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**TO: DISTRICT SECRETARIES  
EXECUTIVE  
MEDIA**

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**NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE: GREENS**

The Executive together with the National Standing Committee: Greens draws your attention to the terms and conditions as detailed in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Third Edition – Domestic Regulations. Bowls South Africa was required to develop clause A.2.2 in our Domestic Regulations regarding acceptable bowls shoes, in order to create standards and to protect the playing surfaces of bowls greens on a national level throughout South Africa.

It has been brought to our attention that clubs and districts are permitting players to participate in activities on bowls greens wearing shoes in breach of the terms and conditions as described in the Domestic Regulations. The responsible officials at club and district level are required to apply the purpose and intent of the regulations defined under clause A.2.2 in the Domestic Regulations. The relevant clause is repeated here below for ease of reference.

Bowlers participating in national events will not be permitted to wear shoes in breach of the Domestic Regulations and clubs and districts are required to adopt the same principals in events under their direct control.

**Clause A.2.2 – Domestic Regulations.**

**Players, Umpires and Markers shall wear conventional shoes or sports shoes which have a continuous smooth sole or a sole with a channel rise in the middle of the sole, as long as the sole is clearly in one piece and the heel area does not sit at a different height to the front of the shoe. To assist in traction the sole can have indented grooves up to 2 mm (thickness of matchstick), but no protuberances. The width of the rear part of the shoe shall be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole. Conventional sandals are acceptable providing they have a back strap. The National Authority reserves the right to allow or disallow the use of specific colours and brands of footwear. (Circular 40/ 2010).**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ravenscroft".

**JOHN RAVENSCROFT  
OPERATIONS MANAGER.**

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