

Preservation of Greens Policy – Elimination of Dropping Bowls or Dumping:

Our greens are valuable Club assets and need to be protected from short or long term damage.

The major risk comes from bowls that are dropped from the bank or are dumped during delivery from a height that results in dents in the green surface.

This policy is not intended to penalise players but is a genuine attempt to minimise green damage.

Definition of a Dumped or Dropped Bowl:

Bowls that are repeatedly dumped or dropped, in the delivery, from a height of more than 15cm are considered to have the potential to cause damage to the green.

Identification and Support for Hawthorn Bowlers who are having difficulty complying with this definition:

1. Individual bowlers who are having difficulty delivering their bowl smoothly from a height of less than 15cm (6 inches) are urged to seek assistance from one of the Club Coaches.
2. The Board will appoint a panel from Club Umpires and The Bowls Committee to identify members who appear to be having difficulty in complying with the requirements of the definition.
3. These members will be approached and requested to seek coaching assistance to correct their delivery.
4. Various ways may be tried:
 - a. Videoing the delivery to identify the nature of the problem
 - b. Changing the stance, at the point of delivery, so that the bowl is released low enough;
 - c. Using a supporting stick, with a 75mm rubber base, to assist with balance; or
 - d. Using one of the Bowls SA approved bowling arms.
5. A member refusing help as set out above may be denied access to the greens.

Managing Policy Compliance:

All Club Members, visiting bowlers, and social players utilising the greens are subject to the requirements of this policy.

Those managing this policy are asked to adopt an empathic common sense approach when called upon to adjudicate.

Seeking a solution to the issue is of most importance.

Our intention is to strive to keep all members on the green.