Western Province Bowls

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Technical Officials Markers Course – March 2024

To: All Club Presidents

For some time, the District Standing Committee for Technical Officials (DTOSC) has been unable to conduct courses in the district due to BSA standardising the content and training methodology throughout the country and the unavailability of these courses. A few members of the DTOSC were recently invited to do this training and we are now able to plan and conduct Technical Official courses in the district. The competition calendar is rather hectic until league is completed and so further news about planned courses will be distributed in due course.

We are however pleased to advise now that a Markers Course will be held in March this year. The course will be hosted at Durbanville Bowls Club on the following dates:

Theory begins Monday 4th March 2024 and continues Monday 11th March 2024
Practical Saturday 9th March 2024
Practical Exam Saturday 16th March 2024
Times for Practical are flexible and will be confirmed with candidates before the time.
Time: Theory 17h30 to 21h00
Practical 09h00 to 12h00
All sessions must be attended by all candidates.

What to do to get on the course:

1. You need to have played bowls for a minimum of 6 months.
2. Complete the information form (attached) and ensure it is authorised by your Club secretary. Send this together with the proof of payment to Bob Standen at bobst1948@gmail.com
3. Register for the course on the BSA website – Course No **1328** (follow the instructions below).
4. Pay the district R200-00.
5. Complete the Pre-course material (attached)
6. Arrive at Durbanville on the 4th March by 17h00 to register and begin.

There is a caterer on site at the club and, by prior arrangement, you will be able to purchase a light meal on the Monday evenings that the theory takes place.

What you get out of it:

a. Student handbook for all levels.
b. Markers certificate and badge if you pass.
c. A better understanding of the game, relevant Laws and duties of a marker.
d. Proficiency to mark games at District level

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We recommend that you purchase a Law Book and read it ahead of attending the course as this will equip you to fully participate and officiate once qualified. The cost of this book is not included in the course fee.

The course is limited to 25 candidates so please get your applications in as soon as possible to avoid missing out this time around. The closing date for applications is 25th February 2024.

Applications plus other documents and any queries to Bob Standen bobst1948@gmail.com or 082 464 2729.

We look forward to seeing you begin your journey as a Technical Official in our district.

Regards

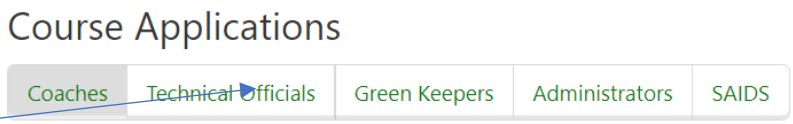
Jenny Phillips (Convenor)
On behalf of the WPB TOSC members

Guidelines 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. At the top of the white part of the page, you will see 5 buttons:



   Click on the type of course you want to apply for.

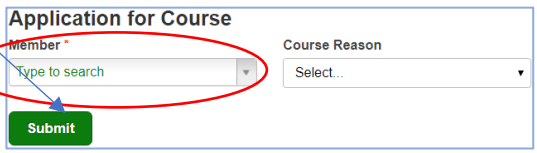
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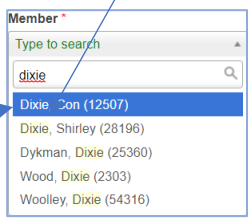


Course Code	Course Type	Credential	CredType	Venue Club	Course Date	End Date	No. Candidates	Cost / Candidate	Application
627		Technical Official Level 1	Level	BOL Lagoon Bowling Club	30/05/2022 to 05/06/2022	05/06/2022	0	R 0.00	apply
735		Technical Official Level 1	Level	PNB Westville Bowling Club	19/11/2022 to 26/11/2022	26/11/2022	10	R 150.00	apply
829		Technical Official Level 1	Level	EKU Benoni CC	03/12/2022 to 11/12/2022	11/12/2022	10	R 180.00	apply
1164		Technical Official Level 1	Level	EKU Kempton Park Bowling Club	16/03/2024 to 24/03/2024	24/03/2024	3	R 180.00	apply
1244		Technical Official Level 1	Level	EDN George Bowling Club	30/07/2023		3	R 0.00	apply
1276		Technical Official Level 1	Level	EDN Outeniqua Bowling Club	31/08/2023		8	R 0.00	apply
1278		Technical Official Level 1	Level	MPU Nelspruit Bowling Club	16/09/2023 to 17/09/2023		6	R 0.00	apply
1285		Technical Official Level 1	Level	JBA Bedfordview Country Club	11/01/2024 to 27/01/2024		10	R 0.00	apply
1299		Technical Official Level 1	Level	NWB Fochville Bowling Club	06/11/2023 to 08/01/2024	14/01/2024	0	R 220.00	apply

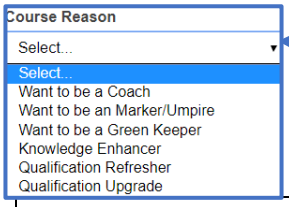
   Click apply next to the course your wish to apply for – check the *Credential* and *Start-End Dates* as the venue may not be booked yet.

4. Click in the *Type to search* box under the *Member* label then enter your Bowls SA number or surname:





   Once you have entered your number or surname, your name should appear in a list below – click on your name to select it.

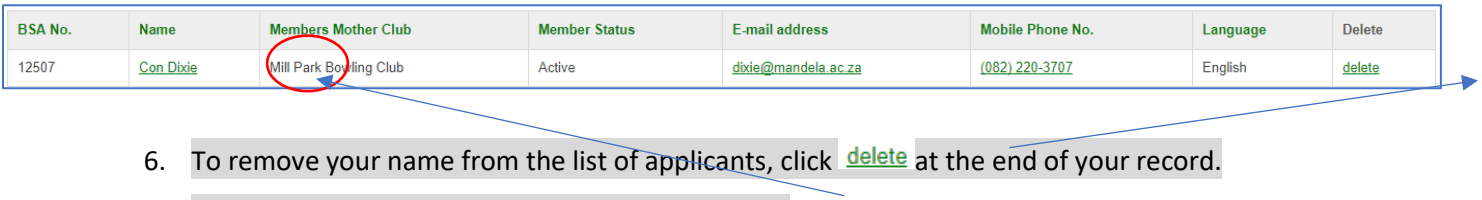


   Click on the *down-arrow* in the *Course Reason* box and select a reason. The reason will depend on the type of event you applying for – consult the table below to select an appropriate reason – this is used by NSCs for administration and reporting purposes.

Course Reason	**Explanations**
Want to be a Coach	• Applying for an entry-level *coach* course • Applying for a *TO* course as a requirement for upgrading *coach* qualifications
Want to be a Marker / Umpire	• Applying for an entry-level *TO* course – either *Marker* or *Level 1*
Want to be a Green Keeper	• Applying for an entry-level *Green-Keeper* course
Knowledge Enhancer	• Applying for any type of course for the purpose of developing own knowledge – e.g. attending a *coach* course to improve one's own play; attending a *TO* course to learn about the laws of the game • Applying to become a *facilitator* in order to run entry-level courses
Qualification Refresher	• Applying for a *Continuous Professional Development* (CPD) event or a *Level* course in order to remain current and maintain the qualification registration
Qualification Upgrade	• An already qualified member in the particular area (i.e. *coach*, *TO* or *green-keeper*) applying for the next *Level* of training – e.g. a Level 1 applying for a Level 2 course; Level 2 applying for a Level 3 course.

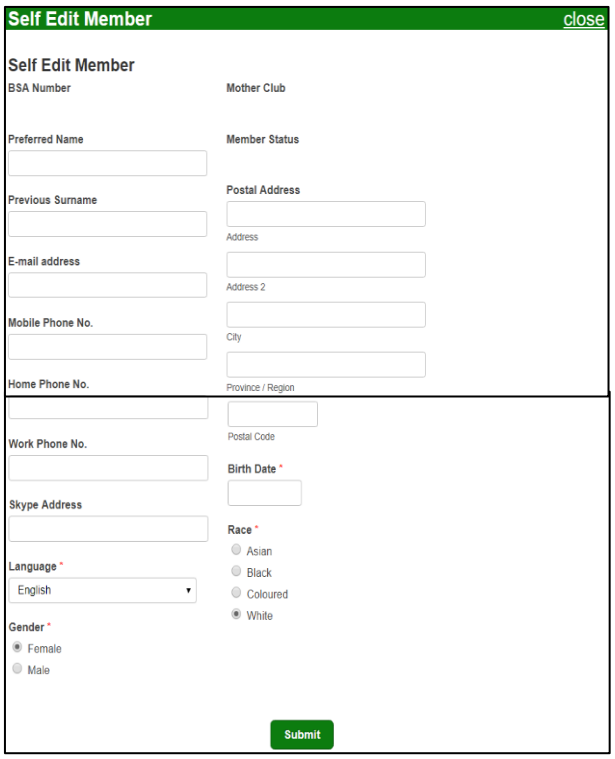
   Click Submit

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



BSA No.	Name	Members Mother Club	Member Status	E-mail address	Mobile Phone No.	Language	Delete
12507	Con Dixie	Mill Park Bowling Club	Active	dixie@mandela.ac.za	(082) 220-3707	English	delete

6. To remove your name from the list of applicants, click delete at the end of your record.
7. To complete your application, click on your *Name*.
8. The window will be populated with the available information about you that is on the database – note that you cannot change your *Bowls SA number*, your *Mother Club* (which denotes your 1st-call club if you are a dual member) or your *Member Status*. Check **all** the entries in the boxes to ensure that all the details are correct – page down if necessary. Click on any text box to remove an entry (e.g. *Work Phone No.* if you have retired) or update it.



9. Click Submit to accept all the changes or click close to ignore any changes you may have made.
10. A confirmation window pops up – click close to exit this task or Reload form to return to the form to check your details.



The co-ordinator will pick up your application and send you further information about the event.
11. To close the web-page, merely eXit your browser.