



**POLICY TITLE: PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

<b>RELATED POLICIES:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:</b>	<b>BA CEO</b> <b>National Officiating Advisory Group</b>
<b>AUTHORITY:</b>	<b>BA Board; Risk, Integrity and Policy</b> <b>Committee</b>
<b>APPLICABLE FORMS:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>APPROVED:</b>	<b>Dec 2020</b>
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CONSTITUTION  
BOWLS AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
ACN: 076 229 699

20. Board Policies

20.1 Policies

20.1.1 The Board may from time to time as circumstances dictate, formulate, interpret, adopt, make, alter and amend Policies for the proper advancement, management and administration of Bowls Australia, the advancement of the Objects and bowls as it thinks necessary or desirable. Policies must (as far as practicable) be in conformity with the rules and regulations of WBL and must be consistent with this Constitution. Policies are binding on all Members.

20.1.2 The CEO shall bring to the notice of the Board and Members all Policies and any formulation, interpretation, amendment, alteration and repeal of them. Member States are obliged to draw such notices to the attention of Members in their States. Notices are binding upon all Members.

20.1.3 All Policies and regulations of the Company in force at the date of the approval of this Constitution insofar as such policies and regulations are not inconsistent with, or have been replaced by this Constitution, shall continue in force under this Constitution.

## **PRINCIPLE:**

- 1.1. Bowls Australia (BA) 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 Australia provides this Policy for use during all Bowls Australia events. This Policy can be adopted at any level to assist the controlling body in their decision making.
- 1.3 The Bowls Australia philosophy is to allow access to our sport to as many participants as possible and ensure an inclusive atmosphere for all involved.

## **2. Personal Electronic Devices:**

- 2.1 The use of electronic devices and/or other similar sound/communication devices on the green and immediate surrounds during play is not permitted.
- 2.2 Should a Player have a legitimate reason (personal emergency or medical or emergency services personnel) to answer a mobile phone they must have permission from the controlling body and notify the Umpire of the day - prior to playing.
  - 2.2.1 In this instance, the phone can be carried on the player but must be on silent / vibrating (only) and responded to off the green, away from play.
- 2.3 If a Player is observed to be using an electronic device or any other sound device as described above on the green the Umpire will warn the Player and advise the Skip, the manager and/or the controlling body.
- 2.4 Please note coaches and others are able to use electronic devices on the banks and green surrounds to record relevant data of the players under their management.
- 2.5 If the Player is found to be using any type of electronic device or any other sound device as described above on a second occasion the Umpire will immediately suspend the player for the remainder of the day. Should this penalty be applied, no replacement or substitute Player will be allowed for his/her Team.
- 2.6 In a Team game the defaulting Team will forfeit the game to their Opponent.

- 2.7 In a Side game BA Domestic Regulations 2.6.1.1, 2.6.1.2 and 2.6.1.3 will apply.
- 2.8 A replacement player is not permitted for a singles player, who is not part of a Side competition, under. BA Domestic Regulation 2.4.8.
- 2.10 Players with a hearing impairment may use communication devices provided they provide a current medical certificate from a doctor stating that the device is required. These devices may only be used when the player's team is in possession of the rink and must not disturb any other players.
- 2.11 Hearing aids are permitted at all times unless otherwise stated in the Conditions of Play.
- 2.12 Devices required for inputting scores to an electronic scoreboard are permitted.
- 2.13 Watches with communication capabilities may be worn however must not be used for communication on the green; and must be switched to silent mode.
- 2.14 An umpire may refer to their mobile phone on the green or bank if they are using the Bowls Rules App currently available for iPhone.
- Please note to keep this Policy is in line with the fast pace of technological change and the changing uses of technology and applications the Policy will be reviewed at least annually.