

BOWLS NEW ZEALAND REGULATION ONE FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING

Status of Regulation (Current July 2012)

This Regulation is supplementary to, and made in accordance with Appendix A – A,2 – A.2.1, A.2.2 & A.3 of the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Edition), which permits Bowls NZ to make domestic regulations approving specific colours for footwear and types of sole, and specific colours and types of clothing for players, umpires and markers when playing on the green.

1. Definitions

1.1 The words and phrases used in this Regulation shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution of Bowls NZ, unless otherwise specified in these Regulations. For avoidance of doubt the conventions used in the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Edition) shall **not** apply to this Regulation.

1.2 In addition to clause 1.1 of this Regulation, the following words and phrases used in this Regulation shall mean as follows:

‘*Club Tournament*’ means a competition, tournament or event for the game of bowls held by or under the auspices of a Club in which entry is limited to members of that Club.

‘*Open Tournament*’ means a competition, tournament or event for the game of bowls which is open for entry to any member of any Club or Centre.

‘*Registered Umpire*’ means any person who is entered on the register maintained by the Bowls New Zealand Umpires’ Committee.

2. Player’s Footwear

2.1 Shoes or sandals may be worn by players when playing on a bowling green. All shoes must be flat soled and heel-less. Soles may be of a non-slip material with a slightly abrasive surface.

2.2 Any Player with a physical disability may use an appropriate support, wheelchair or bowling aid, provided that the same is so made that it’s use causes no damage to the Green.

3. Player’s Clothing

3.1 Club Tournaments: For Club Tournaments, playing attire shall be determined by the Club.

3.2 Open Tournaments: For any Tournament other than a Club Tournament, players in Singles and members of Teams or Sides *must* wear garments of the same colour/design as determined by the Tournament Controlling Body. Any garment may have logos displayed, but the Controlling Body may impose conditions relating to sponsor’s logos to ensure that there is no conflict with a Tournament sponsor.

3.3 The Chief Executive of Bowls NZ may approve variations to Clause 3.2 of this Regulation upon written application from any Centre for any specific events, games, Teams or Sides.

3.4 Bowling gloves may be worn at any time while playing bowls.

4. Umpires Clothing and Colours

4.1 All registered Umpires shall wear clothing in the official colours of tan and green, as approved by The Board of Bowls NZ.

4.2 Registered Umpires shall be entitled to wear such monograms, badges, flashes, blazers and other uniform items, as shall be determined by the Board of Bowls NZ from time to time after consultation with the Bowls NZ Umpires Committee.