



POLICY TITLE: INSTANTANEOUS PENALTIES

1. PRINCIPLE:

1.1 Bowls ACT believes in a fair and equitable competition and will do everything in its power to ensure that all players participate within the Laws of the Sport of bowls.

1.2 Bowls ACT affiliated Members should undertake to conduct themselves' in a polite and sportsman like manner when participating in any bowls event.

2. INSTANTANEOUS PENALTIES:

2.1 For any Bowls ACT event:

If the Umpire, on appeal by the Controlling Body, a Side Manager, a Skip or an Opponent, or by observation, in their opinion decides that a serious breach of any Law, Rule or action by a Player/s, such as:

- acting in an abusive, threatening or intimidating manner towards any person,
- using obscene, offensive, abusive, threatening or intimidating language towards any person,
- threatening any person with physical violence or assault,
- assaulting any person,
- acting in a manner likely to bring the sport of bowls into disrepute
- acting in a manner likely to bring Bowls Australia into disrepute.

has taken place, then after consultation with the controlling body, (in their absence the team / side managers) has the authority to have the end immediately regarded as completed and

- the Opponent of the offender awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the Opponent in singles or opposing Team in a Team game or team in a side game.
- Upon a second such offence by the same Player in the same game, the Umpire may award the game to the Opponent/s according to Laws of the Sport (3rd Edition) C2 and C10.

2.2 In a Team game the defaulting Team will forfeit the game to their Opponent.

2.3 Serious offences may also be subject to police action. Consultation should occur between the venue manager/Controlling Body and umpire/s before such action is undertaken.

2.4 The umpire must forward a written detailed report (using the Bowls ACT Incident Report Form) about any incident involving an instantaneous penalty to the respective Controlling Body within Twenty-Four (24) Hours of the incident.

3. BOWLS ACT EVENTS

3.1 The following are defined as Bowls ACT events:

- Men's and Women's State Pennant
- Men's and Women's State Championships
- Junior State Championships
- Men's and Women's Champion of Club Champions

- Men's and Women's Rookie Singles
- Men's and Women's 60 and Over Pairs
- Men's and Women's 60 and Over Fours
- Mixed Winter Tournament
- Doran Bowl
- Mixed Pairs
- Australian Indoor Singles Championship (ACT Qualifying)
- Club Major Singles/Pairs/Triples/Fours
- Such other events as may be declared by the CMC as a Bowls ACT event.

3.2 Club major championships are considered to be Bowls ACT events because they are feeder competitions for the Bowls ACT Champion of Club Champion events.