

**ASPLEY MEMORIAL BOWLS CLUB INC.**

**POLICY FOR PROTECTION OF ARTIFICIAL GREENS**

**OTHER CLUBS AND VISITORS**

**General**

Aspley Memorial Bowls Club has converted two of their greens to an artificial surface and retained one grass green. Protection of all greens will be in accordance with Bowls Australia "Greens Protection Policy" as well as the following Clauses.

Wherever possible, other visiting Clubs and individual visitors are to be advised of this Policy before visiting the Club.

Signs have been displayed around the greens advising the following:

- No Dumping of bowls.
- No food or drinks to be taken or eaten on the greens
- Bowls polish not to be used on bowls
- No smoking on or near the greens

**Dumping**

Dumping of bowls as defined below will not be allowed on the greens.

A dump is defined as a bowl that when delivered is likely to cause heavy impact to the bowling surface.

As a guide, it is considered that a bowl delivered from a height of 300mm or higher is not acceptable and the offending member should be warned. However, there are also some members who deliver their bowl lower than this but with a driving action into the green. This will also cause considerable damage. It will be up to the judgement of the senior person on the day to determine the severity of this action and whether the member needs to be warned.

Dropping of bowls onto the green from a bowls bag or at other times when not delivering a bowl is also defined as dumping.

**Pre Game Warning**

Preceding all events the Club Spokesperson will speak to bowlers present regarding the Club's "Greens Protection Policy".

**During the Game**

The process for a player who is dumping their bowl will be in accordance with the Bowls Australia "Greens Protection Policy" as modified below:

***Inter Club Competitions***

If by observation the Controlling Body or deputised representative considers a player is dumping their bowl, the player will be warned.

The skip and manager must be alerted to the warning given to the player.

If in the opinion of the Controlling Body or deputised representative, the player continues to dump their bowl, they must be required to retire from the game but may be allowed a substitute player as per DR2.3.

If the player fails to leave the green, and in the opinion of the Controlling Body or deputised representative continues to dump their bowl, the player will be considered to be a defaulting player and forfeit the game to their opponent as per law C2 and law C10, and no substitute will be allowed.

***Visitors Playing Social Games***

If by observation the Controlling Body or deputised representative considers a player is dumping their bowl, the player will be warned and if the player continues to dump his/her bowl, they must be required to retire from the game.