

**Circular 08/2011**



22nd July 2011

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

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**BOWLS NEW ZEALAND REGULATIONS**

The following updated Regulations are now available on the Bowls New Zealand website - <http://www.bowlsnz.co.nz/events/bowls-nz-regulations/>

- National Club Championships
- National interclub
- National Intercentre
- National Secondary School Championships
- National 2-4-2 Mixed Pairs Championship
- Kittyhawks National Under 20 Singles
- Hyundai National Open Championships

**WORLD BOWLS LAWS COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

**Attached** are some recent decisions released by the World Bowls Laws Committee relating to Law clarifications sought by Member Countries. These decisions are applicable to New Zealand.

In addition **attached** is a notification from World Bowls relating to dealing with Law related queries.

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF BOWLS NEW ZEALAND:**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Bowls New Zealand will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at Carlton Cornwall Bowling Club, 126 Market Road, Epsom, Auckland, commencing at 10.00am. The AGM will be followed by an Open Forum and all interested bowlers are invited to attend the AGM and Forum.

I have pleasure in advising that there will not be an election for the positions of President and Vice President with the one nomination for President being Trevor McComish from Wellington and the one nomination for Vice-President being Ann Muir from Northland.

**HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHING ROADSHOW:**

High Performance and Coaching are two very important topics for Bowls NZ and as such National Coach Dave Edwards and National Programmes Manager Rob Pidgeon will be undertaking a Road Show from 26 September to 4 October in the following Centres:

- Auckland - September 26
- Hamilton - September 27
- Wellington - September 28
- Palmerston North - September 29
- Christchurch - October 3
- Dunedin - October 4

**The purpose of the Road Show is to explain:**

- The Bowls NZ High Performance and Talent Development structure
- The High Performance Pathway
- The Black Jacks and how they operate including selection criteria and process, code of conduct and player agreement
- The importance of coaching and the development programme

Apart from this, Dave Edwards and his fellow National selectors are keen to establish much better lines of communication with centre representative selectors and coaches. Black Jacks will be in attendance at each of the venues to provide a personal perspective on High Performance and Coaching.

**Who Should Attend?**

This will be an open invitation event to all with an interest in high performance and coaching, however Centres Representative Coaches and Selectors as well as Centre office bearers and Board Members should attend.

***Exact venues and times will be notified at a later date. Presentations are tentatively scheduled for a 7pm start.***

**CAPS FOR CANTERBURY:**

Bowls NZ together with GRD Marketing have put together the “CAPS for CANTERBURY” campaign – a nationwide earthquake appeal specifically designed for the Canterbury bowling clubs.

For just **\$12.95** (including postage and packaging), bowlers can purchase a “WE ARE ONE” cap, with \$6.55 from every cap sold going to the appeal. All money collected will then be forwarded to Bowls Canterbury, who will distribute the funds to affected bowling clubs in the region.

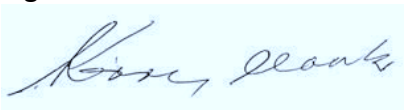
For more information see [www.bowlsnz.co.nz](http://www.bowlsnz.co.nz) or the **attachment**.

**SUSPENSIONS:**

Bowls Counties Manukau advise that Kelly Darwin of the Papakura Bowling Club has been suspended from all Clubs and Centres for the period 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

Bowls Canterbury advise that the membership of Glenn McDonald has now been reinstated.

Signed



**Kerry Clark OBE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

## Decisions by the WB Laws Committee

The WB Laws Committee (LC) occasionally receives from WB Member National Authorities (MNAs) enquiries asking for decisions on various aspects of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – such as clarification on the intent of, and guidance on the interpretation of, a specific law. Where these enquiries are considered to be of general interest, the enquiry and accompanying LC decision has been included in this section of the WB website.

Laws	Members' Enquiries and Laws Committee Decisions
12	<p><b>June 2011 – Bowls England:</b> Bowls England requested clarification on the law for drawing the rinks of play. Their concern was “It seems as though many people are not offering the away team the available rinks to make a draw and the home team is choosing the rinks which suit their players.”</p>
	<p><b>LC Decision:</b> The relevant law in this case is law 12.1 which is clear in its intent - “The Skips, their representatives or the Controlling Body should make the draw for the rinks on which games are to be played”.</p> <p>The Oxford Dictionary definition of ‘draw’ is “an act of selecting names randomly to decide winners in a lottery, opponents in a sporting contest, etc.”. In the context of law 12.1, it would read “an act of selecting rink numbers and opponents randomly to decide opponents in a sporting contest”.</p> <p>It follows that, for any scheduled event, there should be sufficient rinks made available for a draw to take place. Therefore, for a single game scheduled at a club, more than one rink should be made available for the draw and for competitions involving more than one rink of play (e.g. inter-county or inter-district competitions comprising a Side of three or four disciplines) the minimum number of rinks required should be made available. Rinks cannot be allocated to individual games or disciplines in advance. The rink numbers available should preferably be consecutive (e.g.. rinks 1,2,3 and 4 or rinks 2,3,4 and 5) and not interspersed with other games being played at the club.</p> <p>There are a number of ways in which the draw for rinks and opponents can take place (e.g. numbers for rinks to play on drawn from a hat by respective Skips; team representatives swapping scorecards containing the names of their skips and then shuffling and pairing the cards). The LC does not have a preferred option except to say that there should be a random draw done for rink numbers and opponents.</p> <p>Finally, the LC recommends that the method to be used for drawing rink numbers and opponents should be included in the Conditions of Play for the event being played.</p>
16.3.3 and 50.1	<p><b>April 2011 - Bowls New Zealand:</b> Law 50.1 requires that if a game is stopped because of darkness, weather conditions or any other valid reason then the game should be continued either on the same day or on a different day. Law 16.3.3 gives the Controlling Body for an event powers which include the ability to alter or amend the programme of the event as it considers necessary or appropriate if the weather or other conditions are unsuitable and the ability to suspend play temporarily in, or abandon, any game.</p> <p>There are occasions, such as when competing teams have to travel long distances to take part in an event, in which it is impractical to continue a game at a later time or date when adverse weather conditions cause that game to be stopped. If a Controlling Body decides to exercise its powers under law 16.3.3 – for example, by declaring that the game is null and void or declaring that the result of the game will be determined by</p>

	<p>the scores as they stood after a pre-determined number of ends have been completed – does this override the requirement to continue the game later as required by law 50.1?</p>
	<p><b>LC Decision:</b>          If a Controlling Body decides to exercise its powers under law 16.3.3 to deal with a situation such as that described, it should include within its Conditions of Play any regulations which it deems appropriate to resolve the situation (these regulations can differ from those described in law 50). In such circumstances, the regulations in the Conditions of Play override the requirements of law 50.</p>
<p>37.1.7</p>	<p><b>February 2011 – Bowls South Africa:</b>          Bowls South Africa formally applied to World Bowls for dispensation to include in its Domestic Regulations &amp; General Conditions of Play an amendment to law 37.1.7 (this law requires the skip in a team game to keep the score card). Bowls SA requested the authority to allow the skip to delegate this duty to another member in the team.</p> <p>The rationale behind the Bowls SA request was as follows:          “We have received numerous complaints about the skip having to keep the score card. In the past the skip was able to delegate this duty. Under the new rules he may not do so. Many skips wear glasses to read and don't need them to play. By having to keep the card they are required to constantly put on and take off their spectacles.”</p>
	<p><b>LC Decision:</b></p> <p>The LC rejected the application for the following reasons.</p> <p>1) The concept of a skip marking a score card is not a new one – law 37.1.7 in the Crystal Mark Edition required the skip of a Pairs game to keep the score card.</p> <p>2) The sentence in the rationale which reads "In the past the skip was able to delegate this duty" is factually incorrect – the skip did not previously have the power to delegate this duty. Law 37.1.8 in the Crystal Mark Edition stated that skips could delegate their own powers and any of their own duties – keeping the score card (other than in a Pairs game) was the duty of the Second and not that of the skip. Law 37.1.8. also specifically stated that the skip in a Pairs game could not delegate their own duty of keeping the score card.</p> <p>3) One of the LC’s underlying principles is that Domestic Regulations will only be considered in situations where it can be demonstrated that these regulations are necessary to deal with local circumstances or conditions. There is nothing in the rationale which suggests that the situation faced by Bowls SA is purely a local one (around the world, players wear glasses to read but not to play). Bowls SA, therefore, has not provided the LC with sufficient grounds for it to approve their request.</p> <p>However, it is not the LC’s intention that a player suffering from a physical or mental condition be placed at a disadvantage when playing the sport. Therefore, in situations, where opponents and officials agree that a player suffering from a physical or mental condition would be placed at a disadvantage if the letter of the law was to be followed, the LC would have no objections to a suitable, pragmatic solution being introduced to deal with the situation. This would, however, need to be dealt with on a case by case basis - not by the introduction of a Domestic Regulation.</p>

To all National Authorities  
(Copied to Recognised Associations for information)

Dear Colleagues

**Queries relating to the Laws of the Sport**

World Bowls wish to clarify to National Authorities the proper procedures for the handling of queries relating to the Laws of the Sport.

When a member National Authority receives a Law related query from one of its members, their first port of call should be to have the query dealt with by their appropriate National sub-committee and/or their National Umpiring Body. If either of these bodies is unable to answer the query, then (and only then) should they refer the query to the World Bowls Laws Committee for consideration.

The World Bowls website at [www.worldbowls.co.uk](http://www.worldbowls.co.uk) now has a page on "Laws Committee Decisions" which will be added to as and when appropriate.

Roger Black  
For Gary Smith  
Chief Executive



# CAPS FOR CANTERBURY

## Bowls Earthquake Appeal

### CLUB ORDER FORM

Please collect orders from your club members and then complete this form, and return to Amy Williams (Marketing and Communications Assistant) at Bowls New Zealand by 31 August 2011.

Postal Address: PO Box 62502, Greenlane, Auckland 1546

Email: amy@bowlsnz.co.nz

Fax: +64 (0) 9 579 6935

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Club Name:

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Club Physical Address for delivery of caps:

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Club Postal Address:

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Club Contact Person:

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Phone Number:

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**We would love to support the Caps for Canterbury Appeal, please order the following quantities for our club:**

Please fill in amount in the boxes below

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Total Quantity



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\$12.95 x total quantity (amount to be invoiced upon delivery) = \$  .