

## 3.10 BOWLS NEW ZEALAND REGULATION TEN NATIONAL EVENTS

### 1. Commencement Date

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Pursuant to the Bowls New Zealand Constitution, the following Regulation has been adopted by the Board of Bowls New Zealand as a Regulation of Bowls New Zealand with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011, and was updated on 18 September 2015 and 1 December 2015.

### 2. Scope

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This Regulation shall apply to all National Events including (but not limited to):

- (a) National Club Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Tournament;
- (b) National Interclub Tournament;
- (c) National Inter-centre Tournament and National Under 8's Intercentre Tournament
- (d) National 2-4-2 Mixed Pairs Tournament;
- (e) National Under 18 Singles;
- (f) Kittyhawk National Under 21 Tournament; and,
- (g) New Zealand Open National Championships for Men and Women.

### 3. Definitions

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The words and phrases used in this Regulation shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution of Bowls New Zealand, unless otherwise specified in these Regulations. For avoidance of doubt, the conventions used in the Laws of the Sport shall **not** apply to this Regulation unless expressly stated.

**"Bowls NZ Tournament Director"** means the person appointed by Bowls NZ to oversee each National Event in accordance with clause 12 of this Regulation

**"Centre Qualifying Competition"** means that part of the National Event in which players and teams seek to qualify for the National Event, and which is held by Centres, for and on behalf of Bowls NZ.

**"Centre Tournament Directors"** means the persons appointed by the Bowls NZ Tournament Director (in accordance with clause 13 of this Regulation) to be the Tournament Directors at Centre Qualifying Competitions.

**"Code of Conduct" and "Code"** means the Bowls NZ Code of Conduct annexed to this Regulation as Appendix 1, as amended from time to time by the Board.

**"Conditions of Play"** means the playing conditions, eligibility and other rules of the event under which each National Event is to be played (where applicable)

**"Host" or "Host Centre"** means the Club or the Centre where the Event is being held as determined by Bowls NZ in accordance with clause 10.2 of these Regulations.

**"Laws of the Sport"** means the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition).

**"National Event"** means a bowls event held by, or under the auspices of, or administered by Bowls NZ (and includes the National Finals and Centre Qualifying Competitions) and includes those events listed in clause 2 of this Regulation.

**“National Finals”** means that part of the National Event, following any Centre Qualifying Competition and, at which players and teams compete to decide the overall winners of the National Event.

**“Participant”** means any person who participates in a National Event and includes players, coaches, managers who are Members of Bowls NZ or have acknowledged that they are bound by these Regulations.

**“Period of the Event”** means the period from the official opening, managers meeting or pre-event briefing immediately preceding the Centre Qualifying Competition in the National Event (whichever is the earlier) and shall end at the conclusion of the official closing, prize giving, or official functions for the National Finals at the National Event, (whichever is the latter).

**“Technical Official”** means the person(s) appointed by the Bowls NZ Tournament Director to officiate and umpire at a National Event to ensure compliance with the Conditions of Play, this Regulation, and the Laws of the Sport.

**“Tournament Director”** means the Centre Tournament Director or the Bowls NZ Tournament Director, whichever is applicable.

#### **4. Naming Rights and Sponsorship**

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- 4.1. All National Events are owned by Bowls NZ and any sponsorship of them shall be decided by, and be the exclusive authority of, Bowls NZ. However, Centres may obtain sponsorship for Centre Qualifying Competitions, provided that:
- (a) The sponsorship is not provided by a person or entity that sells, markets, distributes or supplies products and services that are the same or similar to the products and services of any sponsor of the National Event; and
  - (b) The sponsorship is not in all other respects in conflict with any sponsor of the National Event; and
  - (c) Each Centre ensures that any potential sponsor of a Centre Qualifying Competition is aware of the requirements of this Regulation and if there is any doubt as to whether the above requirements may not be met, or if there could be a potential difficulty or conflict of interest, the CEO of Bowls NZ must be informed and his agreement to the sponsor obtained.
- 4.2. All signage for National Events, shall be determined by Bowls NZ.

#### **5. Conditions of Entry**

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- 5.1. It shall be a condition of entry to each National Event that Participants agree to comply with the Code of Conduct annexed to this Regulation. Every Participant shall also be bound by these Regulations, the Conditions of Play, the Bowls NZ Constitution and all other Bowls NZ Regulations.
- 5.2. All National Events shall be conducted under the Laws of the Sport.
- 5.3. The Conditions of Play may alter or restrict the requirements set out this Regulation.

#### **6. Clothing**

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Players clothing and footwear at all National Events must comply with the Bowls NZ Footwear-Clothing Regulation.

## **7. Smoking and Alcohol**

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Subject to any further restrictions in specific Conditions of Play, the following smoking and alcohol policies apply:

- (a) There shall be no smoking anywhere in a Club house or on the greens at a National Event. Smoking may only occur in designated smoking areas.
- (b) The drinking of alcohol at a National Event is restricted to the Club house at each venue. Drinking of alcohol outside of the Club house including on the greens is strictly prohibited.

## **8. Centre/Club Codes of Conduct**

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Any Centre or Club may choose to adopt the Code of Conduct, with or without modification, so that it will apply to any event(s) held by, or under the auspices of, or administered by any Centre or Club.

## **9. Controlling Body**

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- 9.1. Bowls NZ is the controlling body for all National Events and Centre Qualifying Competitions. It shall determine the regulations, including the Conditions of Play, for all National Events.
- 9.2. Bowls NZ delegates its authority as Controlling Body for Centre Qualifying Competitions to the Centre Tournament Directors. .

## **10. Date and Venue**

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- 10.1. The date and venue for all National Events shall be decided by Bowls NZ and shall be communicated through the Bowls NZ event calendar.
- 10.2. Bowls NZ will invite Clubs and Centres to apply to Bowls NZ to become a host venue for a National Event. All decisions regarding host Centres or Clubs for National Events rest with Bowls NZ.
- 10.3. Greens used for National Finals in National Events must achieve a rating of 55 points for natural surfaces and 35 points for artificial surfaces.

## **11. Centre Qualifying Competitions**

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No Centre or Club shall hold a Centre Qualifying Competition at the same time as the following National Events are being played:

- (a) New Zealand National Open National Championships (for Men and Women);
- (b) National Finals of the New Zealand Interclub, Intercentre or National Under 8's Intercentre Competition; and
- (c) National Club Championship Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.

## **12. Bowls NZ Tournament Director**

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- 12.1. Bowls NZ will appoint a Bowls NZ Tournament Director for each National Event on such terms and conditions and for such number of National Events as it determines.
- 12.2. The Bowls NZ Tournament Director has delegated authority from Bowls NZ to be the Controlling Body for the National Event to the extent set out in these Regulations.

- 12.3. The Bowls NZ Tournament Director will be responsible, during the Period of the Event, for the overall control of the National Event, including:
- (a) **Fair Play:** ensuring that the Event is conducted fairly and in accordance with the Laws of the Sport and the Conditions of Play;
  - (b) **Variations:** varying the programme of the National Event, as s/he considers appropriate or necessary, where the weather or other conditions are unsuitable or result in travel delays, or in the case of indoor play, where is power failure and lighting is affected;
  - (c) **Suspending Play:** suspending play temporarily in any game or abandon a game if necessary or appropriate due to weather or other circumstances;
  - (d) **Questions on Conditions of Play:** deciding any questions received from Participants, Umpires or from a Centre Tournament Director about the interpretation of the Conditions of Play, or referring them to the Jury of Appeal, in accordance with these Regulations;
  - (e) **Players' Meeting:** at a convenient time prior to the commencement of play, convening a players' Meeting to ensure understanding of the Conditions of Play for the National Event, these Regulations, and the Code of Conduct. At this time, the Bowls NZ Tournament Director will also make available to players, a copy of the Appeal Form set out in Appendix 2 or otherwise inform players where such Appeal Form is available;
  - (f) **Breach of Code of Conduct:** receiving and deciding any allegations of breach(es) of the Code of Conduct referred to him/her under the Code or referring such allegations to the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee or to the Integrity Officer under the Anti-Match Fixing Regulation, as specified in the Code;
  - (g) **Law 43.2.6:** receiving and referring to the Jury of Appeal, any appeal by a Player against a decision of a Technical Official, under Law 43.2.6 of the Laws of the Sport, as set out in these Regulations; and
  - (h) **Law 36:** referring to the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee any appeal made against a decision of deliberate non sporting action under Law 36 of the Laws of the Sport, as set out in these Regulations.

12.4 The Bowls NZ Tournament Director will also be responsible for appointing the Chief Technical Official/Umpire in consultation with the chairperson of the Bowls NZ Technical Official/Umpires Committee.

### **13. Centre Tournament Directors**

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13.1. Where a National Event has Centre Qualifying Competitions, the Bowls NZ Tournament Director shall appoint a Centre Tournament Director.

13.2. The Centre Tournament Directors have delegated authority from Bowls NZ to be the Controlling Body for the Centre Qualifying Competition for which they are appointed, to the extent set out in these Regulations.

13.3. The Centre Tournament Directors will be responsible, during the Period of the Event, for the overall control of the Event, including:

- (a) **Fair Play:** ensuring that the Event is conducted fairly and in accordance with the Laws of the Sport and the Conditions of Play;
- (b) **Variations:** varying the programme of the competition as s/he considers appropriate or necessary, where the weather or other conditions are unsuitable or result in travel delays, or in the case of indoor play, where is power failure and lighting is affected;
- (c) **Suspending Play:** suspending play temporarily in any game or abandon a game if necessary or appropriate due to weather or other circumstances;

- (d) **Questions on Conditions of Play:** referring to the Bowls NZ Tournament Director, any questions about the interpretation of the Conditions of Play;
- (e) **Players' Meeting:** at a convenient time prior to the commencement of play, convening a players' Meeting to ensure understanding of the Conditions of Play for the competition, these Regulations, and the Code of Conduct. At this time, the Centre Tournament Director will also make available to players, a copy of the Appeal Form set out in Appendix 2 or otherwise inform players where such Appeal Form is available;
- (f) **Breach of Code of Conduct:** receiving and referring to the Bowls NZ Tournament Director any allegations of breach(es) of the Code of Conduct referred to him/her under the Code, or referring such allegations to the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee or to the Integrity Officer under the Anti-Match Fixing Regulation, as specified in the Code;
- (g) **Law 43.2.6:** receiving and referring to the Bowls NZ Tournament Director, any appeal by a Player against a decision of a Technical Official, under Law 43.2.6 of the Laws of the Sport, as set out in these Regulations; and
- (h) **Law 36:** referring to the Bowls NZ Tournament Director any appeal made against a decision of deliberate non sporting action under Law 36 of the Laws of the Sport, as set out in these Regulations.

#### **14. Jury of Appeal**

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- 14.1. The Bowls NZ CEO shall appoint a Jury of Appeal prior to the start of each National Event to serve for that National Event. The Jury of Appeal shall comprise of three people who have extensive knowledge of the game and are independent. The Jury of Appeal may act with two of its three members, if necessary.
- 14.2. All persons on the Jury of Appeal must be independent of the parties and must disclose immediately any circumstance likely to compromise their independence. A person must exclude himself or herself from the Jury of Appeal if there are legitimate doubts as to his or her independence. In addition, the Bowls NZ CEO shall have the power to exclude from the Jury of Appeal any person who, in its opinion, is not independent of the parties and appoint another person in his/her place.
- 14.3. All persons on the Jury of the Appeal must be available to attend or participate in (by teleconference or other electronic means if necessary) a hearing at any time during the National Event.
- 14.4. The powers of the Jury of Appeal are to:
  - (a) **Conditions of Play:** decide any question about the interpretation of the Conditions of Play at a National Event which is referred to it by the Bowls NZ Tournament Director;
  - (b) **Law 43.2.6:** decide any appeal, referred to it by the Bowls NZ Tournament Director, by a Participant against a decision of a Technical Official, under Law 43.2.6 of the Laws of the Sport.

The Jury of Appeal has no power to consider or decide on any allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct.

## **15. Procedure for Deciding Questions About Interpretation of Conditions of Play**

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- 15.1. **Raising Question:** Any Participant or Umpire in a game at a National Event may verbally raise a question about the interpretation of the Conditions of Play, with the Tournament Director.
- 15.2. **Process for Centre Tournament Director:** On receiving a question about the interpretation of the Conditions of Play, the Centre Tournament Director shall immediately:
- (a) consult with all the persons involved in the game to obtain their views on the question and the circumstances surrounding it; and,
  - (b) either consider and decide the question, in which case they shall immediately inform the Participants in the game of such decision **or**, in their discretion, refer the question to the Bowls NZ Tournament Director.
- 15.3. **Process for Bowls NZ Tournament Director:** On receiving a question about the interpretation of the Conditions of Play (whether directly or as referred to him/her by the Centre Tournament Director in accordance with clause 15.2(b)), the Bowls NZ Tournament Director shall immediately:
- (a) consult with all the persons involved in the game and/or the Centre Tournament Director, if relevant, to obtain their views on the question and the circumstances surrounding it; and,
  - (b) either consider and decide the question, in which case they shall immediately inform the Participants in the game of such decision **or**, in their discretion, refer the question to the Jury of Appeal.
- 15.4. **Hearing:** If a question under clause 15.3(b) is referred to the Jury of Appeal, it shall convene and have a hearing as soon as practicable. The Bowls NZ Tournament Director shall provide a verbal report on the question including the views from those consulted under clause 15.3(a) and clause 15.2(a), if applicable. The Jury of Appeal shall then decide the question as soon as possible and once decided immediately inform the Bowls NZ Tournament Director verbally of that decision, who shall in turn inform the Participants in the game and where relevant, the Centre Tournament Director.

## **16. Procedure for Breaches of Code of Conduct**

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- 16.1 Any alleged breach of the Code of Conduct shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedure for breaches set out in the Code (Appendix 1).

## **17. Procedure for Appeals under Law 43.2.6 (Decision of Technical Official)**

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- 17.1. **Law 43.2:** Law 43.2 of the Laws of the Sport sets out an Umpire's duties. Law 43.2.6 provides that:
- “the Umpire's decision is final in all circumstances except those relating to the meaning or interpretation of a law, in which case there will be a right of appeal to the Controlling Body”*
- 17.2. **Scope of Appeal:** Any Participant who wishes to appeal a decision of a Technical Official in a game at a National Event may do so, only if such appeal relates to the meaning or interpretation of a law in the Laws of the Sport.
- 17.3. **Lodging Appeal:** Any such appeal must be made in writing on the prescribed Appeal Form (attached as Appendix 2), signed by the Participant and lodged with the Tournament Director within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the game.
- 17.4. **Appeal not affect Decision:** The lodging of an appeal under this clause does not act as a stay of the Technical Official's decision, and pending determination of the appeal, the Technical Official's decision shall be valid.

- 17.5. **Process for Bowls NZ Tournament Director:** On receipt of an appeal made in accordance with clauses 17.3, the Bowls NZ Tournament Director shall as soon as practicable:
- (a) inform the Technical Official concerned of the appeal including providing them with a copy of the Players Appeal Form;
  - (b) inform the Technical Official that he or she is required to submit a Technical Official Report (attached as Appendix 3) on all the circumstances leading up to and including the details in the game which is the subject matter of the appeal, and to forward it to the Tournament Director within 24 hours of such notification; and
  - (c) forward the Appeals Form and the Technical Official Report, to the Jury of Appeal for determination of the appeal.
- 17.6. **Process for Jury of Appeal:** On receipt of an appeal under clause 17.6, the Jury of Appeal shall, as soon as practicable:
- (a) decide if the appeal relates to the meaning or interpretation of a law in the Laws of the Sport and as such has jurisdiction to determine the appeal;
  - (b) if it considers it does not have jurisdiction to determine the appeal, it will dismiss the appeal on this basis and inform the Bowls NZ Tournament Director, who shall in turn advise the relevant Participant and the Technical Official.
  - (c) if it considers it does have jurisdiction, then it shall consider the Appeals Form, the Technical Official Report and any other additional evidence it considers appropriate as soon as practicable. The Participant and the Technical Official shall be given a reasonable opportunity to review any such additional evidence (which will usually be 24 hours or shorter if less than 24 hours until the end of the Event) and to make submissions on all the evidence and the issues in the appeal. Having heard and considered such evidence and submissions, the Jury of Appeal shall determine if the appeal is to be upheld or dismissed in the manner set out in clause 17.7 below.
- 17.7. **If Decision in Error:** If the Jury of Appeal decides that the decision of the Technical Official was in error (whether partly or whole):
- (a) it shall order the appeal to be upheld and immediately inform the Bowls NZ Tournament Director who shall in turn, immediately inform the Participant and the Technical Official.
  - (b) if the result of the game in which the erroneous decision was made affected a subsequent draw, game(s), tournament result or other decision prior to the Jury of Appeals' decision being delivered, then the result of the game which gave rise to the appeal shall not be altered. However, the Bowls NZ Tournament Director must inform the Participant, the Technical Official, the Clubs and Centres of the players who played, of such decision so that they are aware of the meaning or interpretation to the given to the relevant law in the future; or
  - (c) if the result of the game in which the erroneous decision was made will not affect, or has not affected, any subsequent draw, game(s), tournament result or other decision prior to the Jury of Appeals' decision being delivered, the Jury of Appeal shall make such adjustments to the score of the game and/or the tournament in which the game was held or any other subsequent tournaments and/or order any other further action it considers appropriate to rectify the result.
- 17.8. **If Decision Correct:** If the Jury of Appeal decides that the decision of the Technical Official was correct, it shall immediately inform the Bowls NZ Tournament Director who shall in turn, immediately inform the Participant and the Technical Official

## **18. Procedure for Appeals under Law 36.1 (Deliberate Non-Sporting Action)**

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18.1. **Law 36:** Law 36.1 of the Laws of the Sport provides that:

*“36.1 If an opponent, the manager in a side game, the umpire or the Controlling Body decides that a player has deliberately committed an act designed to give them or their team an unfair advantage, they can appeal to the Controlling Body.*

*36.2 If an appeal is made, it should be made to the Controlling Body no later than 24 hours after the final end in the game affected is completed.*

*36.3 The person making the appeal should take immediate steps to send details to the Secretary of the Controlling Body who should arrange for it to be dealt with in line with their code of conduct and disciplinary procedures”.*

18.2. **Lodging appeal:** Any appeal under Law 36.1 of the Laws of the Sport, shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedure for Misconduct (as an alleged breach of the Laws of the Sport) set out in the Code (Appendix 1).



## APPENDIX 1

### BOWLS NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NATIONAL EVENTS

#### 1. Introduction:

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- 1.1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this Code is to ensure that all Participants participating in a National Event are aware of the standard of conduct expected of them and the consequences of breaching that standard.
- 1.2. **Commencement:** This Code supercedes and replaces all previous Bowls NZ Codes of Conduct. This Code came into force on 18 September 2015 and was updated on 1 December 2015.

#### 2. Definitions:

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- 2.1. For the purposes of this Code:
- (a) **“Anti-Match Fixing Regulation”** means the Bowls NZ Anti-Match Fixing Regulation, as amended from time to time.
  - (b) **“Bowls NZ Integrity Officer”** means the Bowls NZ Chief Executive, unless the Board decides otherwise.
  - (c) **“Bowls NZ Tournament Director”** means the director of a National Event as appointed by Bowls NZ.
  - (d) **“Conditions of Play”** means the playing conditions, eligibility and other rules of the tournament under which a National Event is to be played, as determined by the Bowls NZ Tournament Director in accordance with the Regulations
  - (e) **“Event Officials”** means any individuals who are appointed by Bowls NZ, a Centre or Club to positions of responsibility at a National Event including, but not limited to, volunteers, employees, officers, umpires and the Tournament Director at which a National Event is being held.
  - (f) **“Judicial Committee”** has the meaning given to it in the Bowls NZ Judicial Regulation.
  - (g) **“Judicial Regulation”** means the Bowls NZ Judicial Regulation as may be amended from time to time.
  - (h) **“Laws of the Sport”** means the laws for playing the Game of Bowls as approved by World Bowls (including all domestic Regulations and the Conditions of Play).
  - (i) **“Match Fixing”** means conduct defined as prohibited conduct in the Anti-Match Fixing Regulation including corruption, betting, misusing inside information and other offence.
  - (j) **“Misconduct”** in this Code means, but is not restricted to, situations during a National Event where a Participant:
    - i. breaches any provision of the Laws of the Sport;
    - ii. deliberately loses or attempts to lose a game of bowls or plays unfairly;
    - iii. engages in Match Fixing;
    - iv. alters a bowl after it has been stamped by a registered bowls tester without submitting it for retesting and restamping;

- v. uses any profane, indecent or improper language;
  - vi. at any time or place engages in offensive or insulting behaviour towards Bowls NZ, any Centre, any Club or any member of any Centre or Club, or any person acting for or on behalf of Bowls NZ, a Centre or a Club;
  - vii. acts in a manner which brought, or could bring, Bowls NZ, any Centre or any Club into disrepute;
  - viii. acts in a manner unbecoming of a Participant, or a member of a Centre or Club or which is prejudicial to the Objects and/or the objects of a Centre and/or Club;
  - ix. aids or abets any of the conduct specified in (i) to (vii) above.
- (k) **“National Event”** means a bowls event held by, or under the auspices of, or administered by, Bowls NZ (and held at a Centre or Club venue as determined by Bowls NZ). National Events may be held on an open, invitation or limited entry basis. A National Event shall be deemed to start at the commencement of the official opening, manager’s meeting or pre-event briefing immediately preceding the event (whichever is the earlier) and shall end at the conclusion of the official closing, prize giving or official Bowls NZ function for the event (whichever is the latter).
- (l) **“Participant”** means any person who participates in a National Event, including but not limited to players, coaches, managers who:
- i. are Members of Bowls NZ; or
  - ii. have acknowledged in writing that they are bound by this Code.

2.2. All other defined terms have the same meaning as defined in the Bowls NZ constitution or the Bowls NZ Regulation Ten – National Events.

### 3. **Players Obligations:**

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- 3.1. **Sportsmanship:** Participants must conduct themselves in a proper manner, including maintaining a high standard of personal conduct, so as not to bring themselves, Bowls NZ, a Centre, Club or the game of Bowls into disrepute. Accordingly all Participants will:
- (a) *Best efforts:* always playing to the best of their ability and to perform as part of a team (if relevant).
  - (b) *Respect:* maintaining an attitude of respect and politeness towards their opponents and Event Officials.
  - (c) *Integrity:* refraining from any conduct which might reflect on the integrity of a National Event, Bowls NZ, a Centre, Club or the game of Bowls generally.
  - (d) *Discrimination:* refraining from any discriminatory practices (or making any discriminatory statements) based on age, sex, race, religion, ethnic background or special ability/disability bowlers.
  - (e) *Misconduct:* refraining from engaging in Misconduct.
- 3.2. **Laws:** Participants must accept any ruling given by an Event Official during a National Event (subject to any right of appeal given by Regulation 10 - National Events, Conditions of Play and the Laws of the Sport) and strictly comply with:
- (a) the Bowls NZ Regulations (including the Bowls NZ Anti-Doping Regulation, Bowls NZ Anti-Match Fixing Regulation and Bowls NZ Judicial Regulation, as may be amended from time to time); and
  - (b) the Laws of the Sport.

- 3.3. **Media:** Participants are entitled to make public statements or any other communication with the media (including via web-based social media e.g. Facebook, Twitter) in relation to their personal performance at a National Event provided that Participants **do not** make, or endorse, any public statement in the media (including web-based social media) that has (or may have) a negative effect on the interests of any other Participants, Event Official(s), the Bowls NZ Tournament Director, Bowls NZ, a Centre, or a Club involved in a National Event.
- 3.4. **Late Withdrawal:** Once the draw for a National Event has been published players may only withdraw from the National Event by providing the relevant Event Officials with evidence of a bona fide injury, illness, bereavement or other exceptional circumstance.
- 3.5. **Best efforts:** A Participant must always use his/her best efforts to complete a game and must not default unless he/she is reasonably unable to play or complete a game.
- 3.6. **Late Arrival:** A Participant must not arrive late for a game, resulting in the default of the game, without providing Event Officials with evidence of an exceptional circumstance that prevented the Participant's attendance.
- 3.7. **Default:** A Participant must not default or withdraw from a National Event in order to allow the Participant to compete in another National Event (or other event) that is to occur on the same day.
- 3.8. **Playing after withdrawal:** A Participant must not compete in another National Event (or any other event) after declaring themselves unavailable to compete in a National Event, unless otherwise agreed with Bowls NZ.
- 3.9. **Obscenities:** Participants must refrain from directing any words, signs or gestures towards any other Participants, Event Official(s) or the Bowls NZ Tournament Director that are understood in any language to have an obscene or offensive meaning.
- 3.10. **Dress:** Participants must present themselves for play in suitable sports clothing and must comply with any Bowls NZ Regulations and with all reasonable directions of Event Officials regarding dress standards while competing in a National Event.

#### **4. Match Fixing:**

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- 4.1. **Match Fixing Prohibited:** Match Fixing by Participants at, or in connection with, National Events is prohibited as specified in the Anti-Match Fixing Regulation.

#### **5. Breach of Code:**

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- 5.1. **Breach of Obligations:** If an Event Official, player, coach or other person entitled to do so under the Laws of the Sport, considers that a Participant may have breached any obligation under this Code, the Event Official shall refer the matter to the Bowls NZ Tournament Director who shall:
- (a) where it is alleged to be Match Fixing, refer it to the Bowls NZ Integrity Officer for investigating in accordance with the Anti-Match Fixing Regulation;
  - (b) Where it is for any other matter:
    - i. dismiss the matter without a hearing if the Bowls NZ Tournament Director considers that the matter is frivolous or is brought for vexatious reasons; or
    - ii. refer the matter to the Judicial Committee in accordance with the Judicial Regulations and, subject to clause 5.2 below, suspend the alleged offending player from the National Event with immediate effect pending the determination of the Judicial Committee .

- 5.2. **Right to Natural Justice:** Prior to imposing a suspension, the Bowls NZ Tournament Director must inform the alleged offending Participant of the alleged breach of the Code and give the Participant the opportunity to provide their version of the events giving rise to the alleged breach.

**APPENDIX 2**

**APPEAL FORM  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW 43.2.6 (DECISION OF A TECHNICAL OFFICIAL)**

**1. Parties**

Name of Appellant	TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME
Name of Respondent (Technical Official)	TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME

**2. Appeal**

As the Appellant I/we wish to appeal the decision of the Respondent.

Dated	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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The facts supporting those grounds of appeal are as follows:

Please set out your version of events leading up to the decision of the Respondent and surrounding the decision itself. You must also attach to this application, copies of any statement of evidence from any witnesses and any exhibits which you intend to rely upon in this appeal. Continue on separate pages if necessary.


**3. Grounds of Appeal**

Please make submissions on why and how you consider the decision of the Respondent was wrong or incorrect in the meaning or interpretation of a law in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.


#### 4. Outcome

Please specify the outcome or relief you are seeking from the appeal.

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#### 5. Signature of Appellant

An Appellant's representative may sign on behalf of the Appellant and, in so doing, undertakes s/he has the authority to do so.

Signed

[Redacted signature line]

Position

[Redacted position line]

Date

[Redacted date line]

#### Filing and Service Instructions

1. This Appeal Form should be signed and filed with the Tournament Director within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the game in which the decision is being appealed.
2. The Appeal Form should be accompanied by copies of all documents upon which the Appellant relies and which have not already been filed and served, including (where relevant) the briefs of evidence and other material considered at the hearing where the decision appealed from was made.

**APPENDIX 3**

**TECHNICAL OFFICIAL REPORT  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW 43.2.6 (DECISION OF A TECHNICAL OFFICIAL)**

**1. Parties**

Name of Appellant	TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME
Name of Respondent	TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME

**2. Response to Appeal**

In response to the Appeal, the Respondent says that his/her response to the ground(s) of Appeal stated in the Appeal Form are set out below.

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**3. Signature of Respondent**

A Respondent's representative may sign on behalf of the Respondent and, in so doing, undertakes s/he has the authority to do so.

Signed	[Redacted]
Name (print)	TITLE FIRST NAME SURNAME
Position	[Redacted]
Date	[Redacted]

**Filing and Service Instructions**

1. This Technical Officials Report should be signed and filed with the Tournament Director within 24 hours of the Respondent receiving the Appeal Form.
2. The Technical Officials Report should be accompanied by copies of all documents upon which the Respondent relies.