



Terms of Reference

Committee Objective

The objective of the BHBR Umpiring Committee is to ensure that the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Bowls Australia Domestic Regulations, Bowls Victoria and Region Regulations are followed in all recognized events, and that there is a satisfactory pool of qualified, proficient umpires for the Region.

Membership of

BHBR Umpiring Committee:

- Interested members of clubs in both Playing Areas must submit Expressions of Interest to the BHBR Board.
- The BHBR Board will endeavour to ensure that there is adequate representation from both Playing Areas on the Committee.
- A maximum of one representative per club will be permissible on the committee.
- Umpiring Committee members must be appointed by the BHBR Board. The Board should use its discretion on the number. Minimum 3 – 5 but more may be appropriate.
- The Chair of the BHBR Board may chair the first meeting of the Umpiring Committee.
- The Coordinator of the Umpiring Committee to be an accredited National Umpire.
- The Coordinator of the Committee shall be appointed by the BHBR Board.
- The BHBR Board member who is assigned the portfolio of Umpiring, will be an ex officio member of the Umpiring Committee.
- The Committee must report to the BHBR Board on a regular basis, through the Umpiring liaison Board member.

Operating Principles:

- The Umpiring Committee must be autonomous.
- The Umpiring Committee must establish a meeting schedule and methods of communication at their first meeting.
- Only members of the Umpiring Committee can vote on any issues to do with Umpiring.

- The BHBR Board will try to fill any casual vacancy.
- To ensure that the Committee has the best interests of all bowlers in mind when making decisions or recommendations, the Committee should not be influenced or biased by personal involvement and declare any conflicts of interest.
- Umpiring Committee members must respect and honour the confidentiality of the Committee deliberations and decision making.
- The Umpiring Committee must be cohesive and present a united front. Decisions and recommendations belong to the whole Committee.

Responsibilities of the BHBR Umpiring Committee:

- To maintain a register of accredited umpires in the Region and ensure they are acknowledged on BowlsLink.
- To appoint umpires to state / regional events and finals as required or requested. (This may require members on the Umpiring Committee to make the appointments within their own Playing Area.)
- To actively seek out bowlers with suitable skills to undertake marker, measurer and umpire training.
- To co-opt other accredited umpires to assist when required.
- To co-ordinate training and re-accreditation of Markers, Measurers and Umpires in the Region.
- To liaise and communicate effectively with the Bowls Victoria Officiating and Laws Committee.
- To ensure that all umpires, the BHBR Board, all Committees, Clubs and bowlers are informed of any changes to rules, regulations and conditions of play.
- To mentor newly trained Markers, Measurers and Umpires and support all experienced officials.
- To communicate effectively and efficiently with the BHBR Board, other Committees, Clubs and bowlers.