

DUTIES OF THE 'CONTROLLING BODY' WITHIN THE GAME OF LAWN BOWLS

This is an aide memoire for those who perform the duties of 'Controlling Body' for the 'Game of Bowls' and should and could involve other functions as may be identified.

There are always two persons who should be identified during opening announcements at any Pennant day, Tournament or Championships Game and they are:-

The person/s who is performing the duties of the 'Controlling Body' and the 'Umpire'.

What are the responsibilities of the Controlling Body?

- ✚ They are to be present at all times during the match plus for a reasonable time/period before the start of play and after the play finishes.
- ✚ They advise players of their eligibility for pre match practice and the availabilities of green space for practice. **Law 4, Page 18.**
- ✚ They ensure that the rinks on which players are to play are announced not less than 20 minutes prior to the schedule starting time. **Appendix 1, Page 94.**
- ✚ They ensure that there is a duty Umpire present and in attendance. **Law 43, Page 64-65.**
- ✚ They ensure that there are markers in attendance for singles games. **Law 42, Page 62-64.**
- ✚ They may allow variations in the positions of players at both head and mat ends to facilitate viewing by spectators, or to assist with media coverage. ie: Television/photographers.
- ✚ They ensure that Players and Umpires are aware of any non-standard playing or marking conditions. **Law 57.2, Page 92 & Appendix 1, Page 94.**
- ✚ They decide when to start play if the weather is doubtful.
- ✚ They are responsible for ensuring that Players attire is in accord with the national dress guidelines or those specified in 'Conditions of Play'. **DR 5, Page 133.**
- ✚ They declare the position of a constituted member in a team to be vacant if any conditions listed in RNSWBA Domestic Regulation 4 (Replacement or Substitute Player). They can then authorize an eligible member to join that team as a constituted or replacement member. **DR 2, Page 114-120.**
- ✚ They can authorize one team in a side to play one short if there is no eligible player or substitute available. **Law 39.2, Page 57-58.**
- ✚ They can authorize an eligible player to have his electronic pager/communication device active whilst on the green. **Conditions of Play & Law 36, Page 45 & Law 13, Page 29-30.**
- ✚ They may, if circumstances warrant it, extend the time allowed for late arrivals. **Law 39.2, Page 57-58.**
- ✚ They can award the match to the opponent if a player, team or side fails to show or otherwise forfeits its match. **Law 39.2, Page 57-58.**
- ✚ They can warn the player involved if he is causing damage to the green. If he continues to cause damage then they can ask him to retire from the green and take no further part in the match (the Umpire may also do this). **Law 36, Page 45.**
- ✚ They can replace a marker whose performance or behaviour is less than acceptable standard.
- ✚ They can take action to have spectators refrain from disturbing/advising or interfering with players. **Law 45, Page 66.**
- ✚ They are the ones whom the Umpire hands the set of bowls and the \$150.00 deposit if there has been a challenge to a set of bowls. They arrange to have confiscated bowls tested. **DR 4.10, Page 122.**
- ✚ They can award the match to the opponent if advised by the Umpire that there has been an infringement of a law that requires that penalty. **Various Laws.**
- ✚ They decide when to abandon play for the day because of darkness, the conditions of the weather or any other valid reason. **See Policy Documents.**
- ✚ They ensure that any necessary closing announcements are made.