



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COUNCILLORS, GROUP & ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES,  
DUC CHAIRMEN & CLUB SECRETARIES

**FROM:** IAN BOLCH, CHAIRMAN RULES, APPEALS AND UMPIRES  
COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT: SMOKING ON THE GREEN**

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**RVBA REF : MSC 052/08**

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## SMOKING ON THE GREEN

Following a number of enquiries as to how the game will proceed if a team member should be penalised for smoking on the green, it has been necessary to add to the last sentence the appropriate law numbers (Laws 46.1 & 46.2) to ensure the game will be completed in accordance with the Law.

### **The Rule now reads:**

#### ***Rule 1C(ii)***

*If a player is observed by the umpire to be smoking on the green, the umpire will warn the player and advise his/her skip, the manager and/or the Controlling Body, if the player is found to be smoking on a second occasion the umpire will immediately suspend him/her from play for the remainder of the day. Should the penalty be applied, no replacement or substitute player will be allowed for his/her team. **In a team game, the game shall be forfeited to their opponents as in Law 46.1, and in a side game the team shall play one player short in accordance with Law 46.2.***

**CLUB SECRETARIES ARE ADVISED TO ENSURE THAT ALL UMPIRES ARE GIVEN THIS INFORMATION AND THAT THEY MUST BE PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY.**

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