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# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS AT BOWLS NORTH HARBOUR EVENTS AND PLAYERS REPRESENTING BOWLS NORTH HARBOUR AT ALL REPRESENTATIVE FIXTURES

# **Objectives**

- This Code of Conduct is to be followed on all occasions and in all places where the player can be seen to be a member of clubs under the jurisdiction of Bowls North Harbour or representing Bowls North Harbour at a representative fixture and includes the venue of play, which means the green, surrounds and clubhouse of the place where the player is about to, or is competing or has competed;
- To state plainly the way in which players who play in Bowls North Harbour events or represent Bowls North Harbour at all representative fixtures are expected to conduct themselves and the consequences of any breach of the expected standards of behaviour;
- To ensure that all players are aware of the standards expected of themselves and their attitude towards other players and officials;
- To ensure players are aware of the consequences of any breach of the expected standards of behaviour and obligations.

# Player's Obligations

1. The Competition:

To maintain at all times a high standard of sportsmanship and fair play. This will of necessity include:

- Always playing to the best of their ability and where appropriate to perform as part of a team;
- Abiding by the Laws of the Game, its Regulations and the Conditions of Play specified by the Controlling Body;
- Respecting and accepting without question any ruling given by the Umpire (subject to any right of appeal given by the Laws);
- Not to take any performance enhancing substance and in particular strictly to comply with any regulations adopted by Bowls North Harbour in regard thereto;
- Present themselves for competition in an acceptable physical and mental condition and standard of appearance;
- Maintain an attitude of respect and politeness towards opponents.

#### 2. Other Occasions:

### To refrain from:

- Any behaviour which might reflect unfavourably on the game, Bowls North Harbour, or which might bring any other player, official or Bowls North Harbour into disrepute;
- Making any comment to the media and in particular any public announcement or comment, including all social media channels and forums, that might bring the game or other players into disrepute;
- Any discriminatory practices based on race, religion, ethnic background or special ability/disability bowlers.

# 3. Other considerations:

- To abide by and comply with all directions of Bowls North Harbour;
- To accept and act upon any judgment of any duly appointed official of Bowls North Harbour as to any unacceptable behaviour;
- To abide by the requirements of Bowls North Harbour as to dress including any sponsor's logos.
- To respect the tournament officials, volunteers, officers, members and staff of any Club at which the event is being or has been played;
- To respect the Officers and appointed officials of Bowls North Harbour.

## IN ANY BREACH OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT

If the Convenor, having heard any explanation that the player concerned may proffer, or the player persists in any breach of this Code of Conduct, the Convenor may withdraw that player from the event. The Convenor must report breaches of this Code of Conduct to the Controlling Body and to Bowls North Harbour immediately following notice of any breach of this Code of Conduct. Any player who is dissatisfied by any action of the Convenor in relation to this Code of Conduct may notify Bowls North Harbour to enquire into the conduct in question of the player as it applies to this written Code of Conduct.

Note: This Code of Conduct has been adopted by Bowls North Harbour, which requires every player who wishes to play in any Bowls North Harbour event, or represent Bowls North Harbour in any representative fixture, to accept these conditions as a consequence of entry to the event.