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**To:** World Bowls

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To all Member Authorities

Cc: Recognised Associations

Colleagues

I trust that you are all keeping safe and well during these difficult and concerning times.

Further to our previous communication advising of an extension to the entry deadline date for the above event, World Bowls has continued to monitor the global impact and associated ongoing restrictions relating to the global Covid-19 pandemic in close consultation with the above event's host club and host authorities in Australia.

As a result, it has now regrettably been decided that it is necessary to cancel the 2020 World Singles Champion of Champions. We appreciate how disappointing this will be for all concerned.

The next staging of this annual event, which will be the 2021 World Singles Champion of Champions, is therefore being planned to be staged in the latter part of 2021 and negotiations are in progress regarding the date and venue for the 2021 event.

We at World Bowls are aware that most, if not all, member authorities have been required to cancel their national competitions for the current year and for the foreseeable future due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions. Therefore, your current National Singles Champions as at 31 March 2020 who, in accordance with the 2020 World Singles Champions of Champions Conditions of Entry, were eligible to participate in the 2020 World Singles Champion of Champions, will still be your current National Singles Champions as at 31 March 2021 and eligible to be entered in the 2021 World Singles Champion of Champions. To highlight these matters, I detail below relevant usual clauses that will be included in the Conditions of Entry for the 2021 World Singles Champion of Champions, which will be issued with the entry form in January 2021. It is evident that the Covid-19 pandemic is an 'exceptional case' as covered in Clause 2 of the below:

1. All entrants must be the current National Singles Champion as at 31st March 2021 and must be a current affiliated member of the entering national authority. The National Singles Championship must have been played in the country of the entering national authority. Entrants must meet the eligibility criteria to represent the entering nation as detailed in World Bowls Regulations (See World Bowls website [www.worldbowls.com](http://www.worldbowls.com)).
2. If the current National Singles Champion as above is not available to enter then the country will not have an entry. In exceptional cases where a national authority does not hold and conclude a National Championship within the twelve months immediately preceding the 31 March 2021, World Bowls will consider the reasons as to why no National Singles Championships was held during this period and decide as to whether the National Singles Champion as at 31 March 2020 is still eligible to enter.

Please pass on this information as a matter of urgency to your relevant National Singles Champions.

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