



TO THE POINT

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ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

At the Atlantic Championship held at the Wanderers club in Johannesburg the Technical Officials proved that the standard of umpiring in South Africa is sound and healthy.

Thirty two Technical Officials (The majority from the host district – CGBA) who had proved their competence earlier this year at the South African Masters and during the test series between South Africa and England were used to officiate at this prestige's tournament.

We received numerous compliments from the sixteen countries who took part in the championship as well as from the controlling body – World Bowls.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank each one of the Technical Officials who offered their time and effort to make this tournament a success.

RESERVES VERSUS SUBSTITUTES

The current Law book "Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Edition" only refer to a player replacing another player in a game as a "Substitute."

The laws referring to are:

Absent player in a Team game

Law 46.1

Absent player in a Side game

Law 46.2.

Absent player – penalty when the lead and second each play an extra bowl-

Law 46.2.2

In an interrupted match resumed on another day Law 50.4

Leaving the green during the course of play. Law 51

In South Africa we are used to the term "Reserve"

As we see a Reserve as a bona – fide member of a club and a substitute as a player that is randomly select from the bank it is necessary for the controlling body to define the difference properly in the conditions of play

Example of specifications in the Conditions of play.

All four players and the reserve must be registered players of the same club:

i.e. bona – fide members of the club they represent.

No substitution will be allowed at the start of a game. Refer Law 46 Substitutes will only be allowed for conditions as specified in Law 51. If more than one game is played on a day and a substitute is required in the first game he/she will be allowed to play in the subsequent games.

Definitions of Reserves and Substitutes

Reserves :

1. This is a player from the same club registered with the team or teams as a reserve prior to the commencement of a tournament i.e league, pairs or trips. (more than one reserve may be registered)
2. The reserve may play in any position.
3. The player replaced by the reserve for any reason, and start to play again must play for the team he/she was replaced in.
4. If the reserve is used in a league game on completion of the 7th end and before the 8th end is commenced or on completion of the 15th end and before the 16th end commences the player he/she replaces becomes the reserve for the team in which they were replaced
5. If a team is short of a player at the commencement of a game and there is no registered reserve, the team will be disqualified.

Substitutes :

1. This is a player from the bench or of club at which a tournament is being played.
2. This player is chosen by placing the names of players that are available in a hat and drawn by the manager or skip of the opposing team.

3. This player shall not skip
4. This player may only play in the case of a player leaving the green due to illness or injury or any other valid reason. Providing the skips agree.
5. A substitute can not be used at the start of the game, unless he/she became a substitute in the previous game on the same day.

CAPACITY BUILDING – TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

In order to create and maintain a well trained and competent squad of Technical Officials in each district, Bowls South Africa Executive has invested some of the Lotto grants in the Capacity Building Project for Technical Officials.

The fund allocated to the Bowls South Africa Technical Official Standing Committee will be used as follows:

1. Present a Level 3 Technical Official course at Southern Cape (Hartenbos) 13 to 19 September 2009.
This course is intended for Level 2 Technical Officials who has the required experience to upgrade to Level 3
As the previous Level 3 course was conducted in Potchefstroom during 2008 preference will be given to persons from the southern districts. All persons interested must however apply and as we can only accommodate twenty persons in the course a screening will take place. The closing date for nominations is 07 July 2009 and nomination forms are available at your district secretary.
2. Present two “Training of Technical Official Course Presenters” courses to equip the Course Presenters of the various Districts Technical Official Standing Committees with the necessary knowledge and skills to run courses successfully in their districts.

This two courses will be conducted at:

- a) Potchefstroom - 09 to 15 August 2009.
The course at Potchefstroom is intended for two members of each District Technical Official Standing Committee of the ten northern districts: (Northern Cape, Northern Free State, North West, Sedibeng, Sables, CGBA,

Eastern Gauteng, Bowls Gauteng North, Mpumalanga and Limpopo)

b) The course at Amanzimtoti - 11-17 October 2009. is intended for two members of each District Technical Official Standing Committee of the ten southern districts (Natal Inlands, KZN, Port Natal Kingfisher, Border, Eastern Province, Southern Cape, Western Province, Boland and Southern Free State.)

For all these courses, accommodation, meals and transport to and back from the course will be paid by Bowls South Africa.

The invitations and nomination lists for the Level 3 course and the “Training of Technical Officials Course presenters” for the Northern Districts have already been sent out to the District Secretaries of the relevant districts. The Invitations and nomination lists for the “Training of Technical Officials Course Presenters” for the southern districts will be send out mid July 2009.

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MEASURING FOR A SHOT

A lot of players ask who must measure for a shot. Some selectors even go so far to say that if a player can not measure properly he cannot play third as the Law book specify yhat it is the duty of a third to measure.

Normally the player or team giving away the shots will do the measuring. If Team A is laying one shot and there is a measure for second shot then Team B will give them 1 shot and then measure for the second shot.

If the first shot is a measure any of the two teams can measure. So what the law book says is that either of the teams can secure the leaning bowl. It is not only the team that give away the shots that can secure (Wedge) a bowl.

Now who’s responsibility it is to measure?

Normally it is the duty of the “Third” in fours, the “Second” in trips, the “Second” in pairs and the “Marker” in singles

See I say **normally**, because if we look at law 37.2 it says:
*The third **can** measure any and all disputed shots.*
*The law book uses the word **can***

If we look on page 6 of the law book we see:
Conventions

- 1 *References to ‘**should**’ and ‘**will**’ within these laws mean that the action is compulsory.*
- 2 *References to ‘**can**’ within these laws mean that the action is optional.*

So it is not a hard and fast rule that the third in a fours game the second in a trips and pairs game and the opponents or Marker in a singles game MUST measure

To conclude it is good to look at Law 37.1
37 Players and their duties

37.1 The skip

- 1 **The skip will have sole charge of the team and all players in the team should follow the skip's instructions.**
- 2 The skip should decide all disputed points with the opposing skip, making sure that any decision reached is in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
- 3 If the skips need to check any part of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls before reaching a decision, they should ask the umpire for an explanation.
- 4 If the umpire considers that a decision reached by the skips is not in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, the umpire should overrule that decision so that it is in line with the laws.
- 5 If the skips cannot reach agreement on any disputed point, they should ask the umpire to make a decision. The umpire's decision is final.
- 6 If the Controlling Body has not appointed an umpire, the skips should choose a competent neutral person to act as the umpire.
- 7 The skip in a Pairs game should perform the duties of the second, as described in law 37.3.
- 8 **Skips can, at any time, delegate their own powers and any of their own duties (except those described in paragraph 7 above) to**

any other members of the team as long as they tell the opposing skip immediately.

UNUSUAL SITUATIONS NOT COVERED WITHIN THE LAWS

In bowls as in any other sport situations can arise where there is no law that cover that specific situation. If such situations arise please remember the forward of the law book on page 6.

Foreword

Introduction

No laws governing a sport can cope with every situation, and the laws governing the sport of bowls are no exception. Unusual situations not covered within the laws can often arise. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls ('the laws') have been drawn up in the spirit of true sportsmanship. So, if a situation arises that is not covered by these laws, players, markers and umpires should use their common sense and a spirit of fair play to decide on the appropriate course of action.

LOG BOOKS

At regular intervals we as a committee have expressed the importance of up to date Log Books. When upgrades are planned you have to have all your duties logged and signed off. It's no good having it on the computer at home, it must be logged in your log book and signed off by the official on duty. Note your Log book must have your photo stuck in its correct position on the first page.

Furthermore hours are logged according to the duties done and no travelling is logged it's actual hours worked that is logged.

To assist we have drawn up a few guide lines
Marking =2.5 hours per session
Umpiring =4 hours per session.
This may assist that the log books are more accurately updated and not just completed as was recently found, that one Umpire duty was logged as 10 hours and no details that it was two sessions or any comment in the comments column. Let's get those log books right that anybody can pick them up and understand them

CORRECT TERMINOLOGY

Bowls are still referred to as "Woods", a term that has been traditionally used for many years. When a bowl is blocked by a bowl coming to rest, the term most often heard is "wooded" to describe this happening, therefore the word "wood" remains in circulation.

This use of the word "wood" on the green violates no law, however, the dictionary informs us that a "wood" is a collection of trees growing more or less thickly together whereas a game of bowls is played with "bowls" on a bowling green.

A "cat" is a carnivorous quadruped (*Felis domesticus*) whereas a Jack is the small white ball which on occasion, seems to repel bowls when delivered in its direction. Also, a jack in South Africa is delivered, not thrown.

Although called "Lollipops" in many countries, we would like OUR markers to refer to them as "shot indicators" and when "propping" the term "wedging" sounds better, doesn't it?

If players wish to use the words they are accustomed to, there is not much that can be done about it, BUT, when reference to the laws of this game are made, the correct terminology MUST be used.

MEASURING----MARKERS

In the last while, we have on numerous occasions been asked why markers are not allowed to use a telescopic measure -----

Well, it's simple. As a marker, if you use a telescopic measure and you are not sure or the players are not happy with your decision, you have to call the Umpire.

The umpire has to find the shot. Should this differ from your decision as a marker, you would not feel good as the umpire has just "shown you up".

So let the umpire use the telescopic measure and the marker will use the string measure.

KICKING BOWLS OUT OF THE HEAD

We cannot stress too strongly the danger of the front rankers kicking away bowls in the head and sadly it is becoming a cause for concern. A stop should be put to this practice at Club level.

Before taking action, await the third's instruction, be certain that you have understood what was said, before moving any bowl which may be in contention.

If in doubt "do nothing" until further notice.

"Geen groot prestasie is ooit sonder entoesiasme behaal nie".

Any comment preferably positive, or if negative, with the solution, may be E-mailed to any of the Committee Members.

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"The greater the challenge, the greater the reward"