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To: Zones, Districts & Clubs
Re: Clarification of Open Gender Event Eligibility for 2020

As a result of the release of Circular 12/2019 regarding Bowls NSW (BNSW) events been Open Gender for 2020 Association events and subsequent numerous enquiries, please see below for further clarification;

Event Name	MALES	FEMALES	Notes
Bowls NSW State Pennants – Grades 1 - 7	✓	✓	<p>In 2020, registered females are eligible to be selected in any grade, eligibility and gradings will be as per BNSW COP.</p> <p>There is no quota on male/females in a side, and sides shall be selected on merit.</p> <p>Females may play in Bowls NSW State Pennants and/or WBNSW State Pennants.</p>
Bowls NSW State Championships – Open; Senior; Reserve; Juniors (U18)	✓	✓	<p>Registered females can choose to play in either Bowls NSW State Championships or WBNSW State Championships in any discipline – However cannot play the equivalent discipline for both BNSW and WBNSW.</p> <p>E.G. Females CAN play in Bowls NSW State Singles and then play in WBNSW State Pairs etc</p> <p>Please see BNSW COP for eligibility criteria</p>
Club Championships – Bowls NSW Association Events (Singles; Pairs; Triples; Fours)	✓	✓	<p>Club Championships that are recognised as Association Events under BNSW COP must be played as Open Events.</p> <p>All other Club Championships that are Non-BNSW Association events can have eligibility restrictions as per individual Club policies.</p> <p>Clubs can still have Females only Club Championships, if they so desire.</p> <p>A Female registered with BNSW and WBNSW cannot play in the equivalent Open Club Championship and Females Only Championship event.</p>

Bowls NSW State Champion of Champions Events	✓	✓	If a registered Female was successful at winning the Open Club Singles and/or Pairs, they can enter BNSW Zone/State Champion of Champions events, if a female was successful as State Champion of Champion Singles winner, they would go onto represent Bowls NSW at Australian Champion of Champions Singles, however if successful at National level they would be ineligible to participate at World Championships (the next best performed male would represent). This does not apply to Pairs which is not played at National level.
Bowls NSW State 5 a Side	✓	✓	Females can ONLY be selected for their BNSW declared Club.
Bowls NSW Rookie Singles & Pairs	✓	✓	Please see BNSW State Rookies COP for eligibility criteria (Must be a bowling member with less than 30 months experience).
Bowls NSW State O40s Pairs	✓	✓	Please see BNSW State O40s Pairs COP for eligibility criteria (must be aged over 40 years and 59 years or under).
Bowls NSW Club Challenge	✓	✓	Please see BNSW Club Challenge COP for eligibility criteria (Females can be selected in any division until they have a Bowls NSW Grading as per BNSW COP). Females can only play BNSW Club Challenge for their Bowls NSW declared club.
Bowls NSW Indoor Singles Qualifying	✓	✗	A female registered with BNSW would be required to enter and qualify in the Womens Indoor Qualifying.
Bowls NSW Under 25 Singles	✓	✓	Please see BNSW Under 25 Singles COP for eligibility criteria.
Bowls NSW Junior (U18) Events	✓	✓	NSW State Junior Events are Open Gender.
Bowls NSW Inter Zone; City v Country & Representative Sides (Excluding U18)	✓	✓	Please see BNSW COP for eligibility criteria. Females must comply with Womens Bowls NSW criteria to be eligible to be selected for Womens Representative events. NSW State Sides for Australian Championships must meet Bowls Australia requirements. BNSW will not be selecting female representative sides

Membership	✓	✓	Any Female requesting to join Bowls NSW must be allowed to do so. An Application for Membership must be sent to Bowls NSW from the club. Once processed a Bowls NSW Member ID number card will be issued and sent to the affiliated club for distribution.
Transfer of Club	✓	✓	Any member of Bowls NSW must have a club clearance completed, signed by club transferring from and club transferring to and sent to Bowls NSW for processing together with appropriate fee. Please note Females joining Bowls NSW for the first time ONLY need to have Application for Membership form completed.
Women Registered with different clubs			A Female can be registered with Womens Bowls NSW for the purposes of playing WBNSW events at one club and be registered with BNSW at a different club to play BNSW events. Please note that a Female can only enter an Association event once, no matter which State Association they are registered with and must play Bowls NSW events for her Bowls NSW declared club.
Bowls NSW Pennant Regrades	✓	✓	All Bowls NSW registered players are subject to BNSW COP and any regrade application must be sent to State Match Committee for approval.
Membership Fees			Bowls NSW operates under a Fixed Fee model and there will be no additional Club fee for the registering of any Female bowler who wishes to join Bowls NSW. It is the individual clubs' discretion as to how and what they charge for club membership.

If you have any further questions regarding this new Open Gender membership and event eligibility, please contact David Ellis at enquiries@bowlsnsw.com.au

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