

NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC

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Firstly thank you for re-electing me for another term on the NZIB Executive. I enjoy the position and have learnt a lot of what happens at "the Top".

Well the season seems to be closing in on us fast and the outdoor fast approaching. I have been asked to sit the outdoor exam, but far too complicated for me.

I have been encouraged by the support from other areas, to increase the umpires and measurers. I will certainly be doing my best to outperform! We need officials within the sport to help it survive the future. Refresher courses, such as brushing up on measuring techniques, oral questions on laws and going over the common mat faults together, as an association is well worth it. If you need a hand with what you need to do, please don't hesitate to contact Ngaire or myself. We are always looking for trainers in areas, who would be willing to travel to other areas to boost our numbers.
IS THIS FOR YOU?

LAWS OF THE GAME can be obtained from National Office and I suggest you give one to every new bowler, as we have done. They are most grateful and feel they can then get to know the sport a little more.

- No particular laws have been brought up lately but keep refreshing your DEAD end rules as these are the most commonly mistaken ones. LAW - 21,22. The other most common mistake is the BURNED AT REST or BURNED IN MOTION-Law 29 and Law 30. If players or you are unsure refer to the Law book.

TIPS

- Check your equipment regularly-someone may have borrowed your measures (this happened recently, to an umpire-not me!)
- Name your equipment –then it can't roam
- Encourage players to stand in front of the jack to establish who has shot-good to get into the habit when finding out what shot to measure first.
- Walk around the bowls not through them when measuring.

Thank you once again for another successful season and I wish you all well for the festive season and safe holiday

Viv Hudson, umpires representative to executive

From the National Examiner

The 2010 National Umpires' Theory Examination described a situation where a bowl was played out of order. This bowl disturbed the head. The mistake was detected before the next bowl was bowled, and the opposing Skip exercised their right under Law 15(b) to replace the head, and return the bowl to be played in its proper order.

The Skip, whose team had played out of order, called an Umpire and protested that the head had not been fairly replaced to its previous position.

Candidates were asked what decision the Umpire should make within the Laws?

Fourteen of the fifteen candidates stated that they would declare the end dead, even though they could not quote any Law that supported their answer.

The one correct answer lay within Law 18; The player who has the right to replace the head is the sole judge of the previous position regardless of whether the offending player thinks it is fair or not.

As most candidates were local Umpires there is concern that this misconception might be widespread. Law 26 (b) (ii) and Law 30 (A) (ii) are further examples of where Law 18 would apply.

From National Office

Thank you to all districts who have returned their membership lists which has allowed us to keep the Umpires database up to date.

Those districts who have not yet done so are Central Otago, Hawkes Bay, North Harbour and Wanganui. It would very much be appreciated if this can be done immediately.