

EASTERN GAUTENG BOWLS

CONSTITUTION

AMENDED AGM
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1. TITLE

The title of the Association shall be "EASTERN GAUTENG BOWLS" (hereinafter styled "The Association"). The Association shall enjoy the status of a District affiliated to and subject to the jurisdiction of BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA and shall be entitled to exercise jurisdiction in the area allocated to it by Bowls South Africa (hereinafter "Bowls SA").

2. OBJECTS

The object of the Association shall be to promote, advance, play and administer the sport of bowls and social activities in connection therewith, without discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, gender or political affiliation and in the furtherance thereof, to:

- 2.1 Frame such rules and regulations as may be found necessary.
- 2.2 Consider and deal with all matters which may arise from time to time and which may be submitted by Clubs.
- 2.3 Arrange such tournaments, competitions and fixtures deemed desirable by Council.
- 2.4 Arbitrate in disputes referred to it between or among Clubs or between any player and a Club
- 2.5 Form District Standing Committees and control their function or activities.
- 2.6 Participate in the affairs, championships, competitions and fixtures of Bowls SA.
- 2.7 Carry on the financial affairs in a non-profit manner.
- 2.8 Acquire or dispose of any movable or immovable assets for the purpose of being used either directly or indirectly in connection with any objects or purposes of the Association.
- 2.9 Borrow or raise money for the purpose of advancing the interest of the Association and to pledge as security for the repayment of such monies any of the assets of the Association.

3. LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS

The laws of bowls as laid down by Bowls SA are final and binding on the Association and all Clubs under its jurisdiction and must be strictly adhered to.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Any Club situated in the area of jurisdiction of the Association shall be eligible to apply for membership of the Association provided they fulfil all the requirements as set out by Bowls SA.

4.2 An application for membership shall be submitted to the Secretary and shall be accompanied by a list of the Club's office bearers, the annual subscriptions, a copy of its constitution and a certified copy of a resolution adopted, in General Meeting, by two-thirds majority of the bona fide members agreeing to affiliate. In addition, the design, in colour, of its proposed flag, blazer, badge, hatband and tie.

4.3 An application for membership shall be considered by the Executive at its next meeting and the Club concerned shall be advised, in writing, of the recommendation the Executive proposes to make to the next Council meeting, or if deemed expedient to the next Annual General Meeting.

4.4 Any Club dissatisfied with the recommendations of the Executive shall be entitled to make written submissions for consideration at the Council meeting at which the application will be considered

5 AFFILIATION FEES SUBSCRIPTIONS AND LEVIES.

5.1 AFFILIATION FEES

5.1.1 Clubs shall pay an annual affiliation fee, determined from time to time at Annual General Meetings of the Association.

5.1.2 Club affiliation fees shall be paid by 1 September each year.

The Club Affiliation Fee paid shall be a confirmation of the Club's intention to remain affiliated to the Association and take part in the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Should such fees be unpaid by the date of the Annual General Meeting, all rights and privileges shall be suspended for as long as the fees remain unpaid.

5.2 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Clubs shall be liable to pay the annual subscription to Eastern Gauteng Bowls by 30 November, as determined by Bowls SA and the Association, at their respective Annual General Meetings.

5.3 LEVIES

The Association shall have the right to impose upon clubs such levies as may be deemed necessary to meet special circumstances

6 RESIGNATIONS

Any Club wishing to resign from the Association shall give to the Secretary not less than thirty (30) days written notice to be received prior to the end of the financial year, failing which such Club shall be liable for affiliation fees and subscriptions for the succeeding year.

7 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

7.1 The Council of the Association shall have the right to elect honorary life members in recognition of exceptional services rendered or special honours brought to it by individuals, upon notice of motion to an Annual General Meeting either by the Executive or an affiliated club for which notice of motion, the approval of the Executive has previously been obtained. Before approving such notice of motion the Executive shall obtain, under confidential cover, the reaction of all affiliated clubs,

Honorary Life Members and members of the Executive, to the proposal. The Executive shall only give approval of the notice of motion if not less than 80% of the replies are in favour of the proposal.

7.2 Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to take part in all discussions at Council Meetings and General Meetings but shall have no vote.

7.3 Honorary Life Members shall not be liable for subscriptions.

8 COUNCIL

The management of the Association shall be vested in a Council consisting of the Executive and two (2) delegates from each Club, who shall be bona fide members in good standing of such Club.

8.1 EXECUTIVE

8.1.1 COMPOSITION

The Executive of the Association shall consist of Nine (9) members:

- One (1) President
- One (1) Vice-President
- One (1) Treasurer
- One (1) Secretary
- Two (2) Competition Secretaries
- Three (3) Executive members

8.1.2 OFFICE BEARERS

8.1.2.1 The Office Bearers of the Association shall be four (4) members of the Executive, viz. the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

8.1.2.2 The Office Bearers shall ensure the effectiveness of the Executive and monitor the administration and financial affairs of the Association.

8.1.2.3 The Executive shall nominate the preferred candidates from members of the Executive, to fill the positions of President and Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Clubs may also nominate candidates whom meet the requirements, for the position of President and Vice-President.

The Qualifications for nomination to these positions are:

- The nominee for President must have served one year as Vice-President on the Eastern Gauteng Bowls Executive.
- The nominee for Vice-President must have served a minimum of 2 years on the Eastern Gauteng Executive.

8.1.2 SECRETARIAT

The Association may employ a Bowls Administrator and the Secretary on a full or part-time basis and on such terms and conditions as the Council may approve. Their duties and responsibilities shall be laid down by the Executive.

The Bowls Administrator being a paid employee shall not take part in committee meetings except to provide advice on issues and report on matters requested by the Executive.

A Secretary, being a paid employee of the Association shall have NO VOTE in any of the Association's affairs and need not be a member of an affiliated club. In the event of a Secretary being employed, an Honorary Secretary shall not be elected.

8.1.3 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

8.1.4.1 The Executive of the Association need not be elected from the club delegates but must be members of an affiliated club.

8.1.4.2 Clubs may nominate as an Executive member, any bona fide member who is in good standing and has served on a club committee.

8.1.3.3 A person may be nominated for more than one position but may not be elected to more than one position.

8.1.3.4 The nomination, in writing, together with the written acceptance and curriculum vitae of the member, shall be submitted to the District Secretary by not later than 1 August of each year.

8.1.3.5 No nomination shall be accepted after this date.

8.1.3.6 The Secretary shall notify all Clubs in writing no later than 30 days prior to the meeting, of the names of the persons who have been duly nominated.

8.1.3.7 Should the number of candidates nominated be sufficient to fill the vacancies, the persons so nominated shall be deemed to be elected.

8.1.3.8 If no or insufficient nominations are received those nominated shall be declared elected and the Executive may co-opt suitable persons to fill any vacancies. If more candidates than required are nominated, a secret ballot shall be held to determine who shall be elected.

8.1.3.9 A ballot paper shall be considered spoilt unless 100% of the votes required on that ballot are recorded.

8.1.5 RESULT OF ELECTION.

8.1.5.1 Should the ballot result in a tie between two or more candidates a further ballot shall be held then and there to determine who among those tying shall secure the post.

8.1.5.2 Dissatisfaction with the result should immediately be challenged by the delegates or the Executive in which case the ballot papers shall be re-examined and re-counted by the scrutineers, in the presence of a representative of such delegates (or Executive). Should the results be accepted by everyone present, the ballot papers shall be destroyed by the scrutineers with the approval of the Club delegates.

8.2 DISTRICT STANDING COMMITTEES

The Executive shall have the power to appoint and/or approve the members of the Standing Committees, and to delegate to such committees such of its powers as it may consider desirable.

- District Standing Committee - Competitions
- District Standing Committee – Green-keepers
- District Standing Committee - Technical Officials
- District Standing Committee - Coaches

- District Standing Committee – Inter-District Players
- District Standing Committee - Special Purpose
- District Standing Committee - Development

8.2.1 Every District Standing Committee formed shall submit to Executive minutes of meetings and the annual report of its activities to be submitted at the Annual General Meeting of the Association

8.2.2 The Executive shall appoint to every District Standing Committee an Executive Liaison member.

8.2.3 The Executive may grant financial assistance to any District Standing Committee based on their motivations.

8.3 VACANCIES

8.3.1 A District Standing Committee may call upon any member of that committee who fails to carry out reasonable duties assigned to the member to resign and if the member fails to resign, then the committee may declare the position forfeit.

8.3.2 Vacancies occurring on the Executive or any District Standing Committees shall be filled by committee members co-opting a suitable and eligible member of any affiliated club to fill such vacancies.

9 MEETINGS

9.1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9.1.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held before 30 September of each year, on a date and at a venue to be decided by the Executive.

Two (2) delegates who shall be bona fide members in good standing of their Club shall represent each Club.

No proxies or voting on behalf of absent delegates shall be allowed. Members of Clubs shall have the right to attend but, except with the express sanction and conditions imposed by the Chairman, shall take no part in the business or discussion and shall not have the right to vote.

Past Presidents and Honorary Life Members may participate in the discussion, but may not vote.

9.1.2 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Except when a Notice of Motion, which if carried, would affect any item on the Agenda, such Notice of Motion shall take precedence over any related item likely to be affected, the business of the meeting shall be conducted in the order set out hereunder :-

1. To read the notice convening the meeting;
2. To confirm the presence of Clubs who comply with the requirements for taking part in the Annual General Meeting.
3. To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and if so held, any Special General Meeting and to deal with any business arising therefrom;
4. To receive, consider and adopt the Annual Report;
5. To receive, consider and adopt the Financial Statement;

6. To consider recommendations from the Executive for Membership of any new Club and/or Sub-District Association or zone;
7. To deal with any correspondence pertinent to the business of an Annual General Meeting.
8. To consider any recommendations or such matters as the Executive may place before the meeting including annual subscriptions and competition entry fees
9. To consider motions of which due notice has been given by any Club
10. To consider any recommendations of the Executive for election of Honorary Life Members
11. To determine and declare the results of the ballot/s for the election of members of the Executive
12. To elect an Auditor;
13. To consider and approve re-imbursive expenses and Honoraria;
14. To consider any other competent business.

9.2 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Executive.

9.2.1 On receipt of a request from three (3) or more Clubs stating the nature of the business to be considered and signed and dated by the President and Secretary of each Club, the President shall call a Special General Meeting to be held no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the last date appearing on the requisition.

9.2.2 It shall not be competent to discuss any business other than that stated in the notice convening the meeting.

9.3 COUNCIL MEETINGS

9.3.1 Council shall meet at least three times in every financial year, and at such other times as circumstances may require.

9.3.2 Any member of an affiliated club shall be entitled to attend the Council Meetings, but only duly appointed delegates, Honorary Life Members and Executive Officers shall have the right to take part in the discussion. Only delegates may vote.

9.3.3 The business of the meeting, which shall be set out in an agenda accompanying the notice convening the meetings shall be: -

1. To read the notice convening the meeting.
2. To confirm the presence of Clubs who comply with the requirements for taking part in the Annual General Meeting.
3. To confirm the minutes of the last Council meeting and to deal with any business arising there from.
5. To consider recommendations from the Executive for application for membership and affiliation of any new Club.
6. To consider such business or recommendations which the Executive shall place before the meeting.

7. To consider recommendations from the Executive regarding Notices of Motion to be submitted by the Association to the Annual General Meeting.
8. To consider any Notice of Motion submitted by any Club.
9. To receive reports from the District Standing Committees.
10. To consider any other competent business.

9.4 MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE

- 9.4.1 The Executive shall meet once every month, or as frequently as the business of the Association may require.
- 9.4.2 Any member of the Executive who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without prior leave of absence shall be deemed to have resigned from the Executive.
- 9.4.3 A minimum of 6 officers of the Executive shall constitute an emergency committee of the Association and shall deal with all urgent business which may require attention between meetings of the Executive.
- 9.4.4 Except where otherwise provided all matters before the Executive shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present and in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

9.5 QUORUM

- 9.5.1 The quorum required for an Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting and Council Meetings shall be at least one delegate from each of a majority of affiliated clubs.
- 9.5.2 The quorum for an Executive Meeting shall be a majority of those entitled to be present.
- 9.5.3 Any meeting at which a quorum is required and is not obtained shall be postponed for 15 minutes after which those delegates present shall constitute a quorum.

9.6 CHAIRPERSON

The President shall occupy the chair at every meeting. In the President's absence the Vice-President shall preside. Should both the President and the Vice-President be absent, the meeting shall appoint a chairperson.

9.7 VOTING

- 9.7.1 At all meetings of the Council, including Annual and Special General Meetings the Executive shall be entitled to 1 (one) vote. Each affiliated club represented at the meeting shall be entitled to the number of votes as designated to it in terms of the registered Club membership and as set out below, irrespective of whether or not both its Delegates are present.

Registered Members	Votes allocated
1 to 50	1 (one)
51 to 150	2 (two)
151 and more	3 (three)

- 9.7.2 A delegate may vote in a single capacity only on each occasion.

The chairperson shall be entitled to a deliberative vote as well as a casting vote.

9.7.3 At all meetings of the Executive, each member present shall be entitled to one vote. The Chairperson shall be entitled to a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote at all meetings except as hereunder provided.

9.7.4 Voting shall be by a show of hands except where otherwise provided or resolved.

9.8 NOTICE OF MOTION

9.8.1 Notices of Motion to be moved by an Affiliated Club at an Annual General Meeting or Council Meeting must reach the Secretary of the Association not later than 45 (forty five) days preceding the date of such meeting.

9.8.1 All notices of motion shall be set out on the agenda for the Annual or Special General Meeting or Council Meeting. Such notices of motion shall set forth in full the resolution in the form in which it is to be adopted.

9.8.1 Any notice of motion or any resolution shall not be voted on unless seconded by a delegate from another Club.

9.9 NOTICE OF MEETINGS

A notice convening the meeting, minutes of the last meeting and the agenda, including notices of motion, shall be sent to all affiliated clubs prior to the meeting as stated below:

1. Annual General Meeting

At least 21 days notice shall be given.

2. Special General Meetings

At least 14 days notice shall be given.

3. Ordinary Council Meetings

At least 21 days notice shall be given.

4. Executive Meetings

Unless dates for the meeting of the Executive are determined by it, the Secretary shall in consultation with the President, convene the meeting or meetings by any suitable means to its members.

10 POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

Without detracting from the powers otherwise contained in this Constitution, the Executive shall have the power to fix and pay reasonable travelling and accommodation expenses to members of the Executive or any person appointed by the Executive performing official duties on behalf of the Association.

11 DURATION OF EXECUTIVE

Notwithstanding the termination of the financial year of the Association on 30 June the period of office of members of the Executive shall not likewise terminate on such date but shall endure until the rising of the Annual General Meeting.

12 PLAYERS TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT

12.1 Players to represent the District shall be selected by the appropriate District Standing Committee - Selection.

12.2 The selection of Executive teams, to represent the Association shall be carried out by the Executive.

12.3 The Executive shall appoint a manager or official for any team representing the District.

13 DISTRICT STANDING COMMITTEES - SELECTION

13.1 Each year, immediately after the Open Inter-District tournaments, separate men's and women's District Standing Committees - Selection of a minimum of three and a maximum of five persons each shall be appointed by the Executive after calling for nominations.

13.2 Nominations

- Nominations for the District Standing Committees - Selection by the Executive, Clubs and the Players Association – Izimbali shall be made on the official form which shall be accompanied by the nominee's curriculum vitae.
- No person shall be eligible for nomination as a selector after serving five consecutive years, but shall be eligible for re-appointments after a period of one year.

13.3 Convenor

- The convenor shall be appointed annually by the Executive.
- In the event of the Convenor not being present at any scheduled meeting, the committee shall elect one of its members to act as Convenor of that meeting
- The Convenor shall be responsible for setting dates for selection meetings, assembly of the District Standing Committees - Selection and recording of the proceedings and decisions of such meetings. All minutes of meetings and copies of correspondence must be submitted to the Executive within 15 days of such meeting.

13.4 Quorum

Not less than three of the members of a District Standing Committees - Selection shall form a quorum.

13.5 Casting Vote

In the event that a committee is unable to reach a majority decision, the matter must be referred to the Executive Liaison member for a casting vote.

13.6 Executive Liaison

The President or his nominee shall attend all selection meetings in the capacity of Executive Liaison and shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings but shall have no vote, deliberative or otherwise, other than the casting vote referred to above.

13.7 Vacancies

The Executive may fill any vacancy on the District Standing Committees – Selection.

13.8 Responsibilities

The District Standing Committees - Selection shall be responsible for selecting eligible players to represent the District in all tournaments and fixtures as directed by the Executive.

13.9 Eligibility of Selectors

Members of the District Standing Committees - Selection shall not be eligible for selection.

13.10 Selection of Representative Teams

The selection of players for Representative Teams and the Masters and Presidents Tournaments shall be based on merit while other factors may be taken into account.

Should any player selected subsequently withdraw, the District Standing Committees - Selection shall fill the vacancy so created from the reserve list.

14 ACCOUNTS AND CONTROL

14.1 Minute and other books and documents of record shall be regularly kept and maintained to reflect the true state of business conducted at all meetings of the Association.

14.2 The finances of the Association shall be truly and properly reflected in books of accounts which shall be regularly and adequately maintained

14.3 The books and documents of account shall be retained and kept available for parties having the right to inspection, including successive Executive for a minimum period of five (5) years from the date of the last entry.

14.4 All Association funds and monies received shall be lodged in such bank or financial institution as the Executive may approve.

14.5 Cheques shall be signed by any two (2) of the following Office Bearers, namely, the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary.

14.6 No member of the Executive or its employees shall be entitled to enter into any contract or incur any liability or expense affecting the Association.

14.7 The Executive shall have the power to establish separate funds for such purposes as may be deemed necessary in the interests of the Association.

14.8 The Association shall be prohibited from directly or indirectly distributing any surplus funds to any person, other than in terms of clause 33, but such funds shall be retained for asset replacement and contingencies.

14.9 The Association shall not pay any remuneration to any person that is excessive, having regard to what is generally considered reasonable in the sector and in relation to the service rendered, nor may any remuneration be determined as a percentage of any amounts received or accrued to the Association.

14.10 The Association shall make application to the Commissioner of the South African Revenue Services for tax exemption in terms of the Revenues Laws Amendment Act, 2006.

15 CUSTODY OF ASSETS

The Executive shall be the legal custodian of all monies, trophies and all other assets of the Association including any assets acquired by any committee or District Standing Committees.

16 LEGAL ACTIONS

16.1 The Executive is empowered to institute and/or defend, in the name of the Associations any legal proceeding.

16.2 Members of the Executive shall be, and are hereby, absolved and personally indemnified by the Association against any costs or expenses occasioned by such proceedings.

17 FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Association shall be from 1 July to 30 June.

18 BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA (BOWLS SA)

The Constitution, By-laws, Regulations and the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as legislated and laid down by Bowls SA from time to time, shall be final and binding on the Association and all Clubs.

19 HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters or principal office of the Association shall be at such place as the administration office is located.

20 CLUBS

20.1 Clubs shall, on fourteen (14) days notice from the Competition Secretaries, make their greens available, free of charge, for tournaments, championships, competitions and other fixtures arranged by Bowls SA or the Executive. Written notification and confirmation of such use shall be given by the Competition Secretary. Clubs which have had greens allocated must honour, in writing, their commitments without reservation.

20.2 Clubs shall maintain their greens to conform to at least a minimum standard as required by Bowls SA for competition purposes.

20.3 All Clubs shall submit their proposed Club colours or any changes thereto to the Executive for approval and registration. The Executive shall have the right to reject proposed Club colours or make changes thereto at their sole discretion. A register of Club colours shall be maintained by the Executive.

20.4 Each Club shall advise the Association of any alteration to its constitution not later than 14 (fourteen) days after the meeting at which the alteration was effected.

21 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

21.1 The committee of each affiliated Club shall on receipt of an application for membership by an individual, ascertain if the applicant is, or has been a member of a Bowls Club, and if so, obtain proof that they are in good standing. The applicant shall not be admitted to membership until

satisfactory clearance has been obtained from each Club of which such an applicant was a subscribing member at time of making application. Such proof shall be in the form of the official clearance certificate of Bowls SA

21.2 Within thirty (30) days of the acceptance of an application for membership, the Club Secretary shall furnish the Secretary with a true copy thereof (and where applicable a copy of the said certificate) and the Executive shall have the right within thirty (30) days of receipt to object to such application. Acceptance shall be deemed to be provisional only until the expiry of thirty (30) days.

21.3 Should an objection be raised by the Executive, the Club or the applicant (acting through the Club) shall deal with the objection to the satisfaction of the Executive within thirty (30) days of notification to such effect failing which, the application shall lapse and the applicant shall not be entitled to re-apply until the expiry of six (6) months whereupon the same procedure will apply.

21.4 Particulars of any member declared by a Club not to be in good standing shall be furnished to the Executive by the Club secretary within thirty (30) days of such declaration.

21.5 Clubs shall be liable for payment to the Association for subscriptions for current members as well as for new members who register during the year.

21.6 Should subscriptions not be paid for members by due date, all rights and privileges of membership shall be forfeited for so long as the amount remains outstanding.

22 OPERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

22.1 Unless otherwise decided by the meeting, all resolutions shall come into effect on the date of their adoption.

22.2 Resolutions adopted in accordance with this Constitution shall be binding on all Clubs and members thereof.

23 SEVERANCE OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP

23.1 The Executive is empowered, after due investigation and consideration of the facts to suspend the membership of any Club on the grounds of wilful, flagrant or persistent disregard of this Constitution, or any Bye-Law framed by the Executive.

23.2 Any suspension of a Club shall be subject to confirmation by Council which shall be presented with a full report by the Executive as to the circumstances and reasons for the suspension.

23.3 Council shall be entitled to lift the suspension, confirm same or, if the facts presented to it so warrant, it may terminate the Club's membership.

23.3 Should Council either confirm the suspension or terminate the Club's membership, the affected Club shall have the right of appeal to Bowls SA.

24 DISCIPLINE OF CLUB MEMBERS

24.1 Should any registered member affiliated to the District, in the opinion of the Executive;

24.1.1 Wilfully or persistently commit any breach of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls

24.1.2 Conduct themselves in a manner so as to frustrate the smooth or efficient running of any meeting, tournament, competition or fixture;

24.1.3 Be guilty of improper, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, ungentlemanly or physical aggressive conduct;

24.1.4 Be guilty of any unseemly conduct, misbehaviour or malpractice while participating in any game;

24.1.5 Be guilty of conduct unbecoming or prejudicial to the interests of Bowls SA, the Association or a Club;
Then such members shall be subject to discipline.

24.2 The Disciplinary Committee, comprising of (3) three members, appointed by the Executive may call upon such member to appear before it in person, or to submit written evidence, to explain such conduct.

24.3 After due examination and consideration of the matter, the Disciplinary Committee may:

- Exonerate the member from blame;
- Find the member guilty of the conduct in question.

24.4 In determining the penalty to be imposed on any such member of a Club found guilty, the Executive may take into consideration any action or penalty such member's Club may or may not have taken against such member. It is the duty and responsibility of the Club to notify the Executive of any of action or penalty taken by such Club.

24.5 As a penalty the Executive may deal with the member as follows:

- Severely reprimand such member.
- Impose a suspension from any tournaments, competitions or fixtures under the direct control of Bowls SA and of the Association for a period deemed appropriate by the Executive.
- Recommend to the member's Club that such member be suspended from all privileges of such Club for any period.
- Suspend such person from the Association for a period deemed appropriate by the Executive.

25 APPEALS AND DISPUTES

25.1 The Executive is empowered to adjudicate upon and determine any dispute which may arise between Clubs affiliated to the Association or between a Club and a player.

25.2 In addition to the power to adjudicate the Executive shall have the right to determine any appeal lodged against the decision of any Club where such right of appeal exists.

- 25.3** Particulars of any matter in dispute and the reasons or grounds for appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary by the Secretary of the relevant Club within sixty (60) days of the event giving rise to such dispute or appeal.
- 25.4** Any party to a dispute, or appeal, aggrieved by the decision of the Executive may apply to the Executive within thirty (30) days of notification of such decision to grant it a right of further appeal.
- 25.5** If the grounds upon which the application, referred to in Clause 25.4, are reasonable and substantial and the Executive is of the considered opinion that another body may arrive at a different decision, it shall convene a Special General Meeting as soon as possible, but not later than sixty (60) days, to consider such further appeal and the decision given at that meeting shall be final and binding.
- 25.6** Where the right to appeal to Bowls SA exists, any appeal to that body, unless the constitution of Bowls SA may otherwise allow, shall be routed through the Executive.
- 26 DRESS**
In all Association matches, competitions, championships and tournaments players shall wear the dress prescribed in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Bowls SA, or as directed by the Executive.
- 27 BYE-LAWS**
- 27.1** The Executive is empowered to make Bye-Laws consistent with this Constitution as it may deem expedient for the better furtherance of the objects of the Association.
- 27.2** Any Bye-Laws, or alterations made thereto, shall forthwith be furnished to all Clubs by the Secretary.
- 27.3** Unless otherwise decided at a General Meeting, any Bye-Laws made by the Executive shall be of full force and binding on all concerned.
- 28 INFRINGEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**
- 28.1** The Secretary shall furnish every Club with a copy of this Constitution and of all the amendments made from time to time.
- 28.2** It shall be incumbent on office bearers of all clubs and the Executive to make them acquainted with this Constitution and to assist in upholding its provisions.
- 29 AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**
- 29.1** No alteration of, or addition to this Constitution shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting and any Club seeking to bring about an amendment, shall give due and proper notice thereof, in terms of this Constitution, in writing, to the Secretary setting forth, in full, the proposed alterations or additions.
- 29.2** No amendment to this Constitution, of whatsoever nature, shall be effective unless at least two thirds of the delegates present and constituting a quorum, vote in favour of the proposal.

29.3 The Association shall submit to the Commissioner a copy of any amendment to the constitution or other written instrument under which it is established.

30 INTERPRETATION

30.1 Should any doubt arise as to the correct and/or strict meaning of any Clause of this Constitution, the interpretation placed thereon by the Executive shall prevail, provided that not less than two-thirds of its members, present at a duly convened meeting, vote in favour thereof.

30.2 Such interpretation by the Executive shall be binding on all concerned unless, at a succeeding Annual General Meeting, the delegates there present place a different interpretation thereon which shall then become final and binding until such time as by due and proper amendment the doubt is removed.

31 CASE OF EMERGENCY

31.1 Should this Constitution, or any Bye-Law framed thereunder, not cover or make provision for a certain course of action deemed by the Executive to be of extreme urgency, and also necessary, and should the prior sanction of Council not be reasonably possible to obtain, the Executive may take the necessary action.

31.2 In taking any such action, the Executive shall be aware of the danger of creating an unwarranted precedent and shall report its action and the need and reasons therefore at the next Council, General or Annual General Meeting (whichever occurs first) and shall in addition, to ensure no recurrence, recommend a suitable amendment to the Constitution or make the required change to the Bye-Laws.

32 SAVINGS AND REPEALS

32.1 The Constitution of the Association, in effect at the date of the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution, is hereby repealed.

32.2 Notwithstanding the repeal of the said Constitution all acts and decisions properly done or made thereunder shall continue to be of force and effect on the coming into operation of the amendments to the Constitution as if they had been done or made hereunder.

33 DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

33.1 In the event of the dissolution of the Association, all assets, after liabilities have been met, shall be handed over to an Association having the aims and objectives similar to the Association, or to an approved public benefit organisation approved by the Commissioner.

33.2 No financial gain shall accrue to any individual, organisation or authority either private or government, without the prior approval of Council and the Commissioner.

End of CONSTITUTION