



MEMORANDUM

TO: STA umpiring committee chairperson

CC: STA executive officers, national officiating committee

FROM: Mark Cowan – Bowls Australia national officiating director

DATE: Thursday, August 18, 2011

RE: **EBUA manual and DVD – chocking the jack**

It has been brought to my attention over the past few weeks that a number of umpires have purchased a copy of the English Bowling Umpires Association (EBUA) home study manual and DVD.

It also has been noted that some of these umpires in Victoria and Tasmania are using this manual and DVD to tutor new and accredited umpires.

Whilst this is commendable that umpires are keeping up to date with other countries resources, I wish to remind all umpires, these purchases are for your own personal use and not the recommended resource for tutors to use in Australia.

Although I appreciate that there are many good points in the manual and DVD that are synonymous with good umpiring practices (of which we should be teaching in Australia) this manual was designed specifically for the United Kingdom. In particular, there is one practice stipulated in the manual that the National Officiating Committee does not condone – chocking the jack.

The Laws are quite clear and are based on “defined events” and if the Laws are silent on an issue then you cannot assume that you can do it. The practice of chocking the jack during the process of determining the shot is not permitted under any circumstances in Australia.

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