



2021 CHANGES TO LAWS OF THE GAME

Law 7

Bowling is the action of rolling a bowl or jack along the mat. A bowl or jack is deemed to have been bowled when it has both left the hand, or an approved artificial device, and passed wholly beyond the front line of the bowling area. If a player chooses to use an approved artificial device to deliver a bowl and/or jack, it must be used for the duration of any game.

Explanation: This amendment ratifies the decision of the NZIB Executive in May 2019, to allow players to use an approved artificial bowling device, provided it is used for the entirety of any game.

Law 12(g)

An approved torch, provided it is held in the hand and does not come into contact with the mat, may be used at any time to assist in examining the head. This does not constitute a measure.

Explanation: This amendment provides consistency and removes any conflict that exists with Law 24. No artificial tools or devices, apart from a torch held in the hand, may be used for pre-determining the shot on any end until the completion of that end. This does not prevent the use of reflectors or torches being placed on the mat at the conclusion of an end, or by an Umpire, to determine the result of the end.

Law 14(f)

No player shall follow any bowl up the mat or up the side of the mat; excepting when the last bowl prior to any change of end has been delivered, all players may walk up the side of the mat.

Explanation: This amendment clarifies the movement of players on the change of end in any competition. Singles after eighth bowl, pairs after sixth bowl, triples after eighth bowl, and fours after twelfth bowl, of any end. It will assist with speed of play in time limit games.

Law 25

(a) In any competition, where at the completion of a game the scores are level and the conditions of the game require a decision, a further end shall be played. Should this deciding end be killed the appropriate penalty, as provided in Law 27, shall be scored by the opposing player or team and the game shall be ended. If, however, this end is drawn, a further end shall be played.

(b) Where a deciding end (scores are level) is required as a result of a kill on the last played end or a final end (Law 28), the order of play shall be determined as provided for in Law 28.

Explanation: This amendment clarifies the situation where upon the completion of a final or deciding end of a game AND the scores are level as a result of a kill, Rule 28 takes precedence in determining the order of play.