



# Memo

**To: Club/District Secretaries**

**From: Brett Wilkie - CEO**

**Date: Monday 22 June 2020**

**Re: Affiliation Fees 2020 Adjustment due to COVID-19**

**Ref: 20012**

A memo was issued to all clubs on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 advising that BQ was putting a hold on the payment of the 2020 annual affiliation fees until further notice.

The BQ Board is of the view that clubs will be able to resume their normal bowling activities by no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020. This is based on the current information coming from the Queensland Government and from the Qld Chief Medical Officer. It is expected by then that not only will competition bowls be able to be played but normal club operations will recommence subject to some restrictions e.g. number of patrons allowed on the premises.

Assuming that there are no substantial changes to Government policy as to when sports such as bowls can recommence, the BQ Board is looking at providing five months of fee relief. This is based on clubs closing down their operations in March and not recommencing until August. Advice has been received from Bowls Australia that they will match whatever the States and Territories offer in relation to fee relief.

The process that BQ will follow in providing this relief will be to issue amended tax invoices to all clubs which will show that annual affiliation fees for 2020 will only be payable for 7 months of this year. Once confirmation is received from BA then that component of the invoice will also be adjusted on the same basis.

BQ is aware that some clubs paid their 2020 annual affiliation fees prior to receiving the memo of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

The Board has decided that upon receiving their amended invoice, those clubs can either request a refund or advise that the credit is to be applied against next year's affiliation fees.

**Brett Wilkie  
CEO**