



TO THE POINT

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission and Vision of the Technical Officials Standing Committee.

The Technical Officials Standing Committee fully underwrites the VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT of the Executive of Bowls South Africa.

In its support to reach the ideals and goals of Bowls South Africa, this Committee agrees to the following vision & mission statement.

VISION

To strive to ensure that all duties pertaining to Technical Officials, such as umpiring, marking, law interpretation, are carried out professionally, effectively and prudently by an efficient number of well trained, dedicated and knowledgeable technical officials at all levels.

To create respect for and acceptance of technical officials in the bowling fraternity, and in particular by controlling bodies, officials, players and spectators.

MISSION

In order to achieve this VISION this Committee must task itself to: -

- 1. keep itself informed of developments on the laws internationally;*
- 2. give appropriate guidance to all concerned, including the Executive of Bowls South Africa, controlling bodies, Districts and club executives and players;*
- 3. ensure that an effective training program is maintained with a view to ensure that there is a sufficient number of well-trained officials at all levels countrywide;*
- 4. divulge correct and unbiased information regarding the interpretation of the Laws and rules to all concerned;*
- 5. ensure that updated documentation is available at all times and that Districts, clubs, players and officials are made aware thereof;*
- 6. ensure that District Standing Committees are*

operative and serve as a satellite and ally of this Committee in all respects;

- 7. create a cordial relationship between technical official and management at all levels, thus creating the opportunity for technical officials to be respected and recognized for their expertise and also become part of the decision making progress at all management levels.*

MISIE EN VISIE VAN DIE TEGNIESE BEAMPTES STAANDE KOMITEE

Die Tegniese Beamptes Staande Komitee onderskryf ten volle die Visie en Misie Verklaring van die Uitvoerende Komitee van Rolbal Suid Afrika.

In die ondersteuning van die ideale en doelwitte van Rolbal Suid Afrika stem hierdie komitee saam met die volgende visie en misie verklarings:

VISIE

Ons strewende is om te verseker dat alle pligte wat betrekking het op Tegniese Beamptes soos skeidsreg, merk, en die interpretasie van die Reëls, professioneel, effektief en toepaslik uitgevoer word deur goed opgeleide, toegewyde en vaardige tegniese beamptes op alle vlakke.

Om respek vir en aanvaarding van, tegniese beamptes te verseker in die rolbal gemeenskap en in besonder deur beheerliggame, amptenare, spelers en toeskouers.

MISIE

Om hierdie Visie daar te stel moet hierdie Komitee himself

- 1 op hoogte hou van internasionale ontwikkelings van die reëls;*
- 2 toepaslike leiding gee aan alle betrokkenes, insluitende die Uitvoerende Komitee van Rolbal Suid Afrika, beheerliggame, Distrik -en Klub uitvoerende komitees en spelers;*
- 3 verseker dat 'n doeltreffende opleidings program volgehou word sodat daar genoeg goed opgeleide beamptes op alle vlakke landswyd beskikbaar is;*
- 4 om korrekte kennis sonder vooroordeel aangaande die interpretasie van die Reëls aan alle betrokkenes te voorsien;*

- 5 *verseker dat opgedateerde dokumentasie ten alle tye beskikbaar is en dat Distrikte, Klubs, spelers en beamptes daaroor ingelig word;*
- 6 *verseker dat Distrik Staande Komitees in werking is en om te dien as 'n satelliet en medewerker van hierdie Komitee in alle opsigte;*
- 7 *om 'n aangename verhouding tussen tegniese beamptes en bestuur op alle vlakke te verseker en om sodoende die geleentheid te skep vir tegniese beamptes om erkenning te kry vir hul spesiale vaardighede en om ook deel te word van die besluitnemingsproses op alle bestuursvlakke.*

NEWS FLASH?

The World Bowls Laws Committee has stated that of the TWO ways of measuring a Short Jack (i.e. (a) 23m mark to the mat line centre & the fixed end to the jack, (b) the fixed end to the centre of mat line and 23m to the jack) has now been finalized. This was as a result of standardisation throughout the World that only one could be chosen and the above is now the correct way to determine if the jack has travelled the correct distance or not.

The ONLY way to measure a short jack is that the fixed end will be at the center of mat line.

TEASER NO. 3

During a recent final a bowl, which had touched the jack was not marked as a toucher before the next bowl had come to rest. The player in charge then wanted to mark it but was overruled by the umpire. This led to some heated comments, mainly from the bank!

As an umpire what would your decisions be?

Atlantic Rim Tournament 2009

This tournament will be held in Johannesburg from 4th May – 16th May 2009.

As is now practice, this being a World Bowls tournament the officials will be qualified accordingly and it is envisaged that these officials will be hand selected much in the same way that New Zealand selected their officials for the World Bowls Tournament that has just been completed.

With this in mind those TOs who will be doing the Level 3 upgrade towards the end of the year, may just be in the right place at the right time. However those TOs not in the Gauteng area need not feel left out, myself and another member of my committee will be visiting each district in the very near future, and as part of the discussions I will be considering those suitably

qualified. However those TOs from the Gauteng area will have a distinct advantage.

A very important criteria will be the logbook as this is a must for world Bowls ---- no log book no qualification. So be warned don't tell us it was lost, stolen, the dog ate it, it was washed with Mondays washing and many more sad explanations as to where your logbook is. These should be photo stated regularly and be kept in a safe place.

As the Atlantic Rim is a very prestigious tournament and held under the WB flag we are required to comply with certain criteria and qualifications. As TOs we have always kept a very high standard and this tournament will be no exception.

So my advice to anyone suitably qualified with the correct number of hours is to enter the Level 3 course and get the latest requirements while on course later this year.

We can do things better than the "Black Caps".

ANSWERS TO TEASER

Law 25.3 Marking a toucher states that if, before the next delivered bowl comes to rest and that bowl is neither marked nor nominated, it is no longer a toucher.

So good for the diligent umpire

DISTRUBANCE OF JACK

At the completion of an end 2 bowls are lying shot and a 3rd is a measure. The 3rd conceding the shots says he will agree to 2 shots. The opposing third steps away from the head to better assess the situation, but his action is miss-interpreted by his lead, who steps into the head and picks up the jack thus disturbing the head. What action can be taken?

At the completion of an end 2 bowls are lying shot and a 3rd is a measure. The third claiming the shots says he would like two shots. The opposing third steps away from the head to further assess the situation, and his action is miss-interpreted by the winning lead, who steps into the head and picks up the jack thus disturbing the head. Upon which action the opposing third says it was only 2 shots. What action can be taken.?

In the first instance the opposing third can replace the jack and measure for the 3rd shot and in the 2nd instance the opposing skip can ask to replay the end.

The main point to be made here is that the leads and seconds should not disturb the head until all measuring has been completed.

Old SABA Umpires Badges

Bowls SA will not replace any lost or damaged badges from that series and only the Level badges will be replaced.

One of the most often made mistakes by umpires who know everything about the laws is when a jack has been driven out of bounds and therefore the end is dead and had to be restarted.

The players had left the bowls at the end of the rink at which the jack had become dead, and the umpire then intervened and said that play in the end must be restarted in the same direction in which it had originally commenced.

Law 31.2 of *The Laws of the Sport of Bowls deals with 'dead ends'*, and we often hear of problems caused by the lack of understanding of these important parts of the laws, and the above incident is no exception! Lets see what the Laws say about restarting.

*When the jack is 'dead' the end shall be regarded as a 'dead end'. All 'dead ends' shall be replayed anew in the same direction **unless** either skips or opponents in Singles agree to play in the opposite direction.*

In this case the skips had agreed to play in the opposite direction, and the ruling given by the umpire was unfortunately, incorrect. A few points to be noted are that:-

- 1) Law 37 The Skip. During play the skips shall be the judges of all disputes other than those concerning the Laws, and when the skips agree their decision shall be final. If the skips fail to agree, the point in dispute shall be referred for a decision to the umpire.
- 2) In this case the Skips had agreed and the umpire should not have interfered
- 3) The umpire was acting in a very officious manner, and could only have upset the players.

Fellow umpires please, when doing your duties, always consider what your actions will do to the players concerned. There are of course times when you have to step in and take action, but please KNOW the Laws and act accordingly.

Umpires are required to have the latest copy of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls available at all times. Please do not be too embarrassed to refer to it even especially when called upon to give a ruling. You can be sure that the players want to know what the Laws are, and will not mind waiting for an accurate decision.

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

Any comment preferably positive, or if negative, with the solution, may be E-mailed to me

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Any bowler who would like to get a copy of this news letter will find it on the Bowls SA web and District Secretaries will receive a copy from June 2008

"The greater the challenge, the greater the reward"