

# CITY OF HEIDELBERG BOWLING CLUB



## BOWLING INFORMATION

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### WHAT IS THE 'HEAD' AND 'END'

THE 'HEAD' IS THE END WHERE THE JACK IS ROLLED TO START PLAYING AN 'END' AND ALL BOWLS ARE ROLLED TO FOR THAT END.

### DO NOT DROP YOUR BOWLS ONTO THE GREEN

THIS WILL MAKE DENTS IN THE GREEN

### STANDING AT THE HEAD END

THOSE NOT INVOLVED IN DIRECTING BOWLING SHOULD BE WELL AWAY FROM THE HEAD. DO NOT STAND IN FRONT OF THE SIGHT MARKERS. WHEN YOU ARE AT THE HEAD END KEEP STILL – DO NOT WALK AROUND THE BOWLERS TRYING TO WORK OUT WHO HAS 'SHOT'. THIS IS FOR THE PERSON DIRECTING BOWLING (THERE ARE 2 OF THOSE – ONE FOR EACH SIDE) DO NOT HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHERS. IT IS DISTRACTING FOR THE BOWLER.

### KEEP UP WITH THE PLAY

WATCH THE PROGRESS OF THE BOWLERS SO THAT YOU ARE READY TO BOWL WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN. HAVE YOUR BOWL READY SO THAT YOU CAN STEP ONTO THE MAT WHEN THE OPPOSITION BOWL HAS COME TO REST AND THE BOWLER HAS STEPPED OFF THE MAT. IT IS THE BOWLER'S MAT UNTIL THEIR BOWL COMES TO REST AT THE HEAD END. THIS KEEPS THE PLAY FLOWING.



### HOW TO MEASURE FOR CLOSEST BOWLS TO THE JACK

PUT THE TAPE END TO THE JACK AND PULL THE TAPE UNTIL IT IS JUST TOUCHING THE NEAREST PART OF THE BOWL. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE JACK OR THE BOWL BEING MEASURED ARE NOT MOVED. DO NOT INADVERTENTLY MOVE OTHER BOWLS WHILST MEASURING. IF YOU HAVE MEASURED A BOWL AND WANT TO MOVE A WINNING BOWL FROM THE HEAD FOR EASE OF MEASURING OTHER BOWLS, PUT IT ON A CLOTH. DO NOT KICK BOWLS AWAY UNTIL A FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY THOSE MEASURING – THERE SHOULD ONLY BE 2 MEASURERS.

### DELIVERED A 'WOBBLY' BOWL ?

**DON'T PANIC – THERE IS ALWAYS ANOTHER BOWL!!!**  
IF YOU CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY IT IS HAPPENING THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ASSISTANCE WITH SORTING OUT THE ISSUE. CONTACT OUR COACH CARMELO 0411 061 116.

### PLACING THE MAT

TURN TO FACE THE RINK NUMBER AND WITH YOUR BACK TOWARDS THE HEAD END PLACE THE MAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LINE. THIS ALLEVIATES GETTING THE MAT ON THE WRONG LINE.

### STANDING AT THE MAT END BEHIND THE PERSON BOWLING

ALLOW AT LEAST 2 METRES BEHIND THE PERSON BOWLING AT THE MAT END. IF YOU ARE NOT BOWLING DO NOT STAND IN THE CLUSTER OF BOWLS AT THE MAT END. LET THOSE ABOUT TO BOWL HAVE SPACE TO PICK UP THEIR BOWL. DO NOT CREATE NOISE OR DISTURBANCE BEHIND THE PERSON BOWLING.

### LENGTH OF THE 'END'

THE JACK MUST BE ROLLED NO LESS THAN 21METRES FROM THE FRONT OF THE MAT. IF IT IS ROLLED LESS THAN 21METRES OR INTO THE DITCH THEN IT IS THE OPPOSITION WHO PLACES THE MAT AND ROLLS THE JACK. THE ORIGINAL PLAYER THEN ROLLS THE FIRST BOWL.  
IF A BOWL, WHEN DELIVERED, DOES NOT REACH 14 METRES FROM THE FRONT OF THE MAT THEN IT IS A DEAD BOWL.

### PUTTING THE BOWL ON MAT FOR SKIP

AS A COURTESY TO YOUR SKIP, WHEN LEAVING THE MAT END, IF YOUR SKIP IS NEXT TO BOWL PLACE THE SKIP'S BOWL ON THE MAT.

### WHAT IS A 'TOUCHER'

THIS IS A BOWL WHICH HAS TOUCHED THE JACK IN ITS DELIVERY. IT IS MARKED WITH CHALK BECAUSE IF THE 'TOUCHER' BOWL GOES IN THE DITCH THEN THAT BOWL IS 'LIVE'. IF A BOWL IS LATER KNOCKED ONTO THE JACK THIS IS NOT A TOUCHER.

### KEEPING ON YOUR OWN RINK

DO NOT WALK ON A RINK OTHER THAN YOURS. IF YOU WANT TO MOVE AROUND DO SO ON THE BANK. DO NOT STRAY ONTO ANOTHER RINK WHEN WALKING FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER OR WHEN OBSERVING YOUR BOWL DELIVERY.

### JUST BEFORE YOUR BOWL DELIVERY THE VERY LAST THING TO DO BEFORE PLAYING YOUR BOWL IS TO

**CHECK THE BIAS IS CORRECT**

## **MORE BOWLING INFORMATION**

### **PREPARING YOUR BOWL**

PARTICULARLY DURING WET WEATHER, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO PUT GRIPPO/BETTS (AVAILABLE FROM THE CLUB BAR) ON THE BOWL. THESE PRODUCTS ACT BOTH AS POLISHING AGENTS AND AID IN GRIPPING THE BOWL.

PUT A LITTLE DAB OF THE PRODUCT AROUND THE BOW, RUB IN, WAIT 30 SECONDS, WIPE OFF. YOU WILL NOTICE YOUR FINGERS WILL BE A BIT STICKIER.

IT IS ALSO HANDY TO HAVE A CLOTH TO WIPE YOUR BOWLS WHEN WET OR GRITTY.

### **PENNANT**

IS AN INTERCLUB COMPETITION ORGANISED BY BOWLS VICTORIA – PLAYED SEPTEMBER TO MARCH OVER 18 WEEKS.

#### **SELECTIONS FOR PENNANT**

SELECTIONS ARE MADE EACH WEEK BY A GROUP OF MEMBERS KNOWN AS 'THE SELECTION COMMITTEE'. THE NAMES OF THOSE SELECTED APPEAR ON A BOARD IN THE WINDOW AT THE STRADBROKE AVE END OF THE CLUBHOUSE.

THE TEAM SELECTIONS AND DUTY RINKS WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON OUR CLUB WEBSITE – UNDER THE PENNANT HEADING.

### **PENNANT DUTY RINK**

EACH WEEK, WHEN PENNANT IS PLAYED AT HOME (BOTH TUESDAY AND SATURDAY PENNANT) THERE IS A 'DUTY RINK'. THE DUTY RINK IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP INSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE AND THE GREEN AND SURROUNDS PRIOR TO THE MATCH STARTING AND THEN AT THE END OF THE DAY ENSURING EVERYTHING IS CLEANED UP AND PUT AWAY.

THERE IS AN INFORMATION SHEET ON THE CLUB NOTICEBOARD – DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF PLAYING PENNANT – WORK WITH AN EXPERIENCED CLUB MEMBER WHEN YOUR RINK IS THE DUTY RINK.

THE ABOVE RELATES TO BOTH TUESDAY AND SATURDAY PENNANT.

WHEN YOU ARE CHECKING THE LISTS FOR WHO IS SELECTED TO PLAY PENNANT, ALSO CHECK WHETHER YOU ARE 'THE DUTY RINK'.

### **TEAM PLAY**

MOST GAMES OF BOWLS ARE TEAM GAMES, THEREFORE IT IS IMPORTANT TO PLAY AS A TEAM, WORK IN TOGETHER, SUPPORT EACH OTHER, PICK EACH OTHERS BOWLS UP READY TO PLAY, AND WHERE POSSIBLE STAY TOGETHER AS A GROUP.

### **BANKERS PLAY**

FOR THOSE NOT SELECTED FOR PENNANT THERE WILL BE A CHANCE TO PLAY ON THE SATURDAY. THOSE WHO ARE NOT PICKED (CALLED BANKERS) CAN PLAY AN ORGANISED GAME AGAINST EACH OTHER. A GREAT WAY TO LEARN THE GAME FOR NEW BOWLERS.

### **AFTER THE GAME**

BOWLS IS MEANT TO BE A SOCIAL ACTIVITY. AFTER A GAME IT IS ETIQUETTE TO ASK YOUR OPPOSITION PLAYER IN FOR A DRINK. ALSO IT WOULD BE GREAT TO STICK AROUND THE CLUB AFTER A GAME TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

### **PENNANT ATTIRE**

CLUB UNIFORM IS WORN WHEN PLAYING TUESDAY AND SATURDAY PENNANT - THERE IS AN INFORMATION SHEET ON OUR CLUB NOTICEBOARD AND ON OUR WEBSITE (UNDER THE 'PENNANT' HEADING) REGARDING THE CLUB UNIFORM FOR PENNANT.

## **LASTLY**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES AT ALL – HOWEVER SMALL - BE IT ABOUT BOWLING OR THE CLUB OR CLUB ACTIVITIES – CONTACT CARMELO 0411 061 116.**

**OUR AIM IS FOR THOSE NEW TO BOWLING AND ALL CLUB MEMBERS TO ENJOY THEIR TIME SPENT AT OUR CLUB.**

**WE HAVE MANY SOCIAL BOWLING DAYS AND EVENINGS PLUS THERE ARE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES - CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL INFORMATION**

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