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Re: BOWLS NSW ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE

2019/2020 BOWLS NSW ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Bowls NSW Board has reviewed the Annual Membership Fees for 2019/20 and has resolved that the annual fee for each club will increase by **1.8% from the fixed fee paid in 2018/2019**.

This 1.8% is in line with the **CPI%** increase from December 2017 to December 2018 as previously stated in Circular 23/2016.

In Bowls NSW in 2019/20 will;

- Expand participation and competition opportunities for Over 60 and State President Reserve bowlers by introducing Triples and Fours State Finals for all 16 Zone winners. This provides an additional 112 bowlers annually the chance to compete in the NSW State Championship Finals.
- Roll out the new BowlsLink National IT system, developed in partnership with Bowls Australia and other STAs for all levels of the sport. BowlsLink includes a modern competition management system, a centralised connected membership database and new and improved websites which are available to all member clubs free of charge.
- Explore the feasibility of introducing a State Conference in late 2019, to better engage with Bowls administrators from Clubs and Zones across NSW. Enabling the sharing of ideas, innovation and networking opportunities to improve the sport at all levels.
- Invest in improving live streaming broadcasts of Bowls NSW events to promote the sport and to increase viewership of bowls to a wider audience whilst showcasing the world class players and bowls facilities across NSW.
- Review, with the view to expanding, the Travel Assistance Grant (TAG) Scheme which provides funding to registered players and member clubs which may be facing hardship as a result of having to travel to compete in Bowls NSW State Finals for Pennants and Association Events.
- Continue to offer the free services of the Club Advisory Committee to all member clubs on application to assist with improving their business and operations.

Consideration is given to the following points;

- 2019/2020 Bowls NSW Annual Fee increase will take effect from 31st May 2019.
- A Club experiencing financial hardship is encouraged in the first instance to utilise the free services of the Bowls NSW Club Advisory Committee. Application forms can be found on the Bowls NSW website.
- A Club may apply in writing for Bowls NSW to review their 2019/20 Annual Membership Fee on the following basis;
 - Significant Membership decline/player transfer from 2018/19 (>25%)
 - Significant financial distress - Clubs will be required to receive a visit from the Club Advisory Committee prior to any consideration of such request.
- Any Club receiving financial relief in 2018/19 will not be eligible to apply in 2019/20 unless under exceptional circumstances as approved by the Board.



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