

Terms of Reference – without playing areas

Committee Objective

The objective of the 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 Region Umpiring Committee:

- Interested members of clubs must submit expressions of interest to the Region Board.
- Umpiring Committee members must be appointed by the Region Board. The Board should use its discretion on the number. Minimum 3 – 5 but more may be appropriate.
- The President of the Region Board must chair the first meeting of the Umpiring Committee.
- The Chair of the Umpiring Committee to be an accredited National Umpire.
- The Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the Committee.
- The Region 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 Region Board on a regular basis, through the Umpiring Portfolio.

Operating Principles:

- The Umpiring Committee must be autonomous.
- The Umpiring Committee must establish a meeting schedule and methods of communication at the first meeting and inform the Region Board.
- Only members of the Umpiring Committee can vote on any issues to do with Umpiring in the Region.
- Unexplained non-attendance at three consecutive meetings results in termination of a place on the Committee.
- The Region Board must 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 Region Umpiring Committee:

- To maintain a register of accredited umpires in the Region and ensure they are acknowledged on BowlsLink.
- To actively seek out bowlers with suitable skills to undertake marker, measurer and umpires 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 Region 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 be cognizant of all relevant policies including Bowls Victoria Social Media policy.
- To communicate effectively and efficiently with the Region Board, other Committees, Clubs and bowlers.