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Secretary: Mrs S Clements; Treasurer: Mr D Smit

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**EPCircular: 13/2017: Level A Coaching Course**

To: All Club Presidents  
All Sub-District Presidents

Dear Mr / Madam President

The District Standing Committee for Coaching is making an all-out drive to encourage players from all clubs to become coaches. It is vital that all clubs have at least 2 coaches to ensure the growth of bowls in our district in terms of numbers and in terms of the standard of bowls played. **EPB SCC is offering 2 entry-level courses in 2017 – one in Port Elizabeth and one in the Midlands.**

We are appealing to you, as President of your club, to approach certain members who you think may be good coaches, to consider this course. The candidate should have the following characteristics:

- Be a friendly, dedicated, inquisitive and self-motivated person,
- Have a reasonably good understanding of the game of bowls,
- Eager to learn new skills, or use existing skills to enhance Bowls,
- A good Club “citizen” (role model) who would be prepared to give up their own time for the growth of bowls.

Coaching is never static and evolves with the times through constant improvements and innovations. The assistant coach initiates the new & future players into this wonderful game and must be able to analyse the technique of players appropriately to suggest improvements so that the player can achieve optimum results in an organised, cohesive manner. All of this is covered in the Level A (Assistant Coach) training course – i.e. focus is on new players only.

Candidates need to attend a 2-day course, where they will receive appropriate training, with post course assessment to be completed within 2 months of the course. Should the candidates be successful, they will be qualified for four (4) years, after which they will be expected to attend a refresher course or upgrading course dependent on their personal requirements. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Club Coach’s course will be offered to Level A coaches, in 2018 (Level 1). The basic entry requirements are:

- A minimum of three (3) years bowling experience
- Support of their club
- A good understanding of the Laws of the Game

The details for the next Level A Courses to be held in EPB are as follows:

- Dates: **Port Elizabeth Course** 28-29 October 2017  
**Midlands Course** 02-03 December 2017  
½ Day Follow-up Jan/Feb 2018
- Time: 09:00 - ±16:30 each day
- Venue: **Port Elizabeth Course** Mill Park BC, College Drive, Mill Park  
**Midlands Course** venue TBA – but at a Midlands Club
- Cost: R400 per candidate, to be paid directly to the District Office with the reference *Coaching Course + club name*, for the following:
  - ✓ R300 – *Lawn Bowls Coaching* – reference book (to be collected/mailed from District Office)
  - ✓ R25 – *Introduction to Bowls* or *Inleiding tot Rolbal* booklet (to be collected/mailed from District Office)
  - ✓ R75 – Printing, teas, green fees, certificate & badge.
  - ✓ In addition, the candidate should have copies of and studied, the latest editions of the *Laws of the Game & Etiquette of Bowls* – available from the District Office.

Candidates are expected to bring their own lunches (to keep costs down).

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President: Mr B Buchanan; Vice – President: Ms A Herselman;  
Executive Members: Mrs D Edwards, Ms D Deyzel, Dr JT Delpont and Mr W Rowan

- Application: In order to apply for this course, please follow the instructions below.  
The closing date for the applications is **15 September 2017**.

A minimum of 8 candidates will be necessary to hold the course. Please provide a copy of this circular, preferably electronically, to all applicants in your club. Please contact the undersigned for further information. Please contact the undersigned for further information.

Yours sincerely



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(Course Co-ordinator)

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## Instructions for Course Application

1. Ctrl-Click on the following link to take you directly to the Course Application section of the Bowls SA Membership Database Management System:

<https://bowlssa.knack.com/membersdb#course-applications/>

2. You should see a list of OPEN courses on your screen – something like this:

Course Code	Credential	Venue Club	Start Date	End Date	No. Candidates	Cost / Candidate	Application
196	Coach Level 1		11/11/2017	11/06/2017	2	R 0.00	<a href="#">apply</a>
193	Technical Official Level 1	BOL Langebaanweg Bowling Club	01/04/2017	30/04/2017	10	R 0.00	<a href="#">apply</a>

Click on the word *apply* next to the course you wish to apply for – check the *Credential* and *Start-End Dates* as the venue may not be booked yet.

3. You will see a spot where you need to enter your Bowls SA number:


### Application for Course

Member \*

Type to search

Submit

Once you have entered your number, your name should appear in a list below – click on your name to select and then click on the *Submit* button.

4. Your details should appear in the list of applicants – you may need to click the *screen refresh* button (  ) of your browser in order to see your name.

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If your personal details, like contact details, are missing or incorrect, please click on your name, update the details and click on *Submit*.

Your course co-ordinator will pick up your application and send you further information about the course.