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## NDBA ADVISORY COMMITTEE PAMPHLET NO.11

## **DUTIES OF THE UMPIRE OF THE DAY**

A good Umpire will always arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes prior to the starting time for the game to allow sufficient time for carrying out the various duties which have to be undertaken prior to the commencement of play.

The Umpire of the day should introduce themselves to the Controlling Body on arrival at the venue. The Umpire of the day should ensure that they have in their possession a copy of the current Law Book, Domestic Regulations and Conditions of Play applying to the competition. They should make sure that they are conversant with all of these and have any problems resolved by the Controlling Body in advance of arriving at the venue.

The Umpire of the day must remain at the venue for a period of at least 10 minutes after the last bowls has been delivered in the game to be available to accept any challenges to bowls or law infringements.

The Umpire of the day should not be a player in the game/games they are officiating on.

## LAW 43. THE UMPIRE'S DUTIES

- **43.1** An Umpire must be appointed by, or on behalf of, the Controlling Body for the Competition.
- **43.2** The Umpire's duties are as follows:
  - **43.2.1** To make sure, before the game starts, that:
    - 43.2.1.1 all bowlers have a clearly visible, valid World Bowls Stamp imprinted on them:
    - 43.2.1.2 the rink of play is the correct width in line with law 49.1 by measuring it; and
    - **43.2.1.3** the pegs or discs on the side banks in the direction of play are the correct distances in line with Law 49.12 by measuring them.
  - **43.2.2** The Umpire must measure any disputed shot or shots using suitable measuring equipment, such as that described in law 54.
  - **43.2.3** The Umpire must decide whether the distance of the mat from the rear and front ditches and the distance of the jack or a bowl from the mat line are in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls or not.
  - **43.2.4** The Umpire must decide whether a jack or bowl is in play or not.
  - **43.2.5** The Umpire must make sure that all aspects of play are in line with the Laws of Sport of Bowls.
  - **43.2.6** The Umpires decision is final in all circumstances except those to the meaning of interpretation of a law, in which case there will be a right of appeal to the Controlling Body.