



# NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION (ZONE 2) INC

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## NDBA ADVISORY COMMITTEE PAMPHLET NO.11

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### DUTIES OF THE UMPIRE OF THE DAY

**THE UMPIRE OF THE DAY .... must start their duties at least 30 minutes prior to games starting time:**

- a) They shall check all rinks for play – correct width for play.
- b) Check all boundary pegs for correct alignment.
- c) Authorise (approve or disapprove) substitutes, depending on circumstances.
- d) Check all bowls for the correct stamp – clarity of engravings on bowl, check all bowl's discs (they must be legal) – this duty may be given to the opposing skips.
- e) The UMPIRE must know before play just “WHO” is the controlling body.

### **DUTIES DURING THE MATCH:**

- a) Measure all shots in dispute. Measure for the correct distance from the mat's centre line to either bowl or jack, determine if either bowl or jack is “IN” or “OUT” along the rink's boundary line – even rebounding or possible short bowls or jacks.
- b) The UMPIRE must enforce the Laws of the Game, either on request or by personal observations.
- c) Consider all appeals for stoppages and the resumptions due to inclement weather.
- d) Rule on matters relating to the Laws of the Game and of the Conditions of Play if and when found necessary, when SKIPS and DIRECTORS tend to disagree.
- e) Observe the players and general play for breaches of law – for:
  - FOOT-FAULTING
  - PLAYERS WHO DAMAGE THE GREENS
  - DELAY PLAY, in mid-rink chats, following their opponent's bowls or for rink infringement – distracting their opponents.
  - The POSITION OF THE PLAYERS, possession of the rink breaches.
  - INCORRECT use of the Laws of the Game by SKIPS and DIRECTORS by either ignorance or intent.

### **AFTER THE MATCH:**

The UMPIRE should be available for a period of NOT LESS than 10 minutes after the last bowl has been delivered in the match for any challenges to bowls or law infringements during the game, incorrect scores in the game – in case of a drawn game. As the UMPIRE you may be required to write a report on matters arising from the game – quote laws relevant to the problems.

With these multitudinous duties it is most essential that the UMPIRE NOT be a player in this game – or – be the CONTROLLING BODY. It should be noted that any appeals arising out of the applications of the current conditions of play, shall be answered by the CONTROLLING BODY and NOT the UMPIRE OF THE DAY – but – on request by the CONTROLLING BODY to the UMPIRE they may assist on matters of law meanings etc.