



## Memo 354.20

**To:** Club & District Secretaries and Presidents

**From:** Women's Bowls NSW Head Office

**cc:** Womens Bowls NSW Board, Committees and Staff

**Date:** 13 January 2020

**Re:** **Dual Registration Facebook Post**

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The Board of Women's Bowls NSW has become aware of a Facebook post on "Lawn Bowlers Australia" by Warren Shipley advising that Women's Bowls NSW (WBNSW) and Bowls NSW (BNSW) will be meeting this Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020, to resolve the controversial issue of Dual Registration. This is the first the Board of WBNSW have heard of such a meeting.

The Board of WB NSW confirms to all its members and interested parties that we **HAVE NOT** been approached by Bowls NSW as suggested at any stage to meet with BNSW to discuss the matter of Dual registration.

We have however received a letter from the CEO of Bowls NSW acknowledging that the information contained in the Memo released by WB NSW on 18 December 2019 (Memo 353.19) concerning Dual Registration is in fact correct. Women's Bowls NSW are aware that one of our members contacted Bowls Australia last week seeking clarification between the conflicting interpretations of Bowls NSW and Women's Bowls NSW and was advised by Bowls Australia that the December 18<sup>th</sup> Memo of Women's Bowls NSW is in fact the **CORRECT** interpretation of their policy and should be followed.

All members of WBNSW contemplating playing in ANY Championship competitions should read Memo 353.19 released by Women's Bowls NSW to ensure they are not disqualified from championships in the future. Unfortunately, if one member of a lady's team is disqualified, then the whole team will be disqualified.

Women's Bowls NSW have forwarded a letter to Bowls NSW advising that we remain committed to exploring unification PROVIDED that it is in the best interests of our members. WBNSW have provided BNSW with three possible dates and invited BNSW to nominate one of those dates which would be mutually convenient to both STAs to hold an initial meeting and open discussions on possible unification.

Board of Directors  
Womens Bowls NSW

