



Coach Reaccreditation Policy

Specifications: In summary, the Coach Reaccreditation model is

- 1. Regular practical coaching (60 hours for Introductory Coach reaccreditation and 200 hours for Club Coach reaccreditation)**
- 2. 'Current and Competent letter' from club**
- 3. View [The Coaches' Den](#) videos online**

1. For Introductory Coach reaccreditation

Regular practical coaching component e.g. 15 hours of practical coaching per year – all introductory coaches should be actively practising their craft. They are required to keep a log of regular coaching (recommended to be 60 hours (four year period) of a coaching. The log can be in the form of a notebook, excel spreadsheet or any other means of demonstrating 60 hours of practical coaching. This must be available at time of reaccreditation and shown to the coach's nominated club (see point two).

1. For Club Coach reaccreditation regular practical coaching component

All club coaches should be actively practising their craft. They are required to keep a log of regular coaching (recommended to be 200 hours of a coaching at club level or higher). The log can be in the form of a notebook, excel spreadsheet or any other means of demonstrating 200 hours of practical coaching (over a four year period, e.g. – 50 hours of practical coaching per year). This must be available at time of reaccreditation and shown to the coach's nominated club (see point two).

2. 'Current and competent letter' from their nominated club (see example template below)

All Introductory coaches are required to have their club president/secretary verify their competency and hours of active coaching. In signing this letter, the club is endorsing that: a) the reaccreditation candidate has been actively coaching (and they have seen the log detailing the hours); and b) the club is satisfied with the performance of the coach and is happy for that coach to continue.

<Insert date>

Dear <state/territory> coaching committee,

I can confirm that <insert name> has been actively coaching at <insert club name>. <Insert name> is a well respected coach at our club and someone who performs the role of Introductory coach frequently for our members and guests.

<Insert name> has completed approximately <x number of hours> of coaching at our club over the past four years and I have sighted his/her log book which details the records. On behalf of our club, we are delighted to see <insert name> achieve their reaccreditation as a Introductory coach and happy to provide support as required.

<insert President/Secretary name> <insert club name here>

3. View [The Coaches' Den](#) videos on Bowls Australia website – BA has designed/sourced several short videos which will be updated from time to time in accordance with relevant industry standards and legislation changes. While it is impossible to 'force' a coach to view videos (the same as it is impossible to force a coach to listen to the presenter during a course), we will keep the videos interesting, valuable and relevant to current coaching needs.

<https://www.bowls.com.au/get-involved/coaching/the-coaches-den/>



Working With Children Checks

Click the link below:

<https://screening.sa.gov.au/applications/application-information-for-individuals>

Click the “apply for a check” button and then follow the prompts with your details accordingly.

Members should reference “Lawn Bowls Volunteer Coach” as the role description, tick the “Working with Children Check” box under the screenings required and ensure you select “Volunteer” as the applicant type.

This will then generate an email which will be sent to you for you to further continue the process. It is our understanding that these checks are free of charge for volunteers and will be valid for five years.

Once results are received by the individual these will need to be submitted to Bowls SA to sight and record.

All accredited coaches will need to complete this process by 1 July 2020 or sooner if they have a National Police certificate that is nearing its three year expiry date and are intending to remain accredited. Best practice for all clubs would be to have all members actively involved in any form of coaching or sessions with juniors to complete this process as soon as possible. It would be encouraged that clubs also keep records to ensure their members are kept compliant.

If current accredited coaches who hold a National Police Certificate don't wish to go through the process to obtain a new check before the expiry of their coaching accreditation then we will no longer be able to endorse them as a coach under this new legislation.

For further information on the legislative changes please visit: <https://screening.sa.gov.au/>

Any questions please contact Bowls SA on 8234 7544 or by email at reception@bowlssa.com.au