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**No: 18/2013**  
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**To: Zones, Districts & Clubs**  
**Re: Changes to Reaccreditation of National Umpires**  
**Introduction of new National Officiating Structure**

New procedures for reaccreditation of Level 1 National Umpires will be introduced nationwide from 1 January 2014 delivering consistent standards for all umpires across Australia.

The new worksheets and on-green procedures are designed to streamline the process of reaccreditation, allowing the umpire to demonstrate their competency in a shorter timeframe.

The reaccreditation procedure for a Level 1 National Umpire will now consist of 5 written questions on the Laws of the Sport, 5 on-green measurements, and a general discussion on self-management, all of which will be assessed by a District or Zone Umpire Educator.

The changes are the first in a transition to the revamped National Officiating Structure, which will take effect from 1 January 2015.

The assessment of umpires will now focus predominately on an individual's ability to competently perform the required tasks and measurements on the green, simulating the duties that umpires perform in real game situations, as opposed to the previous system which placed an emphasis on written examinations.

The new National Umpires course will consist of three modules, each developing knowledge and skills in specific areas. The first module deals with marking and Laws relevant to markers, the second with on-green measuring, while the third and final module completes the skills and knowledge of the Laws required to become a National Umpire.

Bowls Australia is currently developing new documentation and support materials for the new accreditation procedure, and until they are introduced on 1 January 2015 all accreditations of new umpires will be performed under the existing system.

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Chief Executive Officer

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