

POLICY- DUMPING of BOWLS



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This Policy is to be

- prominently displayed on the Club Notice Board; and,
- brought to the notice of members regularly.

Part 1 Introduction

1) Rationale

- a) From the outset this Club emphasizes that-

All bowlers are valued and respected, however, our bowling greens are a core asset of our club and are very expensive to repair and replace. They therefore need to be protected over the long term.

- b) The specific aims of this policy are to-

- i) protect our grass greens from indentations and structural damage caused by dumping; and,
- ii) minimize maintenance costs, protect the surface integrity, and prolong the useful life of the club's grass greens; and,
- iii) enforce delivery standards; and,
- iv) mandate remedial actions such as-
 - (1) coaching; or,
 - (2) using a bowling arm; or,
 - (3) using a "dump mat".

- c) This policy also acknowledges that through such remedial practices, most bowlers who tend to dump their bowls should be able to continue to enjoy social and competitive bowls without "dumping."

Part 2 Club Policy

2) Definition of a Dumped Bowl

- a) A "dumped" or "dropped" bowl is defined as a delivery where the bowl leaves the bowler's hand and impacts the green from a height-
- i) greater than 15-30 cm above the surface, causing an audible "thud"; or,
 - ii) dropping bowls from the bank onto the grass; or,
 - iii) Improper release of a bowl from a standing or downward motion.
- b) Whilst damage may not be visibly apparent, any bowl which is delivered in such a way as to cause an audible 'thud' is more than likely to cause severe indentations in the playing surface which then compacts the sub-surface and affects the "run" of bowls.

3) Preventative measures

- a) This Dumping Policy is to be prominently displayed on the Club Notice Board.

- b) Preceding all events, the Club Spokesperson is to re-iterate the Club Dumping Policy to all bowlers present at the Club for that game.
- c) During play, it is the responsibility of every club member to protect our greens. Should you see someone you think is dumping, please report it to the Umpire, or a member of the Management Committee or a Club Coach for them to take action.

4) Corrective Process for a club member

- a) In a non-competitive game, if a club member is observed causing undue damage through “dumping”, the club will employ a supportive, remedial process-
 - i) **Step 1 Consultation:**
 - (1) the player will be warned and asked to modify their bowling delivery; and,
 - (2) the skip and coach/manager must be alerted to the warning given to that player; and,
 - (3) a member of the Management Committee or a Club Coach will approach the player to-
 - (a) gain an understanding as to how or why the player is causing damage to the green; and,
 - (b) discuss the remedial action to be taken.
 - ii) **Step 2 Coaching:**
 - (1) The club member will be offered free coaching to modify their delivery technique and lower their release point.
 - iii) **Step 3 Remedial Equipment:**
 - (1) If the bowler's action cannot be easily corrected (e.g., due to physical limitations), they **must** use an approved Bowls Australia delivery aid such as a bowling arm or a “dumping” mat.
 - iv) **Step 4. Compliance:**
 - Continued refusal by a member to modify their delivery action or utilize a mandated aid/equipment may result in suspension from club competitions and social play until the problem is remediated in order to prevent irreversible damage to the club's greens.
- b) If dumping is noted in a competitive game, then-
 - i) the player will be warned and asked to modify their bowling delivery; and,
 - ii) the skip and coach/manager must be alerted to the warning given to that player.
- c) If, in the opinion of the Controlling Body or an authorised representative of the Management Committee, 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 DR 2; 2.2.4
- d) If the player fails to leave the green, the player will be deemed a defaulting player and forfeit the game to their opponent as per Law C2 and Law C10, and no substitute will be allowed.

5) Corrective Process for a visiting player

- a) The player will be warned and asked to modify their bowling delivery; and,
- b) The skip and coach/manager must be alerted to the warning given to the player.
- c) Because all Clubs have an obligation to assist bowlers to remedy the action or activity that is causing damage and a view to encouraging the ongoing participation by the player, the Club must advise the home club of the player concerned so that appropriate assistance can be offered to the player by that club.
- d) If dumping is noted in a competitive game, then-
 - i) the player will be warned and asked to modify their bowling delivery; and,
 - ii) the skip and coach/manager must be alerted to the warning given to that player.
- e) If, in the opinion of the Controlling Body or an authorised representative of the Management Committee, 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 DR 2; 2.2.4
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Part 3 Administrative Details

- a) First issued:
- b) Current Version: 01
- c) Approved/Issued
- d) Review: as required but no later than 2029