

TO: ALL BOARD MEMBERS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS, LIFE MEMBERS, CENTRE SECRETARIES, UMPIRES COMMITTEE, DISTRICT UMPIRES SECRETARIES, SELECTORS, JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Happy New Year to all recipients of this Circular.

The following items are referred for your information:

Bowls New Zealand Board Minutes – 16 December 2010

Attached is a copy of the Bowls New Zealand Board Minutes for your information.

Items of interest from the Board Meeting (not covered elsewhere) which are drawn to your attention are:

- **Bowls New Zealand Strategic Plan 2009-2014**

Attached for your information is a copy of the Bowls New Zealand Strategic Plan for the above period, which has been signed off by the Board of Bowls New Zealand after consultation with the Regional Service Centre Chairs.

- **High Performance De-Brief**

The Board received an update on the De-Brief from the Delhi 2010 campaign and noted the funding that has been received from SPARC for the period 2011 thru to the end of 2012. The Board has also received a High Performance Strategic Plan for the period 2011 – 2016 and an Action Plan for the period 2011-2012. Both of these Plans will be for discussion at the next Board Meeting on 23rd February 2011.

In the meantime the Board has authorised the calling of applications for the positions of National Selectors and Assistant Coaches and these have been advertised on the Bowls New Zealand Website and circulated to all Centres and other interested parties. Applications close on 20th January 2011.

- **Hyundai National Open Championships**

The Board considered applications for the 2012-2013 National Championships from Bowls Taranaki, Bowls North Harbour and Bowls Canterbury and were impressed by all three applications. However, it was agreed that the Hyundai Nationals for 2012-2013 be awarded to Bowls Taranaki.

Bowls North Harbour were offered the opportunity to host the 2014-2015 Hyundai Nationals and have subsequently confirmed that they would like to do that and Bowls Canterbury have been offered the hosting rights for the 2015-2016 Hyundai Nationals.

- **A.G.M.**

The Annual General Meeting for 2011 will be held in Auckland at a venue still to be confirmed on 4th September 2011.

Bowls New Zealand Events Calendar 2011-2012

Attached is the detailed Events Calendar for the above period, which will now enable all Centres to do their program for the 2011/2012 playing season.

Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 2nd Edition

The new Laws which were approved by World Bowls at their Meeting in October 2010 will come into effect in **New Zealand on 1st April 2011.**

Attached is a summary of the main changes to the Laws. The Law Book is currently being printed and will be available for purchase in February 2011. A number of orders have already been received but we expect this number to increase once the book is available.

If you require copies of the new Law Book please contact Pauline Rowland at Bowls New Zealand national office – pauline@bowlsnz.co.nz

Model Club & Model Centre Constitutions

At long last we now have available the updated Model of both Constitutions.

Copies of the detailed documents are on the Bowls New Zealand Website and can be downloaded from there. <http://www.bowlsnz.co.nz/bowls-nz/key-documents/>

I strongly recommend that all Centres and Clubs look at the new documentation as it contains considerable change from that that currently exists, both in terms of legal requirements but also in terms of governance structures that reflect best practice.

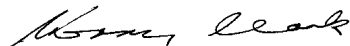
If you require a copy of the Word Version of the Models for updating your own Constitutions then you should contact Pauline Rowland who will make a copy available to you.

Suspension

We have been advised by Bowls Bay of Plenty that Mr Ian Dalton's membership has been suspended for a period of 2 years, effective from 24th September 2010. The suspension applies to all Clubs, Centres and the National Body for the period of the term.

Hyundai National Open Championships

Bowls New Zealand would like to take this opportunity to thank Taieri Bowling Club, all Dunedin Bowling Clubs involved and Bowls Dunedin for all their efforts and hard work in making a successful event in trying weather conditions.



**Kerry Clark OBE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BOWLS NEW ZEALAND BOARD**

**To be held at Auckland Bowls HQ, Mt Eden Bowling Club,
17 Stokes Road, Mt Eden, Auckland**

**On Thursday 16th December 2010
Commencing at 9.10am**



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PRESENT

John Carter - Chair
Coral Wing - President
Trevor McComish - Vice-President
Lynette Adams
Cushla McGillivray
Jacki Richardson
Jim Lindsay
Kerry Clark OBE - Chief Executive Officer
Nicki Patrick – (minute taker)

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies.

2. OBITUARIES

Bob Vinsen – Life Member - Founder and long time Curator of TSB Bowls NZ Museum
John Simpson (Kapiti) – NZBA President 1992/93 and inaugural President of Kapiti Bowling Centre

3. REGISTER OF INTERESTS

John Carter	Director, Bowls Events NZ Limited Life Member, Bowls Wellington Administration Manager, Hutt Bowling Club
Cushla McGillivray	Director, Bowls Events NZ Ltd
Coral Wing	Life Member, Bowls Manawatu
Lynette Adams	CEO, Sport Waitakere
Jacki Richardson	Ministerial Trustee Pakuranga Health Camp School General Manager, Northern Auckland Kindergarten Association
Jim Lindsay	Managing Director, Lindsay Consulting
Trevor McComish	Bowls Wellington Club Rationalisation Team

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4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS

The Board approved the following Minutes and Resolutions:

1. Provisional approval of Bowls NZ Annual General Meeting Minutes – 11th September 2010.

These minutes will be confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting in 2011.

2. Board Meeting held on 10th September 2010.

Moved: Trevor McComish Seconded: Coral Wing
Carried

3. Board Meeting held on 11th September 2010.

Moved: Jacki Richardson Seconded: Cushla McGillivray
Carried

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Development Interclub from AGM

The proposal from Bowls Wanganui which was discussed at the AGM will be forwarded to the RSC's for discussion at their next Regional Forums.

Endorsement of Centres doing good work in Bowls NZ Strategic Plan

The issued raised by Mr Coombe at the AGM was noted and the Board confirmed that they endorse good work being done in many Centres.

Membership Sub-Committee – Region 3 Appointee

Mr Colin Reynolds is the new appointment from Region 3.

Laws of the Sport – Crystal Mark Second Edition implementation date

The Board confirmed that the implementation date in New Zealand will be 1st April 2011.

Charitable Status application for Bowls NZ

Application will be made in the New Year.

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6. STRATEGIC ISSUES

Blue Sky's Strategic Planning Update

Board reviewed the planning day held on 15th December and discussed proposed changes to the key challenges and priorities within the plan.

The key Challenge continues to be the implementation of One Bowls One Vision with a focus on the following areas-

- (a) Regional Service Delivery
- (b) Leadership and Resourcing
- (c) New Markets and Participants
- (d) Sport Image
- (e) High Performance
- (f) Values Based Organisation

The notes from the planning day were reviewed and the CEO was asked to update the Strategic Plan in line with the feedback received, then circulate it to the Board for final sign off with a release date to the wider community being 31 January 2011.

The Board felt it was positive to have the RSC Chairs and Senior staff involvement in this process.

It was also noted that the CEOs and GMs of the Regional service Centres attended the Bowls NZ six monthly staff meeting the week before and that involvement had also been beneficial.

Regional Service Centre Progress

CEO gave an update on progress to date.

Progress has been slow with Region 1 just starting to get underway and Region 3 having to deal with some restructuring issues before commencing with this activity.

Region 2 have also had to deal with some resourcing issues.

All Regions are now up and running and it is predicted that some real progress will be made in 2011.

High Performance Debrief and Recommendations

Lyn Johnston and Dave Edwards attended the meeting at 10.30am and presented to the Board. The following issues were covered

- Debrief from Delhi 2010 campaign
- Funding application to SPARC for the period 2011 and 2012
- Bowls New Zealand High Performance Strategic Plan 2011-2016
- Bowls New Zealand High Performance Objectives and Action Plan 2011-2012

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- Bowls New Zealand Talent development Model Plan

After a full and frank discussion the following decisions were made by the Board-

1. All reports were received, will be further considered and will be tabled for approval at the next Board meeting on 23rd February 2011.
2. In the meantime expressions of interest be called for the positions of National Selectors (2) and Assistant Coaches (2) to accompany (to be involved with the) New Zealand Black Jacks (and talent development squads). Sides. Applications for these positions will close on 20 January 2011 with appointments to be made soon thereafter.

The Board acknowledge that their may be suitable applicants for these positions who could fill a dual role and applicants wishing to apply for more than one position should make that clear when applying.

A Selection Panel for these positions will be chaired by the Board Chair and will comprise others who have a very clear knowledge of the requirements of the Bowls New Zealand High Performance Programme and policy.

The High Performance budget will be considered as part of the Bowls New Zealand 2011/2012 budget discussions at the Board Meeting on 23rd February 2011.

A Proposed Roadshow relating to High Performance will also be considered at the February 2011 Board Meeting.

Moved: Cushla McGillivray Seconded: Trevor McComish
Carried

Operational Plan Update

Operational Plan update was tabled by the CEO and accepted.

Risk Management Plan Update

CEO identified changes which have been highlighted. Report was received. An issue going forward will be identifying a provider to work with on Database requirements.

Review of Board Policies

No policies need to be updated at this time.
CEO's KPI's to be completed by the Chairman

Board Sub-Committees

The following Board sub-committees were confirmed -



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Risk and Audit Committee - Cushla McGillivray, Jim Lindsay, John Carter and Doug Haines (BDO Spicers).

Remuneration Committee – Jacki Richardson, Lynette Adams and John Carter
Centennial Committee - Coral Wing, Trevor McComish, Kerry Clark and John Carter.

Board Work Plan

It was proposed that at the next Board Meeting time be set aside to work in groups to go over the work plan. In preparation for this the Chairman agreed to merge the existing plan with recommendations from the recent SPARC Board evaluation.

Application to Host Hyundai Nationals in 2012/13 –Applications received from Bowls Taranaki, Bowls Canterbury and Bowls North Harbour

The CEO updated the Board with subsequent communications received from each Centre regarding the possibility of Local Funding support. The Board were impressed by all three applications and noted that each of the Centres were quite capable of hosting this event. It was proposed the Hyundai Nationals for 2012/2013 be awarded to Bowls Taranaki.

In approving the 2012/2013 application it was also agreed that Bowls North Harbour be invited to host the 2014/2015 Championships and Bowls Canterbury be invited to host the 2015/2016 Championships as Christchurch will be hosting World Bowls in early 2016.

Subject to Bowls North Harbour and Bowls Canterbury accepting the invitation to host the allocation of Hyundai Nationals through to 2016 is as follows -

- Bowls Dunedin 2010/2011
- Auckland Bowls 2011/2012
- Bowls Taranaki 2012/2013
- Bowls Dunedin 2013/2014- Bowls New Zealand Centennial Tournament
- Bowls North Harbour 2014/2015
- Bowls Canterbury 2015/2016

World Bowls Council Meetings 2010

CEO reported that a subcommittee was being set up by World Bowls to look at a number of issues including membership. It was proposed that John Carter be nominated as a member of this committee.

Moved: Cushla McGillivray Seconded: Lynette Adams
Carried

World Championship qualifying zones – CEO tabled report and updated the Board on the proposals received to change the qualifying process and advised that he had discussed the proposal with the High Performance team.



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It was agreed to support the High Performance recommendation that the status quo remain as the qualifying competition for World Bowls i.e. the Asia/Pacific Championships as currently structured but it was agreed that automatic qualifying places should only go to the winners of the Leonard and Taylor Trophies plus the host country. All other countries need to qualify. Agreed that the Asia/Pacific Championship in 2015 be the qualifying event for 2016.

Membership Sub-Committee Update

Trevor McComish gave an update on progress.

It was agreed that more work still needs to be done before this can go out for wider consultation.

It was also agreed that another face to face meeting of the Committee was necessary. Date will be arranged by the Committee Chairman.

Sale of NZSTI

CEO updated the Board on progress and it was agreed that if date extensions were needed these should be made.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive tabled a Report covering all activities since the last Board Meeting.

- Staff Update - Rajal Middleton returning from maternity leave in March 2011.
- Hyundai Nationals 2010/2011 – no quarter finals prize money to be paid out as budget not sufficient to allow this due to lack of sufficient entries.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

Report to 30 November 2010

CEO tabled financial report which was accepted.

Investment Update

Schedule of current investments was tabled.

A proposal from Dorchester to buy back notes was declined.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Don Judkins from Lion Foundation attended the meeting at 12.00pm and distributed copies of the Lion Foundation Annual Report 2010. Mr Judkins then presented to the Board on Lions grant policy and provided an overview on funding.



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Chairman and CEO thanked Mr Judkins for the ongoing support from Lion Foundation.

RSC's – Proposed Name Changes to

- Northern
- Central
- Southern

To be considered by RSCs and reported back for Board consideration.

Venue and date for AGM 2011

Agreed that the date be 4th September 2011 in Auckland at a venue to be confirmed.

Meeting dates for 2011

- 23rd February 2011
- 18th May 2011
- 5th September 2011
- 29th November 2011

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.15pm.

Chairman

16th December 2010
Date



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BOWLS NEW ZEALAND
STRATEGIC PLAN
2009 -2014
FINAL

Updated 15 December, 2010

Key Challenges for Bowls NZ

The following challenges are those currently facing Bowls NZ. They are based on discussions that occurred at a national team meeting held on 9 December 2010 and a strategic planning session held on 15 December 2010. At both meetings representatives from the three Regional Advisory Centres were present and contributed to the discussions.

One Bowls: One Vision

The One Bowls: One Vision philosophy of alignment across the sport underpins all of the challenges and opportunities to be faced over the next few years. The aim of the project is to build strong and successful clubs and regional service centres supported by a network of centres delivering regional competitions and representative team programmes; to get more people playing bowls more often; and to provide pathways so people can participate and progress from club to international levels. The One Bowls: One Vision project was endorsed by the 2009 annual general meeting and has the support of the majority of the membership. The One Bowls: One Vision philosophy requires a commitment to the following:

(a) Regional Service Delivery

Auckland Wellington and Canterbury bowls centres entered into agreements to deliver regional services commencing in 2009/2010. Key performance indicators were clearly specified to ensure consistent service delivery across New Zealand of coach, talent development, umpire, youth and greenkeeping plans. A revised role for centres in line with their strengths has been agreed and regional service centres will provide centralised administration where this is required. A strong emphasis will be put on providing targeted services to ensure stronger, more sustainable clubs. A need to leverage regional resources to supplement the seed funding provided by Bowls NZ to regional service centres has been identified.

(b) Leadership and Resourcing

Improving leadership capability is essential to ensuring strong, sustainable centres and clubs. A bowls leadership programme, based on the SPARC leadership programme model, will be developed in consultation with stakeholders to address current sport capability issues. The leadership training programme will be linked to the work of the CDOs and incorporate club plan and other capability tools.

(c) New Markets and Participants

Nationally branded products including MIB, Squad6, Xmas Bowls and Fling Bowls have been developed to provide a quality, enjoyable experience for players and to provide a fun experience for volunteers, and these have proved popular. These will be subject to ongoing review as new markets are identified and new products are developed and aligned to match those needs. Youth and casual bowlers represent a very important market for the sport and this means providing offerings that are fun, accessible and relevant, and communicating in ways that will attract new participants to the sport. The challenge for Bowls is to continually provide appropriate products that contribute to the cost of supporting Bowls.

Key Challenges for Bowls NZ cont

(d) Sport Image

For bowls to flourish it is vitally important that the sport is viewed positively by the members, the public and the media. A communications and stakeholder engagement strategy will be developed. This will focus on ensuring a proactive approach to building beneficial relationships with the media and a positive image of bowls as a sport that is accessible and attractive to young people as well as a game for life for other participants. The strategy will incorporate the four faces of bowls as well as promoting young and successful Black Jack representatives demonstrating pathways for young people to achieve national and international sporting success.

(e) High Performance

In order to achieve success at international level, a performance based culture must be developed with pathways from club level through to selection in the Black Jacks team including coach led representative teams at club and centre level. Selection at club, centre and national levels must be open and transparent to ensure talented individuals can access pathways through representative teams development squads and ultimately to earn selection for national honours. A coach led approach for all talent identified athletes and teams is imperative as is adherence to a Code of Conduct and a set of values.

(f) Values-Based Organisation

Bowls NZ values are based around continuous improvement, integrity, enjoyment, personal leadership and service. These values need to be constantly demonstrated and reinforced at every level of the sport to ensure a successful future as a fully aligned and integrated sport. Bowls NZ must work to build trust across the membership and both support and challenge leaders within the sport at centre and club level to continually improve, to demonstrate integrity, to enjoy the game of bowls, to provide leadership and to provide a service for all participants.

Mission and Values

Mission:

Bowls is enjoyable, entertaining and accessible to all New Zealanders now and into the future.

Values-based organisation

1. Continuous improvement
2. Integrity
3. Enjoyment
4. Personal leadership
5. Relationships: trust, support and challenge
6. Service

Vision

To Be the Best Bowling Country.

By 2020, bowls will ...

- Be aligned at every level of the sport from club to national level - One Bowls: One Vision
- Have built leadership capability in particular in governance of the sport at club level
- Have strong, sustainable Regional Service Centres fully aligned with Bowls NZ delivering One Bowls: One Vision initiatives
- Have stronger and more sustainable clubs as community hubs providing a welcoming introduction to the sport
- Have participant pathways that create opportunities to participate in bowls at every level.
- Have seen significant growth in participant numbers at all levels, especially schools
- Be perceived as an enjoyable, accessible and appealing game and a popular sport for all participants.
- Have a growing public profile and positive image
- Be recognised globally as being successful in attracting and retaining participants in the sport from bowlers to officials
- Have pathways that lead to consistently winning medals at world and commonwealth events
- Have a performance based culture and coaching as an integral part of representative teams at all levels
- Be the world leader in expertise in playing surfaces and the training of greens staff
- Be used as a benchmark by other National Sporting Organisations and bowls organisations as a model of good practice for its systems, development, structure and governance
- Be a financially-sustainable and well-managed sports organisation

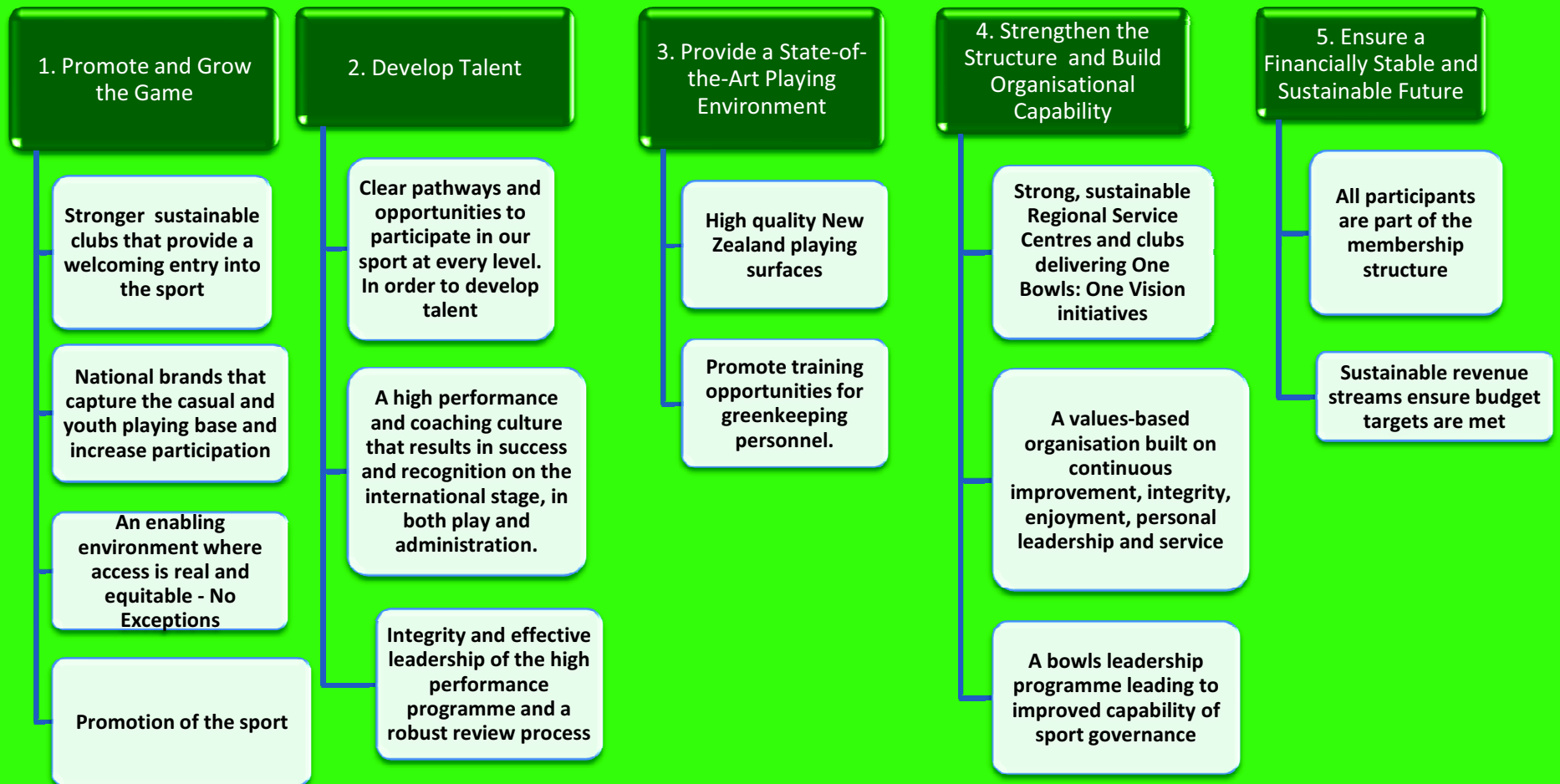
ONE BOWLS: ONE VISION

For Strong Sustainable Clubs



Vision
Mission

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1. Promote and Grow the Game

Strategic Outcome	Key Performance Indicators
<p>1.1 Stronger sustainable clubs that provide a welcoming entry into the sport.</p>	<p>1.1.1 Clubs demonstrating increasing sustainability through links with Club Plan and other initiatives aligned with One Bowls: One Vision.</p>
<p>1.2 National brands that capture the casual and youth playing base and increase participation.</p>	<p>1.2.1 The number of casual and youth participants is meeting annual targets; they are registered on the Bowls NZ database, they contribute financially to the sport and are part of the membership structure.</p> <p>1.2.2 Current products are reviewed and new products are prioritised for clearly defined target markets.</p>
<p>1.3 Promotion of the sport.</p>	<p>1.3.1 AC Nielsen external survey conducted every two years.</p> <p>1.3.2 A communications and stakeholder engagement strategy promotes a positive sport image.</p>
<p>1.4 An enabling environment where access is real and equitable – No Exceptions.</p>	<p>1.4.1 Increase the participation of people with a disability by 20 percent by 2014.</p>

2. Develop Talent

Strategic Outcome	Key Performance Indicators
<p>2.1 Clear pathways and opportunities to participate in our sport at every level in order to develop talent.</p>	<p>2.1.1 Development programmes for talented players, coaches and umpires meet annual targets.</p> <p>2.1.2 Coaching is an integral part of representative teams at all levels.</p> <p>2.1.3 A robust review process preserves the integrity and effective leadership of the high performance programme on an ongoing basis.</p>
<p>2.2 A high performance and coaching culture that results in success and recognition on the international stage, in both play and administration.</p>	<p>2.2.1 Win three medals from six disciplines at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>2.2.2 Win five medals from eight disciplines at the 2012 World Bowls in Adelaide.</p> <p>2.2.3 All representative teams demonstrate Bowls NZ agreed values.</p> <p>2.2.4 A coaching academy is established for world-class bowlers.</p>

3. Provide a State-of-the-Art Playing Environment

Strategic Outcome	Key Performance Indicators
<p>.3.1 High-quality New Zealand playing surfaces.</p>	<p>3.1.1 By 2014, 80 percent of greens used for national events achieve the minimum rating of 55 points (natural greens) and 35 points (artificial greens) using the New Zealand Bowling Greens Evaluation Form.</p> <p>3.1.2 By 2014, 60 percent of all greens achieve the appropriate club, centre, national or international rating using the New Zealand Bowling Greens Evaluation Form.</p>
<p>3.2 Promote training opportunities for greenkeeping personnel.</p>	<p>3.2.1 Bowls NZ, centres and greenkeepers' associations ensure New Zealand Sports Turf Institute training programmes are available to all greenkeepers. Bowls NZ and Regional Service Centres establish a database/register of greenkeepers and their training qualifications, as well as the ratings of all greens within each centre.</p> <p>3.2.2 Bowls NZ Centres and Greenkeeper Associations ensure that there is a fieldday on the job programme in place for all Clubs</p>

4. Strengthen the Structure and Build Organisational Capability

Strategic Outcome	Key Performance Indicators
<p>4.1 Strong, sustainable Regional Service Centres and clubs, delivering One Bowls: One Vision initiatives.</p>	<p>4.1.1 Regional Service Centres meet annual performance targets.</p> <p>4.1.2 Development, promotion and support of club and centre rationalisation opportunities delivered through RSCs.</p> <p>4.1.3 A bowls leadership programme improves capability of club, RSC and centre personnel.</p>
<p>4.2 A values-based organisation built on continuous improvement, integrity, enjoyment, personal leadership and service.</p>	<p>4.1.4 Centre administration is centralised when requested through RSCs.</p> <p>4.2.1 Measure of Bowls NZ performance through club and centre feedback.</p> <p>4.2.2 The values are highly visible, interpreted at club level and linked to MOUs, service agreements and staff KPIs.</p>

5. Ensure a Financially Stable and Sustainable Future

Strategic Outcome	Key Performance Indicators
5.1 Meet budget targets.	5.1.1 Ensure annual revenue targets are achieved and expenditure does not exceed budget.
5.2 Sustainable revenue streams.	5.2.1 Opportunities for One Bowls: One Vision investment in sport are explored with national funders. 5.2.2 Explore new initiatives. 5.2.3 Implement user-pay principles where appropriate. 5.2.4 Ensure organisation has reserve funds to fund the development and promotion of new initiatives. 5.2.5 The membership structure is reviewed to ensure all participants contribute to costs on an equitable basis.

BOWLS NZ EVENTS CALENDAR

Date		2011		Venue
Sat 5 Feb - Sun 6 Feb	Aotearoa Maori Bowls			Wellington - Wainuiomata BC
Mon 7 Feb - Thurs 10 Feb	Clubs New Zealand Men's Fours Outdoors Bowls Tournament			Northland - Kamo BC
Sun 13 Feb - Sat 19 Feb	Australian Open			Melbourne
Sat 26 Feb - Sun 27 Feb	Bowls New Zealand National Inter-centre Regional Playoffs			Centres throughout the Zones
Sun 27 Feb - Sat 5 Mar	Trans Tasman			Southland - Waihopai Bowling Club
Sat 5 Mar - Sun 6 Mar	Bowls New Zealand National Interclub Regional Playoffs			Centres throughout the Zones
Wed 9 Mar - Wed 16 Mar	All Regional Playoffs National Club Championships			Centres throughout the Zones
Thurs 24 Mar - Fri 25 Mar	Bowls New Zealand National Interclub Finals - Division 1 and 2			Wellington - Naenae, Hutt, Lower Hutt
Sat 26 Mar - Sun 27 Mar	Bowls New Zealand National Inter-centre Finals			Wellington - Naenae
Wed 6 Apr - Mon 11 Apr	Junior Trans Tasman (U25 and U18)			Lockleys BC, Adelaide, Australia
Sat 9 Apr - Sun 10 Apr	National Club Championship Singles			Wellington - Naenae
Mon 11 Apr - Tues 12 Apr	National Club Championship Pairs			Wellington - Naenae
Tues 12 Apr - Wed 20 Apr	World Cup & World Junior Cup - Arrive Sun 10 Apr & Depart Thurs 21 Apr			Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club - Australia
Wed 13 - Thurs 14 Apr	National Club Championship Triples			Wellington - Naenae
Fri 15 Apr - Sat 16 Apr	National Club Championship Fours			Wellington - Naenae
Fri 22 Apr - Sun 25 Apr	Kittyhawk National Under 20 Singles			Auckland - Pakuranga
Fri 21 Oct - Mon 23 Oct	North East Valley Singles			Dunedin - North East Valley
Fri 4 Nov - Mon 11 Nov	World Champion-of-Champion Singles			Hong Kong, China
Thurs 10 Nov - Fri 18 Nov	Anti-Flamme Joints New Zealand Open			Auckland
Fri 11 Nov - Sun 13 Nov	Stoke Invitation Singles			Nelson - Stoke
Sat 26 Nov - Sun 11 Dec	Asia Pacific Championships			Adelaide, Australia
Sun 11 Dec - Tues 13 Dec	National Secondary School Championships			Canterbury - Papanui Club Outdoor Bowls HQ
Wed 28 Dec - Tues 10 Jan	Hyundai National Championships - Men and Women			Auckland - HQ Carlton-Cornwall
Date		2012		Venue
Sat 4 Feb - Sun 5 Feb	Aotearoa Maori Bowls			
Mon 6 Feb - Thurs 10 Feb	Clubs New Zealand Men's Fours Outdoor Bowls Tournament			Oamaru - North Otago
Fri 10 Feb - Sun 12 Feb	Bowls NZ Challenge Trophy			Region 3
Sun 12 Feb - Sat 18 Feb	Australian Open			Melbourne
Sat 25 Feb - Sun 26 Feb	Bowls NZ National Intercentre Regional Playoffs			Centres throughout the Zones
Sat 3 Mar - Sun 4 Mar	Bowls New Zealand National Interclub Regional Playoffs			Centres throughout the Zones
Wed 7 Mar - Wed 14 Mar	All Regional Playoffs National Club Championships			Centres throughout the Zones
Thurs 22 Mar - Fri 23 Mar	Bowls NZ National Interclub Finals - Division 1 & 2			Region 1
Sat 24 Mar - Sun 25 Mar	Bowls NZ National Intercentre Finals			Region 1
Fri 6 Apr - Mon 9 Apr	Kittyhawk National Under 20 Singles			Auckland - Pakuranga
Sat 14 Apr - Sun 15 Apr	National Club Championship Finals - Singles			Region 3
Mon 16 Apr - Tues 17 Apr	National Club Championship Finals - Pairs			Region 3
Wed 18 Apr - Thurs 19 Apr	National Club Championship Finals - Triples			Region 3
Fri 20 Apr - Sat 21 Apr	National Club Championship Finals - Fours			Region 3
Fri 21 Oct - Mon 22 Oct	North East Valley Singles			North East Valley - Dunedin

Thurs 8 - Fri 16 Nov	Anti-Flamme Joints New Zealand Open	Auckland
Fri 9 Nov - Sun 11 Nov	Stoke Invitation Singles	Stoke - Nelson
Fri 24 Nov - Sun 9 Dec	World Championships	Lockleys Bowling Club, Adelaide, Australia
Sun 9 Dec - Tues 11 Dec	National Secondary School Championships	Region 1 - Hamilton - College Games
28 Dec - 10 Jan	Hyundai National Championships - Men and Women	Region 2 - Taranaki – Paritutu BC HQ

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LAW CHANGES

The following is a précis of the main law changes that affect the game to be effected in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Second Edition.

The new law book is at the printers and will be available in February.

The changes will be effective in New Zealand from 1st April 2011.

Please note that there is a general change to the layout of the Law Book in that the dot system has been replaced by a decimal numbering system throughout.

Main changes are:-

1. **ILLEGAL BOWLS** (Laws 8.1.9, 8.4, 8.5.3) Bowls from mismatched set or having an incorrect date stamp will no longer need to be 'challenged'. (Ref laws 1.4.3 and 56.2.5). In these instances, the umpire should advise their unsuitability on inspection prior to play and if they are observed being used during a game or are reported as being used within ten minutes of completion of a game, the game will be forfeited.
2. **SETS PLAY** (Law 15.5.6) If a jack is driven out of bounds, it is respotted on the left, right or in the centre spot 50cm in front of the 2 metre mark depending on where it went out of play. At present, if that spot is covered by a bowl in play, then the jack is respotted a further 50cm in front of that spot.
This is to be changed so that if the spot to be used is covered by a bowl in play, the jack shall be placed as close as possible, in front of, but not touching that particular bowl.
3. **LENGTH OF GAMES** (Law 16.1.3 and 16.2.3) at present, Triples games are 18 ends, regardless of whether it's two or three bowls. This is to change so that two bowls games will remain at 18 ends, but three bowl triples will be fifteen ends.
4. **OPTION TO GIVE MAT AND JACK AWAY** (Law 18.4) this option will no longer be available. The winner of an end will have to play first in the following end.
5. **DOMESTIC REGULATIONS** (Laws 17.1 17.2 and Law 30.4) We have been trialling in competitions which do not directly or indirectly lead to the winners being awarded a club title or qualifying to compete for a centre, national or international title the jack and mat could be placed by the opposition after one improper delivery and the jack could be respotted if driven out of bounds. These become permanent options in domestic non championship play and in time limit domestic non championship games. An end made dead after the bell need not be replayed, *If any of these are to be used they must be stated in conditions of play*
6. **SUBSTITUTES, REPLACEMENTS AND PROGRAMME CHANGES**, New law 16.3.2 allows Controlling Bodies to introduce regulations and conditions of play for introducing substitutes which are different to Laws 50 and 51. Controlling Bodies can also decide on Regulations or conditions of play for introducing Reserve and Replacement Players. Law 16.3.3. Introduces flexibility in programme amendments to ensure a competition can be completed.
7. **BOWL IN ORIGINAL COURSE DISPLACED BY A REBOUNDED NON TOUCHER**-(Law 28.5.1) At present, in a game of singles, if the players can't agree where this disturbed bowl would have come to rest, the marker can decide for them. This will be no longer the case. If they can't agree, the end will be declared dead. (No change for bowl at rest)
8. **POSITION OF PLAYERS** (Law 36.1.2) clearly designates where Players of the team in possession of the rink will be permitted to stand and where those not in possession of the rink should stand..
9. **SCORE CARD, AND DUTIES OF A SKIP** (Law 37) The Skip will now keep the score card in all disciplines.
10. **30 MINUTE LIMIT FOR LATENESS** (Law 46) The Controlling Body now has the option of reducing the time limit for being late to a time less than 30 minutes *but if this is to be used then it must be stated in the conditions of play.*