



BOWLS
AUSTRALIA

POLICY TITLE: PLAYER AND CLUB CLEARANCE POLICY

RELATED POLICIES:	Affiliation and Eligibility to Play Policy
RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:	Risk, Integrity and Policy Committee
AUTHORITY:	Bowls Australia Board
APPLICABLE FORMS:	State or Territory (STA) Pennant Declaration Application for State or Territory (STA) Clearance
APPROVED:	Dec, 2020
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CONSTITUTION
BOWLS AUSTRALIA LIMITED
ACN: 076 229 699

20. Board Policies
20.1 Policies

20.1.1 The Board may from time to time as circumstances dictate, formulate, interpret, adopt, make, alter and amend Policies for the proper advancement, management and administration of Bowls Australia, the advancement of the Objects and bowls as it thinks necessary or desirable. Policies must (as far as practicable) be in conformity with the rules and regulations of WBL and must be consistent with this Constitution. Policies are binding on all Members.

20.1.2 The CEO shall bring to the notice of the Board and Members all Policies and any formulation, interpretation, amendment, alteration and repeal of them. Member States are obliged to draw such notices to the attention of Members in their States. Notices are binding upon all Members.

20.1.3 All Policies and regulations of the Company in force at the date of the approval of this Constitution insofar as such policies and regulations are not inconsistent with, or have been replaced by this Constitution, shall continue in force under this Constitution.

1. Players – Intrastate Clearances

- 1.1. Clearances and transfers between two clubs within a State and Territory Association (STA) for the purpose of participating in Championships or Pennants shall be under the jurisdiction of the relevant STA Conditions of Play.

2. Players – Interstate Clearances

- 2.1. Any player wishing to change their nominated club to a club affiliated with a different STA must obtain and submit a Clearance Application from the STA they are relocating **from** before becoming eligible to play in any championship event at their new club that is affiliated with a different STA.
- 2.2. A Clearance sought by any player should not be unreasonably withheld by an STA.
- 2.3. Any dispute arising out of this transfer policy will be determined in the first instance by the relevant STAs.
- 2.4. Any further dispute will be determined in accordance with the Disciplinary Policy.

Note: No clearance form is required for Pennant Play in more than one STA. However, an State or Territory (STA) Pennant Declaration is required. This can be obtained from the player's STA and should be submitted to the STA in the state in which the player intends to compete in Pennant.

3. Suspensions

- 3.1. Any player under suspension is not eligible to request a Clearance Intrastate, Interstate or Internationally.

4. Clubs – Transfer between STAs

- 4.1. Any request from a club to transfer from one STA to another must be approved by the STA with which the club is currently affiliated.
- 4.2. No application from a club to transfer from one STA to another is to be accepted by that STA unless the STA with which the club is affiliated approves.
- 4.3. A request from an affiliated club to transfer to another STA should not be unreasonably denied.
- 4.4. Any dispute arising from a request to transfer will firstly seek to be determined through mediation between the two STAs. Should a resolution not be reached either STA can submit a grievance under the Disciplinary Policy.
- 4.5. A club that has been disaffiliated or has resigned their affiliation from an STA shall not be eligible to apply for affiliation with or transfer to a different STA for a period of two (2) years. However, the club may at any time apply to re-affiliate with the STA with which they were previously affiliated.
- 4.6. A club, having transferred to a new STA, will be obliged to remain with that STA for a minimum of two (2) years.
- 4.7. No STA will approach a club in another STA with a view to encouraging or assisting that club to disaffiliate from the STA to which the club is affiliated.

5. Policy Breach

- 5.1 Any breach of this policy may be dealt with according to the Disciplinary Policy.