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TO: Member Clubs and Association Secretaries

FROM: General Manager, Mark Easton

CC: Board, Councillors, Assistant Councillors & Region Secretaries and CDO's

DATE: October 22, 2013

SUBJECT: OPEN GENDER COMPETITIONS

The House of Assembly, Parliament of South Australia have passed the Equal Opportunity (Sporting Competitions) Amendment Bill 2013 which has updated the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (SA) to address a concern with the provisions that prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sex, chosen gender or sexuality by Associations, or in the provision of certain services, in Part 3 of the Act, as the relevant provisions relate to competitive sporting competitions.

To adhere and comply with the recently amended South Australian Parliamentary Act By-Law:

- Associations must provide an open gender competition in all seasons, and if only one competition is conducted by an Association it must be an open gender competition.
- An Association can only offer a single gender competition if an open gender competition is provided, although there is no stipulation on what day the open gender competition is to be offered.

Furthermore, Bowls SA appreciates that not all members will agree with this directive, but believes that it is in the best interests of the sport and looks forward to the support and compliance of all Associations to this now State law.

Please contact Bowls SA on 8234 7544 if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Regards

Mark Easton
GENERAL MANAGER