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**CIRCULAR 6 OF 2026:
ALIGNMENT OF BSA SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CLUB BILLING**

Dear Member Clubs,

Acknowledgement:

We would like to sincerely thank those clubs that have already settled their BSA subscriptions. Your prompt payment ensures that NIBA can meet its obligations to BSA and helps maintain financial stability across the district.

Over the past several weeks the NIBA Executive has been dealing with a legacy issue relating to the billing of Bowls South Africa (BSA) subscriptions over the last four years, and we feel it is important to explain this clearly and transparently.

At the end of 2021 BSA implemented a national “line-in-the-sand” approach to membership subscriptions which was then enforced from 2022 and going forward. Under this system, each district / club’s subscription was fixed to the number of members reflected on the BSA database at that point in time, with that base figure then escalating annually by a percentage approved each year at the BSA AGM. This approach was adopted to bring long-term stability and fairness to the national funding model. Clubs were then given the flexibility of determining their own membership models to make this work for them.

At the time of this transition, the then NIBA President, Lester Coleman, conducted a roadshow across the district, meeting with clubs to explain the new BSA subscription model, how the baseline numbers would be established, and how annual escalations would be applied going forward. Clubs were therefore informed of the change in methodology and the implications of the new model at that time and on many other occasions before and thereafter.

From that point onward, districts have been invoiced by BSA based on this fixed baseline and its annual escalation; not on month-to-month or year-to-year changes in actual playing numbers. Please see table below reflecting each club’s base values and escalations:



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Club Name	Owned / Leased	Municipal District	BSA BaseValue @2023_24	BSA BaseValue @2025	BSA BaseValue @2026
NIB Pietermaritzburg					
Collegians Bowling Club	Owned	uMgungundlovu District Municipality - Pietermaritzburg	R 13,515	R14,326	R15,472
Hilton Bowling Club (NIB)	Owned	uMgungundlovu District Municipality - Pietermaritzburg	R 17,755	R18,820	R20,326
Howick Bowling Club	Leased	uMgungundlovu District Municipality - Pietermaritzburg	R 27,030	R28,652	R30,944
Kokstad Bowling Club	Owned	Harry Gwala/Sisonke District Municipality - Isopo	R 6,890	R7,303	R7,888
Lynwood Bowling Club	Leased	uMgungundlovu District Municipality - Pietermaritzburg	R 10,335	R10,955	R11,832
Maritzburg Bowling Club	Owned	uMgungundlovu District Municipality - Pietermaritzburg	R 19,875	R21,068	R22,753
Maritzburg West Bowling Club	Leased	uMgungundlovu District Municipality - Pietermaritzburg	R 17,225	R18,259	R19,719
Mool River C C Bowling Club	Leased	uMgungundlovu District Municipality - Pietermaritzburg	R 3,445	R3,652	R3,944
Richmond Bowling Club	Leased	uMgungundlovu District Municipality - Pietermaritzburg	R 5,300	R5,618	R6,067
Umgini Waterfall Bowling Club	Leased	uMgungundlovu District Municipality - Pietermaritzburg	R 13,250	R14,045	R15,169
Underberg Bowling Club	Owned	Harry Gwala/Sisonke District Municipality - Isopo	R 3,975	R4,214	R4,551
Wartburg Bowling Club	Owned	uMgungundlovu District Municipality - Pietermaritzburg	R 4,240	R4,494	R4,854
Total - NIB Pietermaritzburg			R 142,835	R151,405	R163,518
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At the most recent BSA Annual General Meeting, a motion was tabled to revert to billing districts / clubs according to actual membership numbers rather than the fixed baseline model. That motion was debated and **not adopted**, meaning that the current subscription framework remains in force for the present financial year and continues to govern how districts, including NIBA, are invoiced. Exco will continue to engage with BSA on future models but must operate within the framework currently approved by BSA.

Unfortunately, it has become apparent that clubs were not billed consistently in accordance with this model during the past four years. This has resulted in discrepancies between what NIBA has been invoiced by BSA and what has been recovered from clubs, which is now creating understandable confusion and frustration. The position, however, is very clear: NIBA is contractually and financially required to pay BSA according to the figures reflected on the BSA national database, which every club has access to, and according to the annual escalations approved at BSA AGM level.

This year BSA has granted NIBA a very minimal reduction in its overall invoice in recognition of declining membership numbers. Exco is happy to pass this reduction on to clubs that have experienced significant decreases in membership. However, we cannot accept reduced subscription payments from clubs in general, and particularly not from clubs whose numbers have grown, as this would leave NIBA unable to meet its obligations to BSA. Put simply: If NIBA does not recover subscriptions in line with what BSA charges us, the shortfall must be carried by NIBA, which is neither sustainable nor fair to the district. Please see below table that BSA used to generate their invoice to NIBA:



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	Membership	Amount in Rand incl VAT						
	December 2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		2026	
		Invoiced	Invoiced	Invoiced	Invoiced	8% Increase	Correction wrt lower numbers (as at March 2025)	Budget Amount - Excludes the 15% VAT
EC - Bor	802	R200,500.00	R200,500.00	R212,265.00	R225,000.90	R243,000.97	R243,000.97	R211,305.19
EC - EP	1479	R369,750.00	R369,750.00	R391,935.00	R415,451.10	R448,687.19	R448,687.19	R390,162.77
FS - NFS	512	R128,000.00	R128,000.00	R135,680.00	R143,820.80	R155,326.46	R155,326.46	R135,066.49
FS - SFS	545	R136,250.00	R136,250.00	R144,425.00	R153,091.00	R165,338.28	R165,338.28	R143,772.42
Gauteng - EKB	1224	R306,000.00	R306,000.00	R302,100.00	R320,226.00	R345,844.08	R345,844.08	R300,733.98
Gauteng - JBA	1339	R334,750.00	R334,750.00	R363,580.00	R385,395.00	R416,226.60	R416,226.60	R361,936.17
Gauteng - SAB	690	R172,500.00	R172,500.00	R182,850.00	R193,821.00	R209,326.68	R209,326.68	R182,023.20
Gauteng - SED	229	R57,250.00	R57,250.00	R60,685.00	R64,326.10	R69,472.19	R69,472.19	R60,410.60
Guateng - BGN	1515	R378,750.00	R378,750.00	R401,475.00	R425,563.50	R459,608.58	R459,608.58	R399,659.63
KZN - KBA	996	R249,000.00	R249,000.00	R263,940.00	R279,776.00	R302,158.08	R302,158.08	R262,746.16
KZN - KZNCB	509	R127,250.00	R127,250.00	R134,885.00	R142,978.10	R154,416.35	R146,603.09	R127,480.95
KZN - NIBA	587	R146,750.00	R146,750.00	R148,930.00	R157,865.80	R170,495.06	R161,780.27	R140,678.50
KZN - PNB	1782	R445,500.00	R445,500.00	R472,230.00	R498,878.00	R538,788.24	R538,788.24	R468,511.51
LIMP	318	R79,500.00	R79,500.00	R84,005.00	R89,045.00	R96,168.60	R96,168.60	R83,624.87
MPU	339	R84,750.00	R84,750.00	R89,040.00	R94,382.00	R101,932.56	R101,932.56	R88,637.01
NCB	430	R107,500.00	R107,500.00	R113,950.00	R120,787.00	R130,449.96	R120,533.13	R104,811.42
NWB	444	R111,000.00	R111,000.00	R111,565.00	R118,259.00	R127,719.72	R127,719.72	R111,060.63
WC - Bol	1253	R313,250.00	R313,250.00	R332,045.00	R351,968.00	R380,125.44	R380,125.44	R330,543.86
WC - Eden	1364	R341,000.00	R341,000.00	R361,460.00	R383,147.50	R413,799.30	R413,799.30	R359,825.48
WC - WP	2226	R556,500.00	R556,500.00	R581,145.00	R616,014.00	R665,295.12	R665,295.12	R578,517.50
	18583	R4,645,750.00	R4,645,750.00	R4,888,190.00	R5,179,795.80	R5,594,179.46	R5,567,734.58	R4,841,508.33

We fully appreciate that this situation is the result of historical billing practices and not the fault of the clubs. Nevertheless, Exco now has the responsibility to correct the position going forward and ensure that NIBA remains financially compliant and viable.

We therefore ask for your understanding and cooperation as we bring subscriptions back into alignment with BSA's national framework. Exco remains available to assist any club that requires clarification on how their figures have been calculated.

In terms of NIBA By-Law 2.1, clubs whose subscriptions are not fully paid may not enter members in NIBA competitions until their accounts are brought up to date. Please ensure that your clubs BSA subscriptions are **paid up in full** as soon as possible but not later than Friday 23rd January 2026.

Thank you for your continued support.

On behalf of the NIBA Executive Committee

Tara Janse van Rensburg

PRESIDENT

15 January 2026

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