



MEMBERSHIP Policy

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to prescribe the conditions for membership with Bowls Saskatchewan Inc.

B. SCOPE and INTERPRETATION

This policy applies to all member clubs including their members.

In the event that this policy conflicts or contradicts the bylaws of Bowls Sask, the bylaws shall take precedence.

C. BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Members in good standing are entitled to:

- Coaching programs & clinics
- Officiating programs & clinics
- Development clinics
- Bowls Sask grants for clubs
- Bowls Sask funding for members
- Access to some insurance coverage through Bowls Sask liability and accident insurance policy
- Participate (exceptions identified in the Sport for All Policy) in sanctioned Bowls Sask events (tournaments, provincial championships, development clinics, etc.). Participants in these events must adhere to Bowls Sask policies.
- Attend Bowls Sask Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings, and
- Nominate and vote for Bowls Sask Board of Directors in accordance with the Bowls Sask Bylaws.

D. MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

1. Affiliated Clubs - All outdoor, indoor and short mat clubs that are granted membership by Bowls Sask and pay the annual membership fees for all their members.

2. Members of Affiliated Clubs – All individuals who have paid membership fees to their Affiliated Club, which includes the required Bowls Sask fee.

E. MEMBERSHIP YEAR AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

Club Membership is granted on an annual basis, terminating on March 31st of the current fiscal year, unless renewed in accordance with this policy.

The term of membership for a member of an affiliated club shall begin with the payment of the Bowls Sask membership fee to an affiliated club and shall continue to the end of the club's membership year, if club's membership is renewed in accordance with this policy.

Fees shall be prescribed by the Board from time to time and can be found in the Fees Schedule posted on the Bowls Sask website.

F. CLUB MEMBERSHIP

1. Application for Club Membership

Each club shall make an application by February 15th annually using the Club Membership Form (Appendix to this Policy) that includes the following information:

- a. The name, mailing address and physical location of the club.
- b. Club type (specify outdoor, short mat or indoor)

- c. The name, address, telephone number and email address of the club president.
- d. The name, address, telephone number, email address and position held of each current Board of Directors.
- e. A membership list and fees by the deadlines stated in this policy that includes the name, address, phone number, email address, birth date, gender and membership type. Membership Types are those determined by each club.

The application for renewal is subject to Bowls Sask Board review and approval.

2. Acceptance of Club Membership Admission of New Clubs

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

3. Qualifications for Club Membership

Comply with all Bylaws and Policies of the Bowls Sask and Bowls Canada Boulingrin that include the following minimum requirements, and provide annual confirmation of compliance;

- a. A requirement that all directors are individuals in good standing with Bowls Sask, BCB, and Sask Sport;
- b. A prohibition on suspended individuals (by Bowls Sask, BCB, or Sask Sport) acting as club directors or members of Bowls Sask.

Annually submit to Bowls Sask:

- a. 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. Any changes made mid season must be submitted to Bowls Sask within 15 days of being implemented;
- b. If registered, proof of current corporate registry status with Information Services Corporation (ISC), including any changes made mid season must be submitted to Bowls Sask within 15 days of being implemented;
- c. Any additional documents required by this Membership Policy;
- d. Annually certify the club's total registered membership and the number of members holding voting rights under the club's bylaws and policies

Promote and grow the sport of lawn bowls through the programming and activities offered at the club.

Be open and accessible to people of all ages, background, gender, nationality and ability.

Be willing and able to host Bowls Sask events (provincial championships, tournaments, clinics, etc.) when requested by Bowls Sask. Dates and times to be mutually agreed upon.

4. Withdrawal from Club Membership

Any member club wishing to withdraw from Bowls Sask 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 making application for club membership.

G. SUSPENSION or EXPULSION FROM MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in Bowls Sask will terminate immediately upon;

- a. The expiration of the Member's membership, unless renewed in accordance with this policy;
- b. The member no longer meets the definition of members as defined in the Bowls Sask bylaws;
- c. The member ceases to be in good standing as noted in this policy;
- d. Non-payment of required fees or debts to Bowls Sask;
- e. Breach of Bylaws or Policies;

- f. Conduct detrimental to Bowls Sask;
- g. Having had disciplinary sanctions imposed in accordance with the Bowls Sask bylaws and/or policies relating to the discipline of members.

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

2. Reinstatement of Club Membership

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

H. GOOD STANDING

A member of Bowls Sask will be in good standing provided that the member:

- Has not ceased to be a member,
- Has completed and remitted all required documents to Bowls Sask and BCB,
- Has complied with the bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of Bowls Sask,
- Has paid all required membership fees or debts to Bowls Sask.

I. MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE

Each outdoor club must submit their membership list using the membership list template (Appendix to these policies) to Bowls Sask by May 31 and again June 30 annually to register all of its members. Clubs must pay membership fees by August 15th. Additional members added throughout the year should be reported and submitted with the membership fee to Bowls Sask.

Each indoor or short mat club must submit their membership list using the membership list template (appendix to these policies) to Bowls Sask by December 31 annually. Clubs must pay the membership fees by January 15 of each year. Additional members added throughout the year should be reported and submitted with the membership fee to Bowls Sask.

J. PRIVACY

Bowls Sask membership lists are for internal use only and are not sold to third parties.

K. INSURANCE

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

L. CLUB AND MEMBER GRANTS

1. Membership Assistance Program (MAP) Grant

All member clubs are eligible to receive funding under the Membership Assistance Program grant as administered by Sask Sport and Saskatchewan Lotteries. See the Finance section under 'About Us - Policies & Programs' on the Bowls Sask website for criteria and forms.

2. Club Coaching Hours Grant

All member clubs are eligible to receive funding under the Club Coaching Hours Grant. See the Finance section under 'About Us - Policies & Programs' on the Bowls Sask website for criteria and forms.

3. Tournament or Clinic Facility Grant

Clubs that host Bowls Sask events will receive a grant for use of their facility when their greens are used for the event. Clubs may use some of this grant to provide an honorarium to their greenskeeper,

draw master or any other worthy volunteer. The fees are outlined in the Fees Schedule found as part of the Finance section under ‘About Us - Policies & Programs’ on the Bowls Sask website. Details about each event are found within the Sport for All Policies & Procedures found on the Bowls Sask website.

4. Tournament or Clinic Travel Grant

Travel Allowance grants may be available to Bowls Sask individual members who travel to attend specific events such as the Grassroots Tournament, Athlete Development Clinics, etc. Eligible events and amounts can be found in Finance Policies under ‘About Us - Policies & Programs’ on the Bowls Sask website.

M. DEADLINES

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