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GREENS PROTECTION POLICY

PREAMBLE & RATIONALE

This policy acknowledges that our greens are the core material asset of our club and are extremely expensive to repair and replace.

This policy also acknowledges that through remedial practices the vast majority of bowlers should be able to continue to enjoy and compete in bowls and that bowls will continue to be a sport for life.

Dumping of bowls on the new surface will **permanently** damage the surface by indenting the sub surface. To repair this damage would require a complete relay of the surface. To ensure that this does not occur, all bowlers need to ensure that they deliver the bowl correctly. The bowl must be rolled, not dropped from a height. The accepted standard is that the bowl should be delivered no more than 150mm (6") above the green.

GUIDELINES:

For the protection of our greens and in the interests of all of our members, the Management Committee has adopted a three stage process called **I-A-P**.

IAP = Identify, Advise & Assist, Permit or Prevent.

Step 1

I- Identify

The committee will elect an advisory sub-committee consisting of at least 3 bowlers; drawn from the Match Committee and our pool of Coaches / Umpires. It will be the duty of this sub-committee to identify those members who are currently dumping their bowls.

Step 2

A- Advise & Assist

Once the advising sub-committee have identified the player or players concerned, a letter will be sent to those individuals outlining the following:

1. That they have been identified as a member of the club who needs to modify their delivery.
2. Explaining to them the damage and the financial consequences that their current delivery is causing to the club's greens and the effect on games in general on our greens.
3. Offering the assistance of the club coaches, a video capture of their delivery for their review, and if required, the use of a club approved bowling arm.
4. Setting out a time frame within which the player's delivery problem is expected to be addressed by them.
5. Advising of the penalty for the individual if they fail to address the problem of their delivery

Step 3

P- Permit or Prevent

When the time frame given at 2.4 has expired, the advising sub-committee will review each player again and a further letter will be sent to each individual either:

1. Thanking the player for their efforts to address the problem and advising that they are welcome to continue playing on our greens.

Or

2. Advising them that their continued dumping is no longer acceptable and that the use of the club's greens is no longer available to them until they address and rectify the problem.

It is not the intention of anyone at this club to victimise a club member; but to assist and offer support in order to prevent damage to our greens. Please do not take this as an affront to your ability, rather as a gentle reminder that you need to change for the protection of the playing surface for all members.