**MOUNT WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.**

**BY-LAWS**



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**1 PREAMBLE**

1.1 Authority for these By-laws

The By-laws of the Mount Waverley Bowling Club Inc. are established under Rule 83 of the Constitution.

1.2 Interpretation and Definitions

The definitions in Rule 4 of the Constitution apply in these By-laws.

In these By-laws, the following additional definitions apply:

**Championship Coordinator** shall be the person appointed by the Committee of Managementto organise and manage the conduct of the Club Championships including the conduct of the draw and the umpiring the Championships.

**Club Year** has the samemeaning as Financial Year in the Club’s constitution.

**Financial Member** means a member whose subscription has been paid to the 30 June next.

**Greens Director** shall be the person appointed by the Committee of Management for the management of the Club Greens, who has sole responsibility for the control of the greens and remains responsible to the Committee of Management.

**Returning Officer** is a member who has not nominated for a committee position, appointed by the Committee of Management to conduct the election process.

**Deputy Returning Officer** is a member who has not nominated for a committee position, appointed by the Committee of Management to assist the Returning Officer in the conduct the election process.

**Scrutineer** is a member who has not nominated for a committee position and is appointed by the Committee of Management to independently scrutinise the election process.

**2 MEMBERSHIP**

2.1

The number of Life Memberships that may be conferred by the Committee of Management to members who have provided outstanding service to the Club, shall be capped at 12.

2.2 Social Member

Social Members cannot take part in bowling on the greens unless they are approved by a member of the Committee of Management and pay the prescribed fee for casual use of the greens.

2.3 Night Member

Night Members may play bowls on the Club’s greens or play in Night Pennant for the Club by paying the prescribed fee for night use of the greens.

2.4 Honorary Member

(a) Any Player or Official affiliated with Bowls Australia or Bowls Victoria who visits the Club for competing in organised games are classified as Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of their visit.

(b) A person who provides significant support to the Club and is nominated and approved by the Committee of Management to become an Honorary Member. These Honorary Members shall have the same privileges as Social Members of the Club. The Committee of Management shall review these Honorary Member appointments every 12 months.

(c) The Committee of Management shall have power to withdraw any or all privileges from Honorary Members

(d) No person shall be allowed to become an Honorary Member of the Club or be relieved of the payment of a regular subscription except those possessing the qualifications defined in this By-law.

**3 FEES**

3.1 Annual Subscription Fees

The annual subscription for each membership category for 2024-25 shall be:

 Bowling Members $255

 Life Members $0

 Long term Member $205

 Junior Member $45

 Leave of Absence members $10

 Social Member $45

 Honorary Member $0

Life members will be relieved of the payment of annual membership fees but shall pay any other amount payable by members for use of the club or its facilities.

All members irrespective of membership category, playing in weekend and midweek pennant competitions, shall pay the following, separately invoiced, fees:

Affiliation Fees (BV and ERBR) To be advised

Greens fee (one fee only applies) $70

Catering fee $60

Members playing in the SDELBA Tuesday night competition shall pay a fee each round. NOTE that Night Members who have not paid the Affiliation Fee (above) and are not registered with BowlsLink, are not eligible to play in any Bowls Victoria sanctioned events.

3.2 New Member Fees

New members joining the Club in 2024-25 shall pay the following first year fees:

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| **Category** | **Joining Fee** | **Transfer fee** | **Membership Fee** | **Pennant Players Affiliation & Green Fees** |
| New Bowler | $50 | NA | Nil to 30 June this seasonRelevant Membership Fee thereafter | Next season |
| Transferring Bowler | $50 | BV fee currently $30 | $130 this seasonRelevant Membership Fee thereafter | CurrentSeason Affiliation, Green & Catering Fees |
| Social member | $45 | NA | Social Membership Fee thereafter | NA |

3.3 Casual Use Fees

The Committee of Management has determined the following fees for casual use of the bowling greens:

 Visitors / Social Members $12 per session

 Concession (students / NDIS clients) $6 per session

3.4 Event Fees

Event fees shall be fixed by the Committee of Management for each event.

3.5 Financial Difficulty

A member in financial difficulty or suffering ill health, may seek consideration for assistance with payment of the annual subscription, by personally contacting a member of the Club Executive. The Executive will decide on the request for assistance. Such an approach and decision will be kept in strict confidence.

3.6 Renewal of Membership

The Treasurer shall invoice each member (except Life and Honorary Members) for the payment of the annual subscription and other monies required to be paid and stating when they are due.

Subscriptions to the next 30 June shall be due and payable in advance prior to 1 July in each year.

On payment of the amount due, their membership of the Club shall be renewed and the member will be a financial member to the next 30 June.

If a member dies on or before 30th September, current subscription and fees paid for that year will be refunded, if requested to the estate of the deceased.

3.7 Unfinancial Members

A member who has not paid their annual subscription by 1 July, shall not be entitled to vote on any matter put to the members until the overdue subscription fees are paid.

A member who has not paid their annual subscription, is not entitled to play in any pennant game or in any Bowls Victoria sanctioned event whilst they remain unfinancial.

Members must have paid their annual subscription (unless exempt) and affiliation fees and be registered by the Club on the Bowls Victoria Bowlslink database, to be eligible to play in pennant games or in Bowls Victoria sanctioned events.

A member who has not paid their annual subscription by 30 September will be deemed to have resigned and ceases to be a member of the Club. To re-join the Club, the former member will need to make an application to join, pay the current joining fee and any overdue subscription or other fees.

**4 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERS**

4.1 The number of Ordinary Committee members on the Committee of Management shall be 8.

4.2 Nomination for Committee of Management

At least 28 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall, display on the Club Notice Board a call for nominations for office bearers and members of the Committee of Management.

Not less than two weeks shall elapse between the closing date of nominations to positions on the Committee of Management and the date of election.

The names of the nominees seeking a position on the Committee of Management shall appear on the Notice Board prior to the election.

4.3 Election Procedure

Where there are more candidates than vacancies, an election by secret ballot shall be held.

Where ballots are necessary, the ballot shall be held at least one week before the Annual General Meeting.

If a ballot is necessary, the Committee of Management shall immediately appoint a Returning Officer, a Deputy Returning Officer and at least two (2) Scrutineers, none of whom shall be a candidate for election. The conduct of the ballots shall be their responsibility.

The Returning Officer shall determine how the secret ballot for the election of Committee members shall be conducted in accordance with the Club’s constitution and these By-laws.

The names of the candidates for election to an office shall be recorded on the ballot paper in such sequence as drawn by lot conducted by the Returning Officer.

Voting in the elections will be carried out by those members eligible to vote. If any voting member prefers, they may apply to the Returning Officer for Postal Ballot Papers which shall be available 7 days before the date of the secret ballot. All postal ballot papers received after the closing of the ballot shall be void. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

The method of voting for all offices shall be by a member recording against each name, the numerical sequence of preference of all candidates. The election shall be determined by the counting of votes on the preferential basis according to the number of positions to be filled.

If two or more candidates for any office vacancy receive an equal number of votes, the result shall be determined by lot conducted by the Returning Officer or if unavailable, the Deputy Returning Officer, in the presence of the Scrutineers.

The Returning Officer shall pass to the Chairperson in a sealed envelope, the result of ballots.

The Chairperson shall at the Annual General Meeting open the sealed envelope and announce the result of the elections for the Committee of Management members for the next year.

4.4 Insufficient Nominations

In the event of an insufficient number of candidates being nominated for any office, the Committee of Management may appoint a member to fill the remaining vacancy.

**5 LAWS, RULES & BY LAWS**

Except when specifically stated otherwise, the Laws, Rules and By-Laws of the game of Bowls, as adopted by Bowls Victoria, Eastern Ranges Bowls Region and Southern Districts Night Bowling Bowls Competition (S.D.E.L.B.C) shall apply to games played under the control of the Club. Failure to observe any such Laws, Rules and By-Laws will render the offending player liable to the prescribed penalty as detailed in the Laws, Rules and By-laws.

**6 CLUB COMMITTEES**

The Committee of Management may establish sub-committees as appropriate for the efficient running of the Club. The Committee of Management shall determine the membership, role and responsibilities of each sub-committee.

The Committee of Management may appoint any member of the Club including Social Members to a sub-committee.

The Committee of Management will appoint a person who will be responsible for each committee’s operation and for liaison with the responsible Member of the Committee of Management.

Each Committee which has responsibility for cash, shall maintain books of account as approved by the Treasurer.

Each Committee shall keep Minutes of its meetings and submit these to the Committee of Management.

**7 SELECTORS ELECTION and DUTIES**

7.1 Nomination of Selectors

Prior to the end of the Club year, the Secretary shall, display on the Club Notice Board a call for nominations for Selectors of each Section of the Club.

The number of selectors for a Section shall be, unless otherwise determined by the Committee of Management from applications received:

Mid-Week Pennant - 2 Selectors

Weekend Pennant - 2 Selectors

Night Pennant - 2 Selectors

Thursday 7’s Pennant – 1 Selector.

If there are insufficient applicants for the number of Selector positions required or a vacancy on a Selection Panel arises, the Committee of Management may approach and appoint a Club member to the vacant Selector position.

The Selector’s term of office shall be for one year, but this does not prohibit a member applying for appointment in successive years.

7.2 Assessment of Selector applications

The Committee of Management will consider the applications received and decide on the appointment of Selectors for each Section.

The Committee of Management may constitute a sub-committee to consider selector applications and may conduct interviews with applicants. Any applicant can request an interview with the sub-committee. The sub-committee shall advise the Committee of Management on the suitability of applicants for the position of selector.

7.3 Selectors’ Duties

The selectors shall deal with selection of players for Mid-Week, Weekend, Night and Thursday 7’s pennant teams and shall:

a) Appoint a person to act as Chairman of Selectors

b) Grade all players in Club Competitions, when required

c) Nominate players required for official Bowls Victoria or Regional trials, as required.

The Selectors, in consultation with the Greens Director, shall allocate rinks for pennant matches.

The selectors shall appoint, for each home game of pennant the official umpire for the day to act, as required, under the Conditions of Play and the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. Where an umpire is not available, a measurer shall be appointed.

**Controlling Body** - The Selectors shall appoint for each home game, a Club member to act as required by Bowls Victoria under the Conditions of Play and the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

**Duty Rinks** - The Selectors shall nominate one rink playing at home to be the Outdoor duty rink and another rink playing at home to be the Kitchen duty rink for each home game.

Alteration To Pennant Teams -A Team Manager or a skipper shall not alter the membership or order of a team without the approval of a member of the Selection Committee.

**8 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

8.1 Club Championship Events

The Club will run the following Championship Events each year unless, in the opinion of the Committee of Management, there are inadequate entries to make a viable competition:

* Ladies Singles
* Ladies Pairs
* Men’s Singles
* Men’s Pairs
* Mixed Pairs.
* Novices Singles
* Open Triples
* 100 Up

Other competitions will be as determined by the Committee of Management and published on the Club Championship Notice Board.

8.2 Prizes and Trophies for Club Championships

The Committee of Management shall, at its discretion, provide prizes or trophies for Club Championships.

8.3 Entries

Entries for Club Championship events and other competitions shall be made on the competition entry form located on the Club Notice Board.

8.4 Conditions for Club Championships

All competitions will be played under the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Bowls Australia Regulations and Bowls Victoria Conditions for Play, unless otherwise specified in the entry information.

In addition to the specific conditions for the Championships listed below, any other specific conditions will be determined by the Championship Coordinator and published on the Club Notice Board, as part of the entry information.

In handicap events, the grading and handicapping of players shall be determined by the Selection Committee.

8.4.1 Club Singles Championships

In all Club Championship Singles Competitions, the winner of the game will be the first player to reach 25 shots.

8.4.2 Club Pairs Championships

All Club Championship Pairs competitions will be played as a 3 bowls pairs over 15 ends with the final being played over 18 ends.

8.4.3 Club Triples Championship

The 2- bowl Open Triples Championship will be played over 15 ends with the final being played over 18 ends.

8.4.4 Open 100 Up Singles – Handicap Championship

The Open 100 Up Singles is open to all bowlers who play Weekend, Midweek or Night Pennant.

The Open 100 Up Singles is a four-bowl competition.

The scoring will be on a 4-3-2-1 basis with 4 points for the bowl nearest the jack.

The Open 100 Up Singles is a handicap competition.

Handicaps will be allocated on the basis of the player’s team in Weekend Pennant. Where a player plays the majority of their games in Midweek or Night Pennant, they will be allocated the handicap of a 2nd Team player.

Handicaps will be as follows:

1st Team player = - 10

2nd Team player (also Midweek only or Night only bowler) = - 5

First Year bowler = 0 (scratch)

Additional handicaps apply as follows:

Last year’s winner of the 100 UP deduct a further -2 points

Last year’s Men’s Champion deduct a further -2 points

Last year’s Ladies Champion deduct a further -2 points

Players with handicap MUST start from the negative score - e.g. anyone with a handicap of -10, must enter -10 as their starting score on the scorecard.

Player with bowl nearest jack, rolls jack for the next end, irrespective of points scored.

Dead ends must be re-played.

8.4.5 Open Novice Singles Championship

The Open Novice Singles is an open event to men and women bowling members of the club.

A member who has joined the club as a new bowler, within three years of the start of the season within which the competition is being played is eligible to compete - e.g for 2024-25 any new bowler who joined the Club after 1st July 2021 will be eligible.

The following members are NOT eligible to play in the Novice Championship:

Previous winner of the Novices Singles Competition

Previous winner of any Club Championship Singles Competition.

The Open Novice Singles is a four bowl event.

The winner is the first player to reach 21 shots.

Dead ends must be re-played.

8.5.Markers

In the first round of singles events, the player whose name appears first shall be responsible for the arranging of a marker. In subsequent rounds, either losing player shall act as marker, as far as practicable. All players shall cooperate in making these arrangements.

8.6 Substitutes

A substitute is allowed in Club Pairs and Triples matches in accordance with the rules for substitutes as set out in the Bowls Victoria Conditions for Play, with the proviso that a substitute will not be allowed for a player who has elected to play bowls at another venue on the same day as the match in question.

8.7 Scheduled Days of Play

Championship games shall be played between the starting and closing dates for each round as per the published draw on the Club Notice Board, unless otherwise agreed with the Championship Coordinator.

Where the participants cannot agree on a date, the match will be scheduled by the Championship Coordinator and any defaulting player or players who cannot play on that day, will forfeit the match.

The only exception is where the player is required, on the same day, to be a participant or an official in a Bowls Australia, Bowls Victoria (including Region) event or selection trial, where protection to the player will be granted.

Under such circumstances, and where substitutes are permissible, either an eligible substitute will be allowed if the player so requests OR the Club match date will be rearranged by the Championship Coordinator to a date that does not delay the completion of the following round of the event.

8.8 Inclement Weather

If a match is cancelled due to inclement weather, the Championship Co-Ordinator will set an amended date for the match/es that will not delay the completion of the following round by the scheduled date.

8.9 Preparation of Greens

For the finals of Club competitions, the Greens Director will prepare suitable rinks and play will be north south. At other times, direction of play will be at Green Director’s discretion as indicated on the greens board on the front of the Clubhouse.

8.10 Disputes

In the event of any dispute over the interpretation of the Championship Rules, the Championship Coordinator’s decision will be final.

8.11 Appeals

A player wishing to lodge an appeal, must give notice to his/her opponent and the marker, at the end of the game that he/she intends to lodge an appeal. The appeal must be lodged in writing with the Championship Coordinator within twenty-four (24) hours from the time play commenced or was due to commence. The appeal, stating fully the grounds upon which it is lodged, shall be considered by the Championship Coordinator and the Championship Coordinator’s decision shall be binding on the parties to the appeal.

8.12 Attire

Dress code in preliminary rounds will be Bowls Victoria approved uniform. The Final must be played in Club uniform.

**9 - GREENS DIRECTOR**

The Committee of Management shall appoint a Greens Director. The duties of the Greens Director shall include:

(a) Supervise the care and maintenance of the greens of the club.

(b) Direct and supervise the greens contractors in their duties relating to the greens and surrounds.

(c) Have the authority to determine how the greens may be used at all times including prevention of play at any time, closing any rink or rinks or deciding on conditions of play when it is considered that the green may be damaged or when considered desirable.

(d) Report to the Committee of Management as required.

**10 AVAILABILITY OF GREENS**

Availability of greens and rinks will be shown on the Reservation Board. Bowlers should refer to the Reservation Board before any game or practice commences on the grass or synthetic green.

The direction of play on the grass green for Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday will normally be North-South and on other days East-West unless otherwise determined by the Greens Director.

The direction of play on the synthetic green will be North-South.

10.1 Closure of Greens

In the interests of preserving the greens, the Greens Director or in their absence, any two members of the Committee of Management, may direct that rinks or greens be closed or playing conditions varied including the direction of play.

Orange Flag. The Orange flag indicates that games, scheduled events and practice for that day have been cancelled.

10.2 Access priority to the Greens

Priority access to the Club’s greens / rinks for games or practice shall be in the following order:

1. Green preparation and maintenance, usually
* Monday to 3:00pm
* Tuesday mornings before pennant games until 9:00am
* Wednesday mornings to 10:00am
* Thursday to 2:00pm
* Friday mornings to 12:00pm
* Saturday mornings before pennant games until 11:00am

or any other time as determined by the Greens Director or green keeper.

1. Pennant games including pre-game practice, usually
* Midweek pennant - Tuesday 9:00am to 3:00pm
* Thursday 7’s – Thursday 10:00am to 2:00pm
* Tuesday Night pennant – Tuesday 7:00pm to 11:00pm
* Weekend pennant – Saturday 11:30am to 6:00pm.
1. Club competitions, Club Championships or tournaments
2. Club social bowls – usually Wednesday 10:00am to 3:00pm
* Saturdays (outside of Pennant season) 10:00am to 3:00pm.
1. Club or corporate events
2. Pennant practice
3. Coaching
4. Individual social bowls or practice.

Organised events and members with prior bookings, as indicated on the reservations board, shall have priority over those without bookings.

Event organisers and members shall liaise and cooperate to maximise the opportunities for members to play bowls.

If members are unable to resolve who should be using a rink, a member of the Committee of Management shall make the determination.

10.3 Pre-Game Pennant Practice

Pre-game pennant practice is allowed on the day of play including on the rinks the game is to be played on, for both the home and visiting side.

In accordance with the Bowls Victoria rules, the visiting side may practice for up to one (1) hour from 90 minutes to 30 minutes, prior to the commencement of play.

In accordance with the Bowls Victoria rules, if required, the visiting side must have access to half the rinks the game is to be played on, and these should be consecutive rinks.

10.4 Programmed Events

On Pennant Days or for programmed events if a green is available, it cannot be used for Club competitions or practice without the consent of the Pennant Team manager or event convenor. Consent may be given by the Team manager or convenor for other players to play on any unoccupied rinks on a green being used for a programmed event, provided at least one rink is left vacant between bowlers competing in the programmed event and other players.

Night Bowls

On Tuesday and Thursday nights when lighting of the green is permitted until 11:00pm, the Night players have priority for use of the greens for Pennant and social play from 7:00 pm onwards.

On the other weeknights and at weekends when lighting on the greens is permitted until 9.00 p.m., practice may be allowable and club or special events may be played.

Whenever the green lights are used, the member(s) switching the lights on and off must record these times in the night lights book located near the switchboard.

**11 HEAT POLICY**

11.1 Bowls Victoria Events

For Bowls Victoria events or club events being conducted under Bowls Victoria conditions, the heat policy as set out by Bowls Victoria applies.

11.2 Club In-House Policy

For other Club events, players will conform to the Club “in-house” policy:

1. Play shall not commence:

• If the temperature at the Scoresby Weather Station, is 340  Celsius or more at the scheduled commencement time, play will be postponed for up to 1 hour.

• If the temperature fails to fall below 340  Celsius within I hour of play being postponed, the event is abandoned.

2. Play shall not continue due to excessive heat, after an event has commenced:

• If the temperature at the Scoresby Weather Station, reaches 340  Celsius or more at any time after play commences, play will be suspended for up to I hour.

• If the temperature fails to fall below 340  Celsius within 1 hour of play being suspended, the event is abandoned.

• An event shall be abandoned if interruptions cause play to exceed 5 hours from the scheduled starting time.

**12 USE OF GREENS BY NON-BOWLERS**

Non-bowlers may use the West green to ascertain their attitude to the game of bowls, in the following circumstances:

(a) at special open days for non-bowlers organised by the Committee of Management

(b) when a possible new member is being supervised by a coach

(c) when a possible new member is being supervised by a Club Member providing the visit has been authorised by a member of the Committee of Management who may specify special conditions – e.g. use of protective mats etc

(d) where an authorised Corporate or Barefoot Bowls event is being held.

12.1 Non-Club members Use of Club Facilities

Non-Club members apart from member’s guests and people attending organised events, wishing to use the facilities of the Club especially the Bar, must be signed into the Visitors Book when entering the Clubhouse.

**13 DRESS REGULATIONS ON THE BOWLING GREEN**

Members participating in games organized by or under the auspices of Bowls Australia, Bowls Victoria, Eastern Ranges Bowls Region or S.D.E.L.B.C. shall conform to the regulations for dress as laid down by the applicable Association at the time.

CLUB COMPETITIONS: Members participating in Club Championships finals must wear Club uniform or in preliminary rounds only, Bowls Victoria approved bowls uniforms.

OTHER GAMES: Dress in other games shall be as directed by the Committee of Management. For practice, neat and respectable casual dress must be worn. For Corporate bowls and bare-foot bowls sessions, appropriate flat soled shoes must always be worn. Shoes with heels are prohibited to avoid damage to the greens surface. This policy includes the use of the synthetic green.

**14 SMOKING, VAPING AND E-CIGARETTES PROHIBITION**

Smoking, vaping and use of any other tobacco product or form of e-cigarettes is prohibited on all Club property including the Clubhouse, greens and their surrounds and all land leased from Monash Council.

Smokers are encouraged to smoke outside the Club’s liquor license boundary on the public land in the east carpark, west carpark or along Wadham Parade. All smokers should be respectful of our neighbours and are encouraged to smoke at least 10 metres away from the surrounding property boundaries.

**15 ADMINISTRATION**

15.1 Club Colours

The colours of the Club shall be Blue and Gold.

15.2 Dress Code in Clubhouse

Neat and respectable casual dress or bowls uniform shall be worn in the Clubhouse.

15.3 Keys

15.3.1 All bowling members are entitled to have a gate/mat shed key provided. Member’s keys are to be returned when leaving the Club.

15.3.2 A member of the Committee of Management or delegate shall be appointed to supervise and control the issue of all keys and entry codes to the Clubhouse and the green keeper’s shed.

A Register will be kept showing the location of each lock and a list of names of key/code holders.

All keys/codes issued for the Clubhouse and the green keeper’s shed must be signed for by the recipient and returned when moving out of office or resigning from the Club.

15.4 Use of Club Property

Members may not remove any property belonging to the Club without having obtained prior permission from a member of the Committee of Management.

15.4.1 Members may use the Clubhouse for conducting celebrations, events, etc. at a rental approved by the Committee of Management. All such events are to be under the control of the delegated Club member.

15.4.2 The member conducting the event will be responsible for the building and Club grounds and for the cleaning after the event.

15.4.3 All liquor consumed on the premises must be purchased from the Bar.

15.4.4 The Member is responsible for all costs incurred in obtaining any additional Liquor License required.

15.4.5 The member conducting the event will be responsible for arranging with the Bar Committee Chairman, for Bar Stewards to be in attendance.

15.5 Club Notice Board

15.5.1 A Notice Board shall be kept in a prominent position in the Clubhouse on which shall be exhibited notices of meetings, names of officers and committee members, copies of the Constitution and By-laws, and items regarding Association or Club competitions as the Committee of Management may direct.

15.5.2 Each member of the Club shall be deemed to have received notices exhibited on the Club Notice Board and are not entitled to receive any further notice of the subject matter of such exhibition, except Notices of meetings of the Club or as otherwise provided for by these By-laws.

15.6 Honour and Achievement Boards

15.6.1 Honour Boards that record the names of the past members appointed to office positions and life members shall be retained, at the discretion of the Committee of Management.

15.6.2 Achievement Boards will be kept and record the names of:

(a) Club Singles, Pairs and Triples Champions and the Mixed Pairs Champions.

(b) Winners of any Group or State Event.

(c) Place getters to third in any National Event.

(d) International Representatives including as an official coach or umpire. However, reference on the honour board to an umpire or coach, shall only occur once and not appear for successive appointments.

15.7 Death of a Member

15.7.1 If a player should die during any organized Club game or at practice, all play shall be abandoned immediately. For all other play, the Laws of the Sport of Bowls & the Conditions of Play stipulated by the Controlling Body will apply.

15.7.2 Club Flag

Upon receiving advice of the death of a member, the Club Secretary will arrange for the Club Flag to be raised to half-mast and it will remain at half-mast till after the funeral service.

15.7.3 Notification

The Club Secretary will arrange for a notice to be placed in the Club foyer.

15.7.4 Donations from member’s relatives are welcomed and may be accepted for specified items.

15.7.5 Relatives may donate trophies or prizes for an event in the season following the death of the member.

15.7.6 Donations will not be accepted for new perpetual or memorial trophies unless specifically approved by the Committee of Management. Existing perpetual or memorial trophies or events will be retained if considered appropriate by the Committee of Management.

15.8 Delegates

15.8.1 Eastern Ranges Bowls Region

The Committee of Management shall nominate Club delegates to the Eastern Ranges Bowls Region. The Club delegates shall attend Region meetings as required and submit reports to the Committee of Management.

15.8.2 Night Bowling

The Night Bowling section committee will nominate a delegate to represent the Club at the S.D.E.L.B.C. or other association with which the Club may affiliate for Night Bowls competition. This delegate shall attend meetings of the affiliated competition/association as required and report to the Night Bowling Section Committee.

**16 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH BY-LAWS**

The Committee of Management may issue warnings or institute disciplinary proceedings against a member for failure to comply with the Club’s Constitution, By-laws or Policies.

**17 ALTERATIONS TO BY-LAWS**

These By-laws may be altered from time to time by the Committee of Management. Any such alterations shall be communicated to the members on the Club Notice Board or by email.