



POLICY TITLE: GREENS PROTECTION POLICY

RELATED POLICIES: Nil

RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS: Risk, Integrity and Policy Committee

AUTHORITY: The Bowls Australia Board

APPLICABLE FORMS: Nil

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*CONSTITUTION
BOWLS AUSTRALIA LIMITED
ACN: 076 229 699*

*20. Board Policies
20.1 Policies*

20.1.1 The Board may from time to time as circumstances dictate, formulate, interpret, adopt, make, alter and amend Policies for the proper advancement, management and administration of Bowls Australia, the advancement of the Objects and bowls as it thinks necessary or desirable. Policies must (as far as practicable) be in conformity with the rules and regulations of WBL and must be consistent with this Constitution. Policies are binding on all Members.

20.1.2 The CEO shall bring to the notice of the Board and Members all Policies and any formulation, interpretation, amendment, alteration and repeal of them. Member States are obliged to draw such notices to the attention of Members in their States. Notices are binding upon all Members.

20.1.3 All Policies and regulations of the Company in force at the date of the approval of this Constitution insofar as such policies and regulations are not inconsistent with, or have been replaced by this Constitution, shall continue in force under this Constitution.

1. PREAMBLE AND RATIONALE

- 1.1 This Policy acknowledges that greens are the core material asset of clubs and inherently expensive to repair and replace. This applies to both grass and artificial surfaces.
- 1.2 This Policy also acknowledges that through remedial practices the vast majority of bowlers should be able to continue to enjoy and compete in bowls and that bowls will continue to be a sport for life.

2. GUIDELINES

- 2.1 According to the Laws of the Sport, Crystal Mark 3rd Edition, Version.3.1, April 2019, the process for a player who is causing undue damage to the green is as follows:
 - 2.1.1 If by observation, the Controlling Body or deputised representative, considers a player is causing damage to a green, the player will be warned;
 - 2.1.2 The skip and manager must be alerted to the warning given to the player;
 - 2.1.3 If in the opinion of the Controlling Body the player continues to damage the green, the player must be required to retire from the game but may be allowed a substitute player as per DR2.4;
 - 2.1.4 If the player fails to leave the green the player will be considered to be a defaulting player and forfeit the game to their opponent as per Law C2 and Law C10, and no substitute will be allowed.
 - 2.1.5 The Controlling Body must advise the home club of the player concerned so that appropriate assistance can be offered to the player.
- 2.2 Clubs have an obligation to assist bowlers to remedy the action or activity that is causing damage.
- 2.3 To assist a player who is damaging the green, the following should be considered:
 - Attempt to understand how or why the player is causing damage to the green;
 - Ask the club coach to contact the player and provide some coaching advice;
 - Modify the player's delivery;
 - Discuss with the player options such as obtaining approval to use a bowler's arm;
 - Use a ground sheet when delivering a bowl;
 - Use a dump mat.

CLUB MANLY ADDENDA

The Bowls Australia Greens Protection Policy above is adopted by Club Manly with the following inclusions:

3. The Club Manly Board has determined, on expert advice for the purposes of this policy, that a bowl dropped from a height of more than 300 mm above the surface or projected forward more than 900 mm from release to contact with the surface is likely to cause undue damage to the Greens.
4. Club Manly does not provide or permit the use of dump mats or ground sheets because of Health and Safety issues, doubts about their efficacy for our greens, the cost of providing them and the delay that their use causes during a match.

Adopted by Club Manly 16 April 2024