Bowls ACT Umpire Committee

Moving Forward with the Bowls ACT Officials Training Program

Markers, Measurers and Umpires — *Ongoing Program Proposal*

Background

This proposal has been put together by the Bowls ACT Umpires Committee, in response to the continual need to develop new officials - especially umpires - for ACT and regional clubs.

It also takes into account the number of Presenters and Assessors (P&As) or Facilitators available to clubs and Bowls ACT to run these courses. Many P&As are still bowling or officiating, remain involved in other club or ACT activities, and need to plan their availability to run the officiating courses.

The Event

The on-green components of the courses, and the accreditation assessments, will take place twice per year — approximately September and March/April. These events will be listed in the Bowls ACT calendar and, once dates are confirmed, advertised via the Bowls ACT webpage and Facebook.

An event will be created for each component (marker, measurers, umpires) on BowlsLink and advertised through BowlsLink and the Bowls ACT and Club websites and Facebook pages. Bowlers will be able to register initial interest, then confirm participation closer to the advertised dates.

Event Schedule

Preparing each component's assessment and accreditation opportunity takes a lot of work.
The event dates reflect the time needed, and will be structured as follows:

Session	Focus	Details
Preceding Monday	Spare date	May be used if the number of Marker participants exceeds a practical class size.
1st Monday	Markers	On-green assessment and accreditation.
2nd Monday	Measurers & Umpires	On-green and/or classroom demonstration of measuring equipment and requirements under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, case studies, and preparation for assessment and accreditation.
3rd Monday	Measurers	On-green assessment and accreditation.
4th Monday	Umpires	Assessment and accreditation.

Online Training Required by the Candidate

The Bowls ACT course structure includes online components, completed by participants in their own time and at a pace that ensures they are finished before the on-green assessment. All participants are required to complete:

- The BowlsLearn components of the officiating courses.
- The listed online courses with Sports Integrity Australia.

- The necessary state registration for Working With Children / Vulnerable People.

In Club Training

- Where a club has its own P&As, courses might be run at a different time and pace (for example, Yass, Goulburn, Crookwell) - while still following Bowls ACT officiating training processes and procedures.
- Any club may need a group of officials (for example, Markers) accredited.

The Umpires Committee will take the opportunity to work with these clubs, and include candidates or participants from other clubs where appropriate to their requirements.

Managing Overflow

There will be times — such as with Markers — where the number of participants in an event exceeds an appropriate working number for one class. This will be known at the closing date for the event, at which point we have the option to create alternate dates.

P&A Involvement

The number and availability of ACT Presenters and Assessors to run courses creates the need for planned dates (events) to complete the training and assessment of new officials.

The Bowls ACT Umpires Committee recommends that two P&As assist to complete all components' assessment and accreditation. Where a second P&A is not available and the assessment date cannot be changed, recognised umpires can assist with set-up, pack-away, and monitoring of the open-book components — however, the P&A remains responsible for assessing the candidates.

On Line Training required to be completed before the Assessment process

Bowls Learn	Sports Integrity Australia	State Government
Welcome to Bowls Learn	Sports Integrity Australia Course Register & Log In	Access Canberra Services NSW
☐ Markers Module ☐ Measurers Module ☐ National Umpires Course	• National Integrity Framework • Anti Doping Fundamentals • Clean Sport 101 • Competition Manipulation & Sports Gambling • Illicit Drugs in Sport	☐ Working With Children (NSW) ☐ Working with Vulnerable People (ACT)
☐ Bowls Australia Officiation Manual for Markers/ Measurers/ Umpires. ☐ Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Fourth Edition		

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