

POLICY TITLE: BOWLS TESTING
POLICY CLASS: GENERAL



POLICY:

Under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Second Edition, no player shall use a bowl which has a bias less than that of the “World Bowls Working Reference Bowl”.

SPECIFICATIONS:

This policy in no way intends to contradict the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Second Edition. This policy provides assistance in the practicalities of receiving a challenge to bowls and the consequences thereof.

The following actions will be applied by the Tournament Director once a Challenge has been lodged:

- 1) The bowls are to be sent immediately to the nearest licensed bowls tester as per Law 8.4.
- a) If subsequent games are being played after the challenge within the same event the following action should be applied:
 - a. Sectional Play – The player may continue play with another set of legal bowls until the result of the testing is determined. Should the Bowls fail, the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Second Edition Law 8.5.1 will be applied
 - b. Knockout Play – The result of the test must be determined before any subsequent games can be played.

Where the result of the test is not available in a practicable timeframe, the tournament/event conditions of play will prevail over the Domestic Regulations.

Law 8.5 from the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Second Edition indicates that when a player’s bowls fail the table test then the game in which they were challenged should be forfeited to the opponent. If no evidence is presented (or reported by the licensed tester) that the bowls have been deliberately altered, then no further disciplinary action will be taken against the bowler.

Law 8.6.2 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Second Edition indicates that any player who intentionally alters the bias of a set of bowls other than by a Licensed Bowls Tester will be suspended from playing for as long as Bowls Australia determines.

In determining the penalty, the minimum penalty applicable for intentionally altering the bias of a bowl is 12 months.

PRINCIPAL:

Bowls Australia believes in a fair and equitable competition and will do everything in their power to ensure that all players participate within the rules of the sport of bowls.

Bowls Australia further believes that no bowler should be unjustly penalised for inadvertently using non-conforming bowls.

RELATED POLICIES: Nil

RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:

- **Development manager**
- **National Officiating Director**

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