

Bowls North Harbour Incorporated

Incorporated Society No 364394

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1. Purpose and Status of Regulations

- 1.1 The purpose of these Regulations is to support the Constitution of Bowls North Harbour Inc. (BNH) in the administration of the sport in the area known as the BNH Centre.
- 1.2 Centre Regulations are referred to in the Constitution Clause 33 "Centre Regulations" and may be amended, added to, or deleted from, as may be approved by the BNH Board from time to time.
- 1.3 Once approved these Regulations shall continue in force until such time as they are revoked or amended by a decision of the BNH Board.

2. Interpretation

- 2.1 Every reference to the Constitution shall mean the current constitution of Bowls North Harbour Inc. unless specified otherwise.
- 2.2 The words and phrases used in these Regulations shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution, unless otherwise specified in these Regulations.
- 2.3 In addition to clauses 2.1 and 2.2 of these Regulations, the following words and phrases used in these Regulations shall mean as follows:

"Centre" means Bowls North Harbour Inc.

"Centre Board" and **"Board"** means the body that is responsible for the governance and management of the Centre.

3. Centre Disciplinary Regulations

- 3.1 The Disciplinary Regulations for the Centre shall be the same as those adopted by and published by Bowls New Zealand in the Disciplinary Guidebook as last updated in March 2024, and adopted by the Centre Board in July 2025.

4. Honorary Life Membership

- 4.1 The process, duration, rights, and obligations of awarding honorary life membership of Bowls North Harbour Inc. to any person, is provided in the Constitution under clause 9 "Life Members".
- 4.2 This Regulation aims to provide guideline criteria for assessing the excellent service rendered by a candidate under consideration. Whilst the criteria may provide a certain number in its

guidelines, these numbers should be taken as a guide only in assessing the merit of the candidate being considered.

- 4.3 These criteria may be added to or amended from time to time as situations are considered and by a Resolution of the Board. They are not meant to be conclusive and any candidate being considered may not have met all the criteria, but the expectation is the candidate can be identified as fulfilling most of the criteria listed.
- 4.4 The over-riding criteria should be that the candidate has excelled in their contribution to the sport and provided role model status for those following in their footsteps to better serve the sport in the Bowls North Harbour area.
- 4.5 Measuring the service by the candidate may consist of –
- a) Provided distinguished service to the sport in North Harbour area for at least 10 years;
 - b) Having earned respect and acknowledgement for their contribution to the sport and to the Bowls North Harbour Centre specifically;
 - c) May have contributed to the sport at national or international level;
 - d) May have shown outstanding ability and leadership in promoting the game of bowls in the Bowls North Harbour area;
 - e) May have showcased the sport with respect and humbleness in competition while playing the game;
 - f) Provided meritorious contribution and distinguished and conspicuous service in a leadership role to the sport in the Bowls North Harbour area.

5. Legends Awards

- 5.1 The recognition of awarding a Legend Award of Bowls North Harbour Inc. to any person is provided in the Constitution under Clause 37 “Awards”.
- 5.2 The Legends Award will primarily recognise bowler Members who have performed with distinction within the sport either within the Centre, nationally or internationally. Other persons such as umpires, event directors, selectors/coaches of representative teams who have made a significant contribution to the playing of the game of bowls in North Harbour over an extended period of time may also be considered.
- 5.3 It is expected that any persons considered for a Legends Award would have made a substantial contribution to the sport either as a player or official, would be recognised as such by their peers, and will be in the twilight of their career in the sport.
- 5.4 The award to any person shall be first considered by an independent panel of three persons, (“Legends Panel”, “Panel”) which Panel shall include the President, or other appointed Board member, and two other persons with the requisite knowledge and experience in considering candidates for such award.

- 5.5 The Panel members shall be appointed for an initial term of two years and maybe re-appointed by the Board for such further terms as determined by the Board.
- 5.6 Any proposed award shall be considered and passed as a special resolution by the Centre Board after receiving and considering the appropriate recommendation from the Legends Panel.
- 5.7 The Panel may receive, or may itself initiate nominations for the award.
- 5.8 The Panel shall determine the format for any nomination, which shall be in sufficient detail, to confirm that the nomination meets the criteria for this award.
- 5.9 The Panel shall consider the mix of achievements in at least the following set of guidelines in measuring the value of any candidate for consideration of a Legends Award:
- a) Represented Bowls New Zealand on three or more occasions at an international event such as World Bowls Championships, Commonwealth or Olympic Games;
 - b) Won multiple national titles (Gold Star) over an extended period of time;
 - c) Won multiple Centre titles (Gold Star and Bars) in the Bowls North Harbour area;
 - d) Been a Bowls North Harbour Centre representative either as a player or official over an extended period of time;
 - e) Been a Bowls North Harbour Centre Umpire, Event Director or other Centre official/administrator over an extended period of time;

6. Dual Membership

The Bowls North Harbour Board has adopted the rules for *Dual Membership* as published by Bowls New Zealand and which specifically relate to competition in Club Championships and Interclub Sevens competition.

- 6.1 Club Championship events leading to Centre Champion of Champion Events and beyond (Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, and Mixed Pairs)
- a) If a player and/or player in a team wins a club championship competition that qualifies them for a centre champion of champions event, which goes on to a national champion of champions event, they are ineligible to enter another club's competition in that discipline.
 - b) A player and/or player in a team can only win one club championship or centre champion of champions event per discipline in a single season. For clarity, if a player wins any club championship, in any discipline, then they may NOT enter that same discipline at any other club, in any Centre, in the same season.

- c) A player and/or player in a team can only play in one active club championship discipline at any one time. For clarity, the player may enter another club's (if they are a full playing member) championship in the same discipline ONLY after the first club's championship in the same discipline has concluded and/or they are knocked out of that club's event

6.2 Interclub Sevens event leading to the National Interclub Sevens Championship

- a) If a player is part of a club's interclub sevens team, that player is not eligible to represent another club in another centre's interclub sevens competition, that advances to the National Interclub Sevens Finals or be selected to represent another club in the National Interclub Sevens Finals. For clarity, players cannot be selected in two clubs across multiple centres in an interclub sevens pathway event. This rule only applies to an interclub event that progresses to the National Interclub Sevens Finals in April.

7. Definition for Bowlers

- 7.1 A season for determining a bowling club member is from 1 July in one year to 30 June of the next year.
- 7.2 A bowler becomes a junior bowler in the first season in which the bowler joins a bowling club as a playing member. In the first playing season the member has the status of a first-year bowler. The member continues as a junior bowler until the end of the fifth consecutive season after joining.
- 7.3 In some circumstances the Centre Board may grant dispensation for a season/s should a playing member find his junior status is at risk.