



Claudeldands Bowling Club (Inc.) Policy on 'dumping' bowls

Rationale:

The Board of Claudeldands Bowling Club has a duty of care to act in the best interests of the Club. This includes the protection of synthetic greens.

Purpose:

To protect the integrity of the synthetic green by ensuring there is a maintenance plan which includes safe delivery of bowls by players.

Procedures:

1. Players using the synthetic green are observed to ensure they are delivering their bowls from below 10cm above the surface.
2. Players who are not delivering their bowls from below 10cm above the surface are notified that they are 'dumping' their bowls. This is not acceptable because of the damage it does to the integrity of the surface. 'Dumping' causes hollows to form due to the compression of the sand beneath the surface. These hollows affect the true running of bowls.
3. Players who are identified as 'dumpers' are offered advice and support to rectify their delivery issues including the use of bowling arms and coaching on improving delivery.
4. Players are given a reasonable amount of time to correct their delivery issues before being observed again after the mitigation actions have been taken.
5. Players who have not changed their delivery to eliminate 'dumping' will be informed that they can no longer play on the synthetic green and will be confined to playing on the natural green.

Notes:

- The Club has 4 bowling arms and a bowls 'launcher' which are available for use by players while they are getting their delivery free of 'dumping'.
- Every effort will be made to encourage Claudeldands' members to deliver their bowls safely. The Board is reluctant to prevent members or visitors playing on the synthetic green if at all possible.
- The prohibitive cost of repairing the effects of 'dumping' is the main driver of this policy: it is essential that this major asset is protected from misuse.

Communication of Policy:

This policy will be emailed to all our members and a copy put on our website and Facebook page. Visiting players will be made aware of the policy.

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Approved by the Board of Claudeldands Bowling Club (Inc.)