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ACCREDITATION OR RE-ACCREDITATION AS A MARKER, MEASURER OR NATIONAL UMPIRE

Bowls Australia has introduced a procedure for Accrediting new Markers, Measurers and National Umpires and Re-accrediting existing Markers, Measurers and National Umpires. Under this system the following 3 options are available:

1. **MARKER**

To be accredited as a Marker, candidates are required to complete only the Markers module which is a 4 hour course at a cost of \$ 22 and includes the provision of the Bowls Australia Officiating Manual which is used during the course and is an excellent reference source after the course.

2. **MEASURER**

To be accredited as a Measurer, candidates are required to complete only the Measurers module which is a 4 hour course at a cost of \$ 22 which includes the provision of the Bowls Australia Officiating Manual which is used during the course and is an excellent reference source after the course.

3. **NATIONAL UMPIRE**

To be accredited as a National Umpire, candidates are required to complete all three modules, namely Marker (4 hours), Measurer (4 hours) and National Umpire, (4 hours) at a total cost of \$44 and includes the provision of the Bowls Australia Officiating Manual which is used during the course and is an excellent reference source after the course. (This course has been subsidized by Bowls NSW to reduce the cost to members).

4. **MARKER, MEASURER OR NATIONAL UMPIRE RE-ACCREDITATION**

All of the above Officials are required to be Re-accredited every 4 years at a cost of \$11 each which includes the supply of the Bowls Australia Officiating Manual if one has not been supplied previously. The Re-accreditation takes about 1 hour and involves answering a series of questions as well as on the green testing to determine the competency of the Official to continue officiating for a further 4 years.

NOTE:

1. A Marker can only officiate as a Marker.
 2. A Measurer can only officiate as a Measurer. (The Controlling Body can appoint a Measurer as the Umpire of the day if a National Umpire is not available).
 3. A National Umpire can officiate as a Marker, Measurer or a National Umpire and is the only official who can adjudicate on a question relating to the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls". This is the reason why the NDBA Umpires Committee encourages candidates to complete the full National Umpires Course.
 4. All candidates **MUST** have a copy of the current "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" to refer to during the course which can be obtained from the NDBA Office at a cost of \$11.
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PROCEDURE FOR ACCREDITATION OF A MARKER, MEASURER OR NATIONAL UMPIRE

1. Accreditation Application forms can be obtained from the NDBA Office or online from NDMA website. www.ndba.com.au
2. Forms are to be completed and returned to the NDBA together with payment. The “Officials Code of Behaviour” form must be signed and returned with the application.
3. NDBA Office will provide the applicant with a copy of the Bowls Australia Officiating Manual which should be studied by the applicant prior to the commencement of the course.
4. The applicant will be contacted by the NDBA Umpires Committee and advised of the course date and venue.
5. At the completion of the course the Presenter/Assessor will provide all of the necessary signed documentation to the NDBA Umpires Committee for forwarding to Bowls NSW to arrange for the issue of the Official’s Card from Bowls Australia.

PROCEDURE FOR RE-ACCREDITATION OF A MARKER, MEASURER OR NATIONAL UMPIRE

1. Re-accreditation Application forms will be provided to the Officials by the NDBA Umpires Committee or can be obtained from the NDBA Office of online from the NDBA website. www.ndba.com.au
2. Forms are to be completed by the applicant and signed by the Club Secretary of Bowls Coordinator for forwarded to the NDBA Office with payment. The “Officials Code of Behaviour” form must be signed and returned with the application.
3. NDBA Office will provide the applicant with a copy of the Bowls Australia Officiating Manual which should be studied before presenting for Re-accreditation because there have been changes in the four years since the applicant was last Re-accredited.
4. The Applicant will be requested to contact the NDBA Umpires Committee to arrange for the assessment procedure to be carried out at a Bowling Club because it involved some on the green measuring.
5. At the completion of the Re-accreditation the Presenter/Assessor will forward all signed documentation to the NDBA Umpires Committee for forwarding to Bowls NSW to arrange for the issue of the Official’s Card from Bowls NSW.

GENERAL

1. The course for Accreditations or Re-accreditations are conducted by our Presenter/Assessors who have been trained and Accredited by Bowls Australia. They will be there to assist you in gaining qualification to officiate at Bowls NSW approved competitions.
2. The courses are competence based and whilst there are a number of quizzes which are done during the course there are no formal or closed book examinations during the course.
3. We look forward to meeting you and assisting you to become a Marker, Measurer or National Umpire.