

## **STATUS OF REGULATION**

This Regulation is supplementary to, and made in accordance with, Law 57 of the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition), which permits Bowls NZ (as a Member National Authority) to make regulations to cover certain aspects of the sport. This Regulation applies to all Club, Centre and National competitions in New Zealand. It does not apply to International competition which must be played strictly in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Third Edition.

## **COMMENCEMENT DATE**

This Regulation is issued by the Board under Rule 26 of the Bowls New Zealand Constitution. This Regulation as amended shall take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

## **1. DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 The words and phrases used in this Regulation shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution of Bowls NZ, unless otherwise specified in these Regulations. For avoidance of doubt, the conventions used in the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition) shall *not* apply to this Regulation unless expressly stated.
- 1.2 References to a “Law” in this Regulation, is a reference to a law in the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition).
- 1.3 “**Club Tournament**” means a competition, tournament or event for the game of bowls held by or under the auspices of a Club in which entry is limited to members of that Club.
- 1.4 “**Open Tournament**” means a competition, tournament or event for the game of bowls which is open for entry to any member of any Club, or Centre.
- 1.5 “**Registered Umpire**” means any person who is entered on the register maintained by the Bowls New Zealand Umpires Committee.

## **2. THE GREEN**

In accordance with Law 46.5, greens already in use at the time of implementation of this Regulation are approved for play.

## **3. DIVISION OF THE GREEN**

In accordance with Law 49.1, the minimum width of a rink shall be 3.6m and the maximum width shall be 5.8m.

## **4. BOUNDARY PEGS**

- 4.1 In accordance with Law 49.5, the side limits of each rink shall be indicated by pegs which shall be a minimum of 13mm and a maximum of 25mm wide, made of wood or other suitable material, distinctively coloured, and fixed on top of the bank not more than 100mm back from the face thereof.
- 4.2 The requirement for a thin black vertical line on boundary pegs shall not apply to pegs fixed on top of the bank.

## **5. USE OF GREEN THREAD TO MARK BOUNDARY**

In accordance with Law 49.9, the use of boundary threads (as specified in Law 49) shall not apply for domestic play in New Zealand.

## **6. PLAYERS WITH DISABILITIES**

In accordance with Law 41.8 the use of the artificial device called a “bowling arm” is approved for delivering the jack or a bowl in New Zealand.

## **7. SUBSTITUTES OR REPLACEMENTS**

In accordance with Law 39.2.3 the following requirements apply to introducing a substitute player:

- 7.1 **Composition of Teams:** The Controlling Body may impose special conditions on the composition of Teams and the qualification of Team Members. Such information shall be stated in the Conditions of Play which shall be published at the time entries are requested.
- 7.2 **Original Team:** An Original Team shall consist of the players whose names are entered on the Score Card for the first game in a tournament. If an Original Team Member is unable to play at any time, including in the first end of the first game, for a reason accepted as valid by the Controlling Body, then a Substitute shall be permitted and their name shall be recorded as a Substitute for the absent Team Member.
- 7.3 **Graded Team:** A Graded Team means a Team in which every Team Member plays in the position in which they have been classified by their Club. The Controlling Body may give approval for a Team Member to play in a higher graded position, but under no circumstances shall a Team Member play in a lower graded position. In a Graded Triples tournament, the Second player may be a classified Lead Second or Third. In a Graded Pairs tournament, the Lead may be either a classified Lead or Second.
- 7.4 **Changes to Original Team Members:** If an Original Team Member is unable to continue playing in a tournament for a reason accepted as valid by the Controlling Body, and unable to return before the completion of the tournament, their place may be taken by a replacement player who may play in any position and shall have the same rights as an Original Team Member. The appointment shall be subject to approval by the Controlling Body, and the replacement player shall be:
  - (a) Wherever possible of playing ability equal to, or less than, the Original Team Member who is unable to continue;
  - (b) Whenever possible, a player who has not already participated in the tournament;
  - (c) A player who satisfies the eligibility requirements for Team Members stated in the Conditions of Play;
  - (d) Only one replacement player per Team shall be permitted per tournament;
  - (e) Players shall not be transferred from one Team to another.
- 7.5 **Centre Champion of Champions Events:** The Team Members of the Team that wins a Club Championship are the players who shall be nominated by the Club for entry to the Champion of Champions Event. Any change in playing personnel shall be subject to the prior approval of the Centre Controlling Body, and shall be limited to one Substitute and/or one replacement player.

**7.6 Substitutes:** A Substitute means a player temporarily filling a position for an absent Team Member. A Substitute may play in any position except that of Skip, except that in a Graded Event, a Substitute graded Skip shall play as Skip.

**7.7 Substitute Approval:**

- (a) The use of a Substitute is subject to the prior approval of the Controlling Body for the tournament;
- (b) A substitute would normally be considered for a valid reason including (but not limited to): bereavement of a close family member, Jury Duty, Bowls NZ duty, illness, work commitments. Other exceptional circumstances may also be considered. However, a Substitute shall not be permitted if a Team Member enters another tournament scheduled to play at the same time;
- (c) Only a Fours Team may contain a Substitute and a replacement player simultaneously;
- (d) A Triples or Pairs Team shall be permitted one Substitute or one replacement player, but not both simultaneously;
- (e) If the player for whom a Substitute was approved later becomes available, the player shall, with the consent of the Controlling Body, rejoin the Team at the completion of any end;
- (f) No Substitute or change of personnel shall be permitted in any Singles game, except that in any Sides Match a Substitute or replacement player may be permitted to play in any Singles game;
- (g) A substitute Team Member must be approved when a player has qualified or been selected for a Centre or Bowls NZ tournament.

**7.8 Qualifications of Appointees:**

A Substitute approved by the Controlling Body shall, where possible, be:

- (a) Of playing ability equal to, or less than, the Team Member who is absent;
- (b) A player who has not already participated in the tournament;
- (c) A player who satisfies the eligibility requirements for Team Members stated in the Conditions of Play;
- (d) Where it is not possible to satisfy the above requirements, the Controlling Body may appoint any suitable player to act as Substitute;
- (e) Players shall not be transferred from one Team to another.

**8. AWARDING OF A TROPHY**

The awarding of a trophy to a Substitute in a winning Team shall be the prerogative of the Controlling Body.

**9. INCOMPLETE TEAM OR SIDE**

The provisions of Law 39 shall apply.

## 10. CONCURRENT EVENTS

If a player qualifies for more than one event under the control of the same Controlling Body, and be instructed to play in one event, the player shall not be penalised through failing to attend any other event which is set down to be played at the same time and in such circumstances a replacement will be allowed in the latter competition unless it is a Singles event.

## 11. FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING

### 11.1 **Player's Footwear:**

**11.1.1** Flat (heel-less) shoes or sandals may be worn by players when playing on a bowling green. Soles may be of a non-slip material with a slightly abrasive surface. Footwear that will damage the greens will not be accepted and the player concerned will be asked to remove the shoes and replace them.

**11.1.2** Bowls NZ approves all footwear as approved by Bowls Australia and listed on their website: [www.bowlsaustralia.com.au/Club-Assist/Approved-footwear](http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au/Club-Assist/Approved-footwear)

### **11.1.3 Process for approval of new shoe brands in New Zealand:**

The Manufacturer/supplier must submit a production sample to the Bowls NZ Umpires Committee for approval. Once approved the approval will be published on the Bowls NZ website and notified by Circular to all Centres. Approvals will be based on (but not limited to)

- Contour of the sole
- One piece sole
- Channel depth
- No raised heel
- No attached heel
- Rounded edges
- Indented non-slip sole
- No excessively pronounced ripples/obstructions

If any manufacturer, supplier or bowler believes their shoe should be approved but it does not appear on the approved list then they should contact Helen Stallard, Bowls NZ Events Manager, on 09-571-9958, or [helen@bowlsnz.co.nz](mailto:helen@bowlsnz.co.nz).

**11.1.4** Any Player with a physical disability may use an appropriate support, wheelchair or bowling aid, provided that the same is so made that its use causes no damage to the Green.

### 11.2 **Player's Clothing:**

**11.2.1 Club Tournaments:** For Club Tournaments, playing attire shall be determined by the Club.

**11.2.2 Open Tournaments:** For any Tournament other than a Club Tournament, players in Singles and members of Teams or Sides *must* wear garments of the same colour/design as determined by the Tournament Controlling Body. Any garment may have logos displayed, but the Controlling Body may impose conditions relating to sponsor's logos to ensure that there is no conflict with a Tournament sponsor.

**11.2.3** The Chief Executive of Bowls NZ may approve variations to Clause 11.2.2 of this Regulation upon written application from any Centre for any specific events, games, Teams or Sides.

**11.2.4** Bowling gloves maybe worn at any time while playing bowls.

### 11.3 Umpire's Clothing and Colours:

**11.3.1** All Registered Umpires may wear clothing in the official colours of bottle green, as approved by the Board of Bowls NZ.

**11.3.2** Registered Umpires shall be entitled to wear such monograms, badges, flashes, blazers and other uniform items, as shall be determined by the Board of Bowls NZ from time to time after consultation with the Bowls NZ Umpires Committee.

## 12. TOURNAMENTS AND USE OF GREENS

12.1 No Centre or Club shall hold a qualifying competition for a National Event at the same time as the following competitions are being played –

- New Zealand National Open Championships for Men and Women.
- Regional Playoff or National Final of the New Zealand Interclub or Inter-centre Competition.

12.2 **Use of Greens:** Every Club, which is a member of Bowls NZ, shall allow Bowls NZ and / or its governing Centre the use of, and full access to, its bowling green(s) and amenities for the conducting of national and Centre tournaments and other fixtures held by or under the auspices of Bowls NZ or the relevant Centre on such days in the playing season as Bowls NZ or the Centre may require, following consultation with, and upon giving reasonable notice to, the Club concerned.

## 13. BOWLS TESTING

13.1 **Official Bowls Tester:** All bowls testing must be carried out at the premises of a licensed tester authorized by World Bowls Limited.

13.2 **General:**

The requirements of Laws 52 and 53 of the Laws of the Sport – Crystal Mark Edition are applicable in New Zealand with the following exceptions:

### 13.2.1 Engraving of Bowls (Law 52.1.5):

**13.2.1.1** Each bowl in a set shall bear the member's individual engraving as a distinguishing mark inside the smallest diameter grooved ring on each side.

**13.2.1.2** Such marks to be proportional in size, and identical in shape and colour.

**13.2.1.3** In addition to the manufacturer's name, a sponsor's name and/or a personal name may also be engraved on the same side of each bowl.

**13.2.1.4** If other grooved rings and/or dimples are coloured, each bowl in the set shall be coloured the same.

### 13.2.2 Bias of Bowls (Law 52.2):

All sets of bowls used by bowlers within New Zealand shall bear a 1982 or subsequent Bowls New Zealand, International Bowling Board or World Bowls stamp.

**SCHEDULE**

**BOWLS CHALLENGE FORM**

**Name of Challenger:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Opponent, Manager, Umpire, Controlling Body)  
(Delete those that do not apply)

**Description of Bowls Challenged:**

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(Please include Model, Manufacturer, Serial Number and Description of Monogram)

- Grounds for Challenge:**
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| (i.) bias less than that of the Working Reference bowl             | YES/NO |
| (ii.) have different bias  | YES/NO |
| (iii.) exceed the weight specified in Law 52.1.7                   | YES/NO |
| (iv.) are larger or smaller than the diameter stated in Law 52.1.7 | YES/NO |
| (v.) do not come from the same set as defined in Definitions D3    | YES/NO |

**Deposit of \$150.00 Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Detail Receipt Number)

**Signature of Challenger:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Umpire accepting Challenge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT A COPY OF THE COMPLETED FORM IS HANDED TO THE CHALLENGER  
AND TO THE PLAYER WHO'S BOWLS HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED**