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LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS – CRYSTAL MARK THIRD EDITION

World Bowls recently revised the laws of our sport and these changes were ratified at a recent Council Meeting held in Glasgow, Scotland. The revised South African Domestic Regulations have also been approved by World Bowls.

- **The new law books together with the domestic regulations are currently being printed and copies at R 30.00 per copy will be available from the end of August 2014.**
- **Bowlers can place their orders for the new law books through their respective District offices. Delegates to the Bowls SA AGM may take delivery of bulk orders as long as these are in batches of 100 at the AGM on 30 August 2014. Bowls SA will invoice Districts following the AGM.**
- **It should be noted that the new laws will take effect in South Africa from 1 October 2014.**

Bowls SA is keen for all parties to uniformly interpret the changes to the laws and in an effort to achieve this, the summary below is provided to assist in this undertaking.

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES BETWEEN THE:
LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS - Second Edition (Current Laws)
LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS - Third Edition (New Laws)**

- **In the Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Second edition (Current Laws)
They use the term "Should" to indicate when an action is compulsory.**
- **In the Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Third edition (New Laws)
To emphasise that an action is compulsory they replaced the word should with the word "Must" (± 351 times)**

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1. There are a few “Cosmetic” changes to clarify a matter and to make interpretation easier.
2. There are also a few changes that don't concern bowls in South Africa i.e. the use of Ground Sheets etc.
3. The Laws are re-grouped – all laws concerning a particular matter are now placed together therefore, all the law numbers have changed.

4. There are only two changes that are directly applicable in South Africa:

- i) The Score Board and the Score Card
- ii) Position on the mat when delivering a bowl (Foot-fault Rule)

Remember whenever the Laws states “The Member National Authority can decide” It means that for Domestic Play (play in South Africa – Bowls South Africa can change the Law to suit our conditions) and the change must be described in our “Domestic Regulations”

In the New Law book, Bowls South Africa’s “Domestic Regulations” are located at the back of the new Law Book. (Pages 147 to 159)

i) The Score Board and the Score Card

LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS - Third Edition (New Laws)

- 40.1.8 For domestic play, Member National Authorities can decide the procedures for using a scoreboard instead of one of the score cards.
- 40.1.9 For domestic play, Member National Authorities can transfer the skips duties described in law 40.1.7 to other members of the team. However, they must make sure that the duties are transferred to players whose positions, in order of play, are the same in each team.

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- 40.1.8 A scoreboard may be used in lieu of one of the scorecards. In the event of any discrepancy between the scoreboard and the score card the two skips will agree to the correct score. If there is no consensus, the scoreboard will overrule the score card. It is the responsibility of the team winning the toss to ensure that the scoreboard is updated after each end.
- 40.1.9 The skips can transfer their duties described in law 40.1.7 to other members of the team. However, they must make sure that the duties are transferred to players whose positions, in order of play, are the same in each team.

Interpretation of this law

Although Law 40.1.10 States

- 40.1.10 Skips can, at any time, delegate their own powers and any of their own duties (**except those described in law 40.1.7**) to any other members of the team as long as they tell the opposing skip immediately.

This means that for International play (play other than in South Africa) the Skip cannot delegate the score card and must keep it himself.

ii) Position on the mat (Foot fault Rule)

LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS - Second Edition (Current Laws)

20 Position on the mat

20.1 Before delivery a player should be standing on the mat **with one foot fully on the mat**. At the moment they deliver the jack or a bowl, the player should have all or part of one foot on or above the mat.

LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS - Third Edition (New Laws)

7 Position on the mat

7.1 Before delivery a player must be standing on the mat **with all or part of at least one foot on the mat**. At the moment they deliver the jack or a bowl, the player must have all or part of one foot on or above the mat.

Interpretation of this law

The Technical Official (Umpire) must observe that when a player delivers a bowl he/she must have at least a part of his/her foot on the mat.



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