;

ii. A prohibition on suspended individuals (by Bowsl Sask, BCB, or Sask Sport) acting as club directors or members of Bowsl Sask.

**(b) Annually submit to Bowsl Sask:**

i. A current copy of the club bylaws (and any amendments adopted since the previous submission), including confirmation that all required annual returns and notices have been filed with ISC, if the club is registered.

ii. If registered, Proof of current corporate registry status with Information Services Corporation (ISC);

iii Any additional documents required by Membership Policy.

iv. Annually certify the club's total registered membership and the number of members holding voting rights under the club's bylaws

**(c) Comply with all Bowsl Sask Bylaws, Policies, and procedures.**

### **3.3. Membership Rights & Standing**

~~Only All affiliated clubs and their mMembers and Affiliated Clubs in good standing who have paid the annual with Bowsl Sask are entitled to membership benefits, including but not limited to fee have access to a broad range of programs, services and privileges provided and/or governed by Bowsl Saskatchewan (e.g. voting privileges, insurance coverage, possible eligibility to participate in sanctioned events, voting privileges, and access to programs. Loss of good standing results in temporary forfeiture of these benefits, and competitions, etc.)~~

### **3.4 Membership Year & Fees**

**(a) Membership is granted on an annual basis, terminating on March 31, unless renewed in accordance with the Membership Policy.**

**(b) Fees shall be prescribed by the Board from time to time. Membership fees that are payable to Bowsl Saskatchewan shall be set by the Board. Upon termination of either class of membership for cause or otherwise, members are not entitled to any refund of membership fees paid.**

**Commented [A1]:** Legal added new iv. In support of the new section 6.5 b (iii) if approved.

**Commented [MF2]:** We've added annual compliance verification to strengthen oversight. This helps a PSO proactively identify and address any governance issues before they become problematic. A PSO has responsibility to police an affiliated club as ISC and others do not do this.

**Commented [MF3]:** If a club does not meet the requirements in Section 3.2 and loses its good standing with Bowsl Sask, it may lose access to the insurance coverage provided through Bowsl Sask. This means that any claims arising from accidents, injuries, or property damage at the club would not be covered by the group policy. As a result, the club, its board, and its members could be personally responsible for the costs of any legal claims or damages, exposing them to significant financial and legal risk. Maintaining compliance is essential for a club to ensure continued insurance protection.

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(c) Membership shall be forfeited for:

- i. Non-payment of required fees or debts to Bowls Sask;
- ii. Breach of Bylaws or Policies;
- iii. Conduct detrimental to Bowls Sask;
- iv. Suspension or expulsion in accordance with the Bylaws and Membership Policy.

(d) Reinstatement: A suspended or expelled Member or Club may apply for reinstatement per the Membership Policy. The Board has sole discretion in such applications.

~~4. To maintain status in good standing, members shall adhere to the membership policy approved by the Board.~~

~~5. Any member may submit to Bowls Sask notice of any matter that it proposes to raise and discuss at a Special and/or Annual General Meeting and notice of the proposal shall be given with the notice of the so named meeting.~~

~~6. The term of membership for a member of an affiliated club shall begin with the payment of the Bowls Saskatchewan membership fees to an affiliated club and shall continue until the end of the membership year for the affiliated club.~~

#### **7. Limitation of Liability of Members**

~~No member of the Association is, in his or her individual capacity, liable for debt or any liability of the Association.~~

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