



GREENS PROTECTION PROCEDURE – ALL BOWLERS

The following guidelines are to be used to assist bowlers who have delivery difficulties, particularly those whose deliveries may be impacting the smooth-running surface of our greens.

1. Any observation of undue damage resulting from a raised delivery to the green i.e. 'Dumping' should be reported to the Bowls Committee.
2. It is **not** the intention of these guidelines to prevent or limit any player from playing and enjoying bowls. The guidelines are designed to help any bowler improve their action and avoid any damage to the smooth-running surface of our greens.
3. A representative of the Bowls Committee or their delegate (delegate could be a Coach if preferred and agreeable by the Coach) should attempt, after confirmation of the player's delivery by a coach, a confidential, personal and friendly contact, to understand how or why the player is causing damage. Every effort should be made to help the player find a better delivery action, getting down lower to deliver the bowl for example. The player should be given a **reasonable time** to show improvement in their delivery.
4. If, after a reasonable time the Committee and/or Coach believes the player has **corrected** their action, such advice will be provided to the player and **no further action** initiated. The Coach should keep the Committee advised of the player's progress during any coaching sessions.
5. If the player continues to experience problems, the Coach should discuss with the player the option of obtaining an approved Bowling Arm or

Walking Stick. Coaching in the use of the Bowlers Arm should also be made available to the player. The Club should have available a selection of Bowling Arms to assist the player in choosing the best Arm for them.

6. If the identified player **fails to follow up** and take action to improve their delivery, and after confirmation by the Bowls Committee, and in consultation with the Coach, no improvement has occurred and that the player is still dumping the bowl, as a last resort a **final formal letter** may be issued warning the player that if no further correction is taken, they will be restricted from playing in interclub matches for Solander Lake BC (Pennants/ GR8s etc). Also, if in the opinion of the Committee (discussion at monthly or special meeting), and in consultation with the Greens Director, damage to the green is still occurring, then that restriction will also apply to Club Championships and Social bowls.