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To: Zones, Districts & Clubs
Re: MEMBER DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

It may be timely to remind members of how to handle disciplinary action merited against members from time to time and how to follow through on notification.

Censure is handled in two main ways depending on whether a given incident is (i) non-bowls related or (ii) for a bowls-related incident. The detail is set out in *Regulation 8* of the *Bowls NSW Regulations*.

- **Disciplinary Action for Non-Bowls Related Incident**

If an individual is suspended or expelled by a club for an incident not directly related to the game of bowls or not bringing the game of bowls into disrepute, it is at the discretion of that club as to whether the individual is permitted to play or officiate at their club during the term of suspension.

If a member is under a term of suspension at their declared club for a non-bowls related incident, that person may enter and play in any Association events which are not played at their declared club.

The incident and subsequent disciplinary action does not need to be notified to Bowls NSW.

- **For a Bowls-Related Incident**

If a bowling member is found guilty of an incident of misconduct which (i) directly relates to the game of bowls; and/or (ii) occurs during the course of an Association event; and/or (iii) is deemed by the hearing to have brought the game of bowls into disrepute; that bowling member shall be ineligible to play or officiate at any level of bowls at any club for a period which shall be equal to the term of suspension imposed by the hearing up to a maximum period of one year from the date of the disciplinary hearing, whichever is the earlier.

A bowls-related incident **does** need to be notified to Bowls NSW for a State-wide suspension to take effect. This is done via the *Member Disciplinary Notification* form within the 14-day period.

There are ramifications for both these procedures. The relevant documents are downloadable from our website. To familiarise yourself with what you need to know:

[CLICK HERE](#) for Bowls NSW Regulations

[CLICK HERE](#) for Bowls NSW Member Protection Policy

[CLICK HERE](#) for Bowls NSW Member Disciplinary Notification form.

For guidance re the handling of particular disciplinary enquiries, contact the Member Protection staff at our office.

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