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**TO: ALL DISTRICT SECRETARIES
EXECUTIVE
MEDIA**

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WARWICK : BOWLS SA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS -2012

This serves to confirm that at the last Annual General Meeting held on 28 August 2011, Council requested Bowls SA to implement a "Pre-Qualifying Singles" event a day or two in advance of the official opening. This would enable those bowlers travelling to the event an opportunity to enter the Singles and qualify. This arrangement does not affect those players who have already qualified through their respective district singles, in terms of the modus-Operandi.

The number of "Pre-Qualifiers" to be entered in the main event will depend on the number of vacancies left after the district qualifiers have confirmed their attendance. Districts will be allowed to replace their vacancies up to ten days before the pre-qualifying event after which these vacancies become available for "Pre-Qualifiers". The "Presidents Pick" currently detailed in the Modus-Operandi amounting to eight entries in the Open and four entries in the Senior event will fall away and these numbers will be included and made available in the "Pre-Qualifying" event.

The "Pre-Qualifying" event for singles entries will be run on a knock-out format. Furthermore, vacancies created through withdrawals from the main event will not be replaced once the "Pre-Qualifying" has commenced.

It should be noted that the Singles event does not attract an entrance fee. Players will attract a penalty of R 100.00 should they withdraw from the Singles once the "Pre-Qualifying" event has commenced.

District Secretaries are requested to circulate a copy of this circular to the clubs under their control.

Executive Committee:

President: Debra Ferguson, Vice President: Allan Freeman
Members: Kallie Haupt, Sergio Martinengo, Isabel Smith, Ron Weddell

In view of the above request from Council the programme of events has been amended as follows:

17 – 18 May	Singles	Thursday & Friday	(Pre-Qualifying event)
19 – 20 May	Pairs	Saturday & Sunday	(First play-off on Sunday afternoon)
21 - 22 May	Fours	Monday & Tuesday	(First play-off on Tuesday afternoon)
23 May	Singles	Wednesday	(Round Robin in sections of four)
24 May	Singles	Thursday	(Knock-out and play-offs of Pairs & Fours)
25 - 26 May	All Play-offs	Friday & Saturday	(Knock-out)
27 May		Sunday	(Semi finals/Finals)

It should be noted that the Pairs & Fours play three rounds of 15 ends each day until the semi-finals. In terms of the Conditions of Play Bowls SA reserves the right to extend this requirement depending on the play-off schedule.



John Ravenscroft
Operations Manager