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**TO: ALL DISTRICT SECRETARIES
ALL STANDING COMMITTEES**

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BOWLS SA TOURNAMENTS – SMOKING CONTROLS

It has become necessary to seriously address the issue of smoking during Bowls SA tournaments. Bowls SA requested that players refrain from smoking during play both on and off the green during National Tournaments. Unfortunately, players have decided to test the system and owing to their resistance we are forced to implement penalties for non-compliance.

The Warwick Bowls SA Men's and Women's Nationals becomes the only exception acceptable to Bowls SA. These two tournaments are promoted as a "festival of bowls" and the Executive decided to exclude these tournaments from the no-smoking initiatives.

We are trying to promote bowls as a sport and our vision statement affirms our intentions with "Bowls the best sport for all". The Government places us under constant pressure to eliminate smoking from our sport and to conform to Government Policy.

It follows in view of the above that tournaments, excluding The Nationals will have the following penalty clause included in the Conditions of Play.

The penalty for transgressing with the use of tobacco (smoking) will be as follows:

Upon the first offence the Technical Official will issue a yellow card and record the players name and district. Upon the second offence, by the same player the Technical Official will issue a red card and the player will be prohibited from playing in the next round. The team will be allowed to use a reserve, if registered, or draw a substitute if no reserve is registered. Should the same player commit a further offence they will be banned from taking any further part in the tournament and also be suspended from playing any further Bowls SA tournaments for one year

Districts are requested to kindly copy the contents of this circular to the clubs under their control.

**John Ravenscroft
Operations Manager**

Executive Committee:

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