

## **SANDBELT REGION**

### **Expectations of Umpire Appointed to Region Event:**

#### **On arrival at Venue:**

- seek out the Organizer of the event and obtain a copy of the Conditions of Play
- determine the green and rinks of play, and ensure that they conform to requirements (width of rinks, consistent positioning of pegs and numbers, distance from side boundaries)
- become familiar with the surroundings of the green and determine best position to set up the umpires kit
- check the umpire's kit provided and become familiar with the equipment (see list of desirable equipment)

**NOTE:** An Umpire may have their own kit of equipment to supplement the kit provided (see list of possible equipment)

#### **During play:**

- have a drink bottle handy and drink regularly to avoid becoming dehydrated (if you become thirsty you are probably dehydrated)
- keep notes of unusual happenings and time in case of appeals or disputes
- be vigilant of the play on all rinks and try to anticipate when a call is imminent and what equipment may be required
- move along the rinks on which the games are being played, maintain concentration
- avoid watching a particular rink, avoid any discussion with players or spectators (unless it relates to play) and ensure there is a replacement if it is necessary for you to leave the area of play

#### **After Play:**

- if required, check scorecards for consistent scoring, time of finish is recorded and that the teams or individuals have signed the cards
- return the Umpires kit to the organizer or from where you obtained the kit
- if necessary, write a report of any incidents of note and pass them onto the appropriate authority
- check with Organiser that you are no longer required, if so, relax and have a drink and then leave the venue.

### **APPENDIX A: Division of the green**

The green should be divided into sections called rinks.

#### **5.1 The rinks should be:**

5.1.1 between 4.3 metres and 5.8 metres wide for outdoor play; and

5.1.2 between 4.6 metres and 5.8 metres wide for indoor play.

Wherever possible, all rinks on a green should be the same width. For domestic play, Member National Authorities can decide the standard for the minimum width of a rink.

- 5.2 The rinks should be numbered in order, with the centre of each rink being marked on the bank at each end by a peg, disc or other suitable device that has the rink number on it and is fixed vertically:
  - 5.2.1 to the face of the bank and flat against it; or
  - 5.2.2 on the top of the bank not more than 100 millimetres back from its face; or
  - 5.2.3 on the wall behind the bank (for indoor play only).
- 5.3 The four corners of the rinks should be marked by white or brightly coloured boundary pegs that are fixed vertically:
  - 5.3.1 to the face of the bank and flat against it; or
  - 5.3.2 on the top of the bank not more than 100 millimetres back from its face.
- 5.6 The boundary pegs of an outside rink should be:
  - 5.6.1 at least 600 millimetres from the side ditch for outdoor play; and
  - 5.6.2 at least 460 millimetres from the side ditch for indoor play.

## **APPENDIX B: Desirable Umpires Kit**

### **Measuring equipment**

The umpire should bring, or be provided with by the club on whose green the game is being played, suitable equipment to carry out the duties described in law 56. This equipment should at least include:

- 10.1 a copy of the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls;
- 10.2 a tape measure at least 25 metres long;
- 10.3 equipment for measuring between the jack and bowls when the distances between them are beyond the range of a flexible measure (for example, a string measure);
- 10.4 a flexible measure (for example, a box measure or a bullet measure);
- 10.5 callipers;
- 10.6 feeler gauges;
- 10.7 wedges (for supporting leaning bowls); and
- 10.8 equipment (for deciding whether or not the jack or a bowl is within the side boundary of the rink when the side boundary is not marked by a green thread as described in law 5.9) such as:
  - 10.8.1 a portable, retractable line;
  - 10.8.2 a mirror and a square (both with a levelling bubble); or
  - 10.8.3 a boundary scope or Line Sighter

## **APPENDIX C: Possible Umpires Personal Kit**

### **Measuring equipment**

The umpire may have their own equipment to supplement the provided kit. It may consist of;

- a copy of the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition – Jan 2011) including the Domestic Regulations for Australia and Rules for Competition as per Bowls Victoria events
- a tape measure (possibly automatically retractable)
- a box measure
- calipers and feeler gauges; and
- wedges (for supporting leaning bowls)