



## **POLICY TITLE: INSTANTANEOUS PENALTIES**

**RELATED POLICIES: Disciplinary Policy**

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS: Chief Operating Officer**

**Chair – National Officiating Advisory Group**

**AUTHORITY: Chief Executive Officer**

**APPLICABLE FORMS: Nil**

**APPROVED: September, 2016**

**NEXT REVIEW DATE: September, 2018**

## **PRINCIPLE:**

- 1.1 Bowls Australia (BA) believes in a fair and equitable competition and will do everything in its power to ensure that all players participate within the Laws of the Sport of bowls.
- 1.2 Bowls Australia (BA) affiliated Members should undertake to conduct themselves' in a polite and sportsman like manner when participating in any bowls event anywhere in Australia.

## **2. INSTANTANEOUS PENALTIES:**

- If the Umpire, on appeal by the Controlling Body, a Side Manager, a Skip or an Opponent, or by observation, in their opinion decides that a breach of any Law or Rule or any action by a Player/s, such as:
  - acting in an abusive, threatening or intimidating manner towards any person,
  - using obscene, offensive, abusive, threatening or intimidating language towards any person,
  - threatening any person with physical violence or assault,
  - assaulting any person,
  - acting in a manner likely to bring the sport of bowls into disrepute
  - acting in a manner likely to bring Bowls Australia into disrepute.

Has taken place, then after consultation with the controlling body, ( in their absence the team / side managers) the end shall be immediately regarded as completed and the

- Opponent of the offender shall be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the Opponent in singles or opposing Team in a Team game or team in a side game.
- Upon a second such offence by the same Player in the same game, the Umpire shall award the game to the Opponent/s according to Laws of the Sport (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) C2 and C10.

Should this penalty be applied, no replacement or substitute Player will be allowed for his/her Team.

In a Team game the defaulting Team will forfeit the game to their Opponent.

In a Side game BA Domestic Regulations 2.5.1.1, 2.5.1.2 and 2.5.1.3 will apply.

A replacement player is not permitted for a singles player. BA Domestic Regulation 2.4.6.

Serious offences may also be subject to police action. Consultation should occur between the venue manager/ controlling body and umpire/s before such action is undertaken.

The umpire must forward a written detailed report about any incident involving an instantaneous penalty to the respective Controlling Body within seven (7) days of the incident.