



MODBURY BOWLING CLUB INCORPORATED

BOWLS DUMPING POLICY

This policy has been introduced to protect our playing surfaces from heavy impact from bowls being dumped on the greens. Besides damaging our surfaces, a dumped delivery also detracts from a bowler's performance.

DEFINITION:

A dump is defined as a bowl, when delivered, is likely to cause impact to the bowling surface. Bowls likely to cause impact are those that leave the hand in excess of **15cm or 6 inches** from the surface of the green.

The habit of dropping bowls onto the green when standing on the banks at the start of a game must also cease. Care must be taken placing a bowl back onto the green after placed onto the bank, when the bowl has gone out of bounds, or into the ditch.

Preceding all events (Social, Night Owls, Pennant, Tournaments and State Events), the Club Spokesperson is to re-iterate the Club Dumping Policy to all bowlers present at the Club.

All Club members have a responsibility to, identify and inform the Club appointees, of any bowlers who dump their bowls according to this definition.

The Club will appoint a Controlling Body each year to counsel bowlers individually who dump bowls and advise them of corrective options in the following sequence:

1. Offer coaching by the Club Coach to correct their delivery.
2. Use of a Bowling Arm.
3. Use of dumping mat and procedure involved.

The Club Controlling Body are empowered to recommend to the committee suspension of any bowler who fails to comply with 1, 2 or 3 above.

GUIDELINES DURING GAMES

During Social, Night Owls, Tournaments and Practice

- It is the responsibility of every member to protect our greens
- Should you see someone you think is dumping please report it to the Club Controlling Body (Committee Member, General Manager, Club Coach or Appointee)
- They will then review the bowler and determine if the bowler is dumping
- If the bowler is deemed to be dumping, they will be warned that they are causing damage to the greens and they must modify their delivery immediately. They should be offered a dumping mat or bowling arm immediately.
- If in the opinion of the Club Controlling Body Representative, the player continues to damage the green while not using a dumping mat or bowling arm, the player must then be

required use a

- dumping mat,
 - bowling arm or
 - retire from bowling and seek assistance.
- If the bowler refuses to take up any option listed above and continues to dump their bowls, the Controlling Body representative will recommend that the bowler be suspended from bowling until they are deemed to not be dumping or using an bowling aid to minimise the damage to the greens.

Pennant and State Events

- It is the responsibility of each member to protect the greens
- Should you see someone you think is dumping please report it to the Umpire of the day immediately
- The Umpire of the day must then discretely review the bowler
- If the Umpire of the day believes the bowler is causing damage to the greens, they will warn the player with the appropriate Team manager and Skip, that they are damaging the greens and they are to modify their delivery immediately or offer them a dumping mat.
- If the offending bowler continues to dump the bowl, they will be told to use a dumping mat, or they must retire from the game
- If the offending bowler decides not to use the dumping mat, they will be told that they can no longer play, and must be required to retire from the game but may be allowed a substitute player as per DR2.3
- If the offending bowler doesn't 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.

Board of Management

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