

POLICY TITLE: APPEALS POLICY
POLICY CLASS: GENERAL



POLICY:

This policy relates to appeals against the umpires decision and appeals in general. It should be noted that there are issues where an appeals process is documented which should be followed.

APPEAL AGAINST AN UMPIRES DECISION:

The following guidelines are to be followed where a player/team/side wishes to lodge an appeal against the umpires decision at the conclusion of the match.

MATTERS WHICH MAY BE APPEALED:

An umpire's decision upon a question relating to the meaning or interpretation of any law or given set of circumstances not covered in the law may be subject to an appeal.

REFERRED BY:

An appeal maybe lodged by the skip of either team in a team game or the manager of either side in a side game or by either player in a singles game.

DEPOSIT REQUIRED:

\$50.00

REFERRED TO:

The appeal may be heard by the State or territory association through the Controlling Body. The decision of the state or territory association should be final and binding with respect to the appeal submitted.

If the appellant requests, the state or territory association should submit the case to the Bowls Australia National Officiating Committee whose decision shall be binding for future occasions.

PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW:

1. If, on hearing the umpire's decision, the player decides to appeal the decision, then the umpire should be advised by the player who should then pay the deposit to the umpire.
2. The umpire should as soon as possible submit a written report on all the circumstances leading up to the appeal, including the decision which is subject to the appeal, forwarding it together with the deposit to the state or territory association.

3. If, in the opinion of the state or territory association, the appeal is found to be frivolous, the deposit should be forfeited; otherwise it should be returned to the appellant.
4. If it be required that the result of the game or competition be decided forthwith or at the end of play on the day on which the incident occurred, then, whether or not the umpire's decision be later found by the state or territory association or the Bowls Australia National Officiating Committee to be incorrect, it shall be final and binding in respect of all circumstances adjudicated upon and no further action will be taken by the state or territory association or the Bowls Australia National Officiating Committee other than under the terms of sub-clause 6.
5. If an immediate result of the game or competition be not considered necessary, or if the game or competition involves play at a later date of a further round, and before such later date the decision made by the umpire is held to be incorrect either by the state or territory association or the Bowls Australia National Officiating Committee on appeal, then the state or territory association will forthwith make any consequential adjustment to the score and/or take any further action that may become necessary to rectify the result of the original decision of the umpire.
6. In the event of the umpire's decision being ultimately held to be incorrect, or varied in any way, and whether the matter be dealt with under the terms of either sub-clause 4 or 5, in either case Bowls Australia or the relevant state or territory association should take steps to disseminate the correct decision in the given circumstances.

RELATED POLICIES: Nil

RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:

- **Development manager**
- **National Officiating Director**

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