

## **3.13 BOWLS NEW ZEALAND REGULATION THIRTEEN - REGIONS AND DELEGATES**

### **1. PURPOSE AND STATUS OF REGULATION**

- 1.1 This Regulation provides details about the Regions within Bowls NZ and the process for electing delegates to represent the Regions at General Meetings of Bowls NZ.

### **2. COMMENCEMENT DATE**

- 2.1 This Regulation shall come into force on 1 December 2015 (“Commencement Date”) to replace the Bowls NZ Regional Centre and Centre Regulation dated 5 September 2011. This Regulation shall continue in force until such time as it is revoked by the Board.

### **3. APPLICATION OF THIS REGULATION**

- 3.1 This Regulation applies to all Members of Bowls NZ, Officers, and Appointed Personnel.

### **4. INTERPRETATION**

- 4.1 Every reference to the “Constitution” shall mean the Bowls NZ Constitution unless specified otherwise. The words and phrases used in this Regulation shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution unless specified otherwise. Every reference to a “clause” shall be a clause in this Regulation unless specified otherwise.
- 4.2 For the purposes of this Regulation a “Year” means the period from the conclusion of an AGM of Bowls NZ held in one year, to the conclusion of the AGM of Bowls NZ held in the following year. References to a “year”, without an initial capital, shall mean a calendar year.

### **5. REGIONS**

- 5.1 The three (3) Regions of Bowls NZ, and the Centres in each Region, are as specified in the Constitution.

### **6. PROCESS FOR APPOINTING DELEGATES TO GENERAL MEETINGS OF BOWLS NZ**

- 6.1 In accordance with the Constitution, there shall be a minimum of two (2) and up to four (4) delegates from each Region to represent the Centres in each Region at General Meetings of Bowls NZ held during each Year (“Delegates”).
- 6.2 The Delegates for each Region shall be elected by the Centres in each Region in accordance with this Regulation.
- 6.3 The procedure for the Centres in each Region to elect the Delegates for that Region shall be as follows:
- a. The Bowls NZ Chief Executive will call for nominations from the Centres in each Region for the persons to be elected as the Delegates to represent each Region at General Meetings of Bowls NZ held in each Year.
  - b. Nominations must be made using the form prescribed by the Bowls NZ Board.
  - c. The closing date for nominations will be no later than 15 May in each year (or such other date as agreed to by the Bowls NZ Board). Nominations may only be made by the Centre Boards in each of the Regions.

- d. Nominations shall be in writing and shall contain the consent of the nominee together with the nominee's full postal address, email address and such other information as the Bowls NZ Board may request in respect of each nomination. Nominees must be current members of a Club, or of a Centre, in the Region in which they seek to be a Delegate.
  - e. No later than 30 May in each year (or such other date as agreed to by the Bowls NZ Board), the Bowls NZ Chief Executive shall notify the Centre Boards in each Region of the nominations received for their Region, along with a voting paper.
  - f. If the number of nominations received for a Region is equal to, or less than, the maximum number of positions to be filled (ie four), but not less than the minimum number of positions to be filled (ie two), the Chief Executive will declare the nominees to be the Delegates of the Region, and no vote needs to be conducted.
  - g. Each Centre Board in each Region shall vote for a minimum of two, and may vote for up to a maximum of four nominees, from those nominated for its Region. All votes shall be returned to the Chief Executive, by the date and time and in the manner specified in the voting paper, including by email.
  - h. The Chief Executive shall count the votes and declare the four highest polling candidates (or such number between two and four as there are nominations) from the votes properly made in each Region to be the elected Delegates.
  - i. In the event of a tied vote in any Region, the lowest polling nominee will be removed from the list of nominees and a second vote undertaken. The Chief Executive will inform the Centres in that Region of such second vote and email a new voting paper to each such Centre. The process in clauses (e) to (h) shall apply to that second vote, and any successive votes as are necessary, in order to decide the candidates to be elected.
  - j. The Chief Executive shall inform the Centres in each Region of the result of the vote in their Region as soon as practicable after voting closes, and by no later than 30 June in each year.
- 6.4 If a Delegate is unable to attend a General Meeting held in the Year due to sickness or other good reasons, then the nominee who was the next highest polling candidate and unsuccessful in the election will be invited by the Chief Executive to be the substitute Delegate for that General Meeting. If there is no such nominee, or the nominee declines such invitation, no substitute Delegate will be appointed.

## **7. BREACH OF REGULATION**

- 7.1 Any breach of this Regulation shall be dealt with in accordance with the Constitution and applicable Regulations of Bowls NZ.

## **8. AMENDMENT**

- 8.1 This Regulation may be amended by the Board in accordance with the Constitution provided such amendments are not inconsistent with the Constitution.