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**To:** BQ Board, District and Club Secretaries

**From:** Brett Wilkie, CEO

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**Re:** Coaching Requirements

**Ref:** 24/005

Bowls Queensland have been made aware of people conducting coaching sessions at Queensland affiliated bowls clubs who have not completed an accredited bowls **Club Coach** course, and also may not hold a current Blue Card (working with children check).

If your club allows this to occur, you should know the following:

- A person needs to be an accredited coach to be covered by the club's Professional Indemnity Liability Insurance. For example: if someone is not an accredited coach and are coaching someone who then has a medical issue due to this advice, the person and the club could be held liable.
- It is important that all coaches are trained and accredited regarding safety and ethical behaviour while coaching.
- It is important that these coaches have the appropriate training and that a consistent message is being conveyed through sport.

The Bowls Queensland Coaching Committee are prepared to run club coaching courses throughout the State and encourage clubs and Districts to work together to get at least six people to conduct a course in their area.

If you would like to organise a course, completed the form at the following link on the BQ Website, send to your District who will then forward to BQ. [Coaching-Course-form.pdf \(bowlsqld.org\)](https://www.bowlsqld.org/Coaching-Course-form.pdf)

Kind Regards

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