



POLICY TITLE: GREENS PROTECTION POLICY

RELATED POLICIES:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:	General Manager Bowls Operations Education and Training Coordinator
AUTHORITY:	Chief Executive Officer
APPLICABLE FORMS:	Nil
APPROVED:	March, 2016
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1. PREAMBLE AND RATIONALE

At the request of STA's, consideration has been given to a means by which Clubs can reduce incidents of damage to the playing surface of greens. This policy acknowledges that greens are the core material asset of clubs and inherently expensive to repair and replace. This applies to both grass and artificial surfaces. This policy also acknowledges that through remedial practices all bowlers should be able to continue to enjoy and compete and that bowls must continue to be a sport for life.

2. GUIDELINES

The process for a player who is causing undue damage to the green is as follows:

- If by observation the Controlling Body or deputised representative, considers a player is causing damage to a green, 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, the player continues to damage the green, 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 continues to damage the green, 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.

Clubs have an obligation to assist bowlers to remedy the action or activity that is causing damage.

To assist a player who is damaging the green, the following should be considered:

- Attempt to understand how or why the player is causing damage to the green;
- Ask the Club Coach to contact the player and provide some coaching advice;
- Modify the player's delivery;
- Ask the player if they had considered using a bowlers arm;
- Use a ground sheet when delivering a bowl;
- Use of Dump Mat.