



Protection of Greens Policy

29th August 2022

Purpose:

This policy has been introduced to protect the synthetic playing surfaces at Bowls Matua from damage.

Dumping:

A “dump” is defined as a bowl, that when delivered, is likely to cause impact to the bowling surface. The habit of dropping bowls onto the green when standing on the bank at the start of a game is also included as dumping.

For the purpose of this policy, a “dump” is defined as a bowl leaving the hand in excess of 15cm (6 inches) from the surface of the green.

Footwear:

Only smooth-soled footwear from the list on the Bowls NZ website will be permitted to be worn on the playing surfaces. The sole of the shoe must avoid the risk of small impediments getting stuck in the sole which could result in tearing the surface.

Wheelchairs/Walking Frames and Sticks:

Wheelchairs will be permitted on the playing surfaces providing the tyres have a minimum width of 75mm. Players should also ensure that they take a wide berth when turning, rather than turning on the spot. Motorised wheelchairs are not permitted (as per Bowls NZ Regulations).

Tyres on Walking Frames must have minimum width of 75mm and feet must be covered in rubber or a similar material and have a minimum width of 76mm. The base on Walking Sticks must be covered in rubber or a similar material and have a minimum width of 76mm.

Grip and Polishes:

Grip and polishes are to be avoided to limit staining of the playing surfaces.

Implementation:

Each member of the Match Committee will be responsible for implementing this policy. This includes advising players from other clubs who have entered a tournament being held at Matua, as part of the conditions of play.

Participants breaching this policy are to be asked to address the issue before next playing, including seeking coaching assistance or considering the purchase of a bowling arm.