BUNINYONG BOWLING CLUB Incorporated

DUMPING POLICY

1. Rationale

This policy has been introduced to protect the playing surfaces at the Buninyong Bowling Club (BBC) from impact. Besides damaging our sensitive synthetic surface and lawn green, a dumped delivery also detracts from a bowler's performance.
This policy applies to all events on our greens – pennant competitions, tournaments, club events, practice sessions and any other club social events and programs.
It is the responsibility of every member to protect our greens.

2. Definition of Dumping

A dumped bowl is defined as a bowl, when delivered, that is likely to cause impact to the bowling surface - leaving the hand in excess of 15cm or 6 inches above the surface of the green.

The habit of dropping bowls onto the green must also cease. Care must be taken placing a bowl onto the green after being placed onto the bank, when the bowl has gone out of bounds, or into the ditch.

3. Possible Reasons for Dumping

Often bowlers develop this habit through a reduced ability to bend their body to an appropriate level, whilst others do so through a lack of appropriate technique. For those with a physical injury or disability, an approved bowling arm may be a solution.

4. Assistance

A Club Coach will work with the player to correct their action, which may include:

i) further coaching by the Club Coach to correct the player's delivery,
ii) the use of a bowling arm to assist the player's delivery, or
iii) the use of a dump mat and the procedure involved

5. Process during Pennant and Region / State events

- Should you see someone you think is dumping, please report it to your Side Manager who will then report it to the Umpire of the day immediately.
- If the Umpire of the day believes the bowler is causing damage to the greens, they will warn the player in the presence of the relevant Side Manager and Skip and ask them to modify their delivery immediately or offer them a dumping mat.
- If the offending bowler refuses, they will be told that they can no longer play and must retire from the game, but may be allowed a substitute player as per DR2.3.
- If they do not leave the green, then that player will be considered to be a defaulting player and forfeit the game to their opponent as per Law C2 and Law C10, and no substitute will be allowed.

6. Process during Tournaments, Club games, Social events and Practice

- Should you see someone you think is dumping please report it to a Club Coach or Board member.
- If the Coach or Board Member determines that the bowler is dumping, they will be warned that they are causing damage to the greens and they must modify their delivery immediately.
- If in the opinion of the Club representative, the player continues to damage the green, they will be required to use a dumping mat or bowling arm OR retire from bowling and seek assistance.
- If the bowler refuses to take up any of the options listed above, the Club representative will recommend that the bowler be suspended from bowling until they are deemed to not be dumping or using a bowling aid to minimise the damage to the greens.

Approved By: *Board of the Buninyong Bowling Club*

Endorsed By: *BBC Board meeting, 14th September, 2026*

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