



## **POLICY TITLE: APPEALS POLICY**

<b>RELATED POLICIES:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:</b>	Audit, Risk and Policy Committee
<b>AUTHORITY:</b>	The Bowls Australia Board
<b>APPLICABLE FORMS:</b>	Nil
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**1. POLICY**

1.1 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.

**2. APPEAL AGAINST AN UMPIRES DECISION**

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

**3. MATTERS WHICH MAY BE APPEALED**

3.1 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.

**4. REFERRED BY**

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

**5. DEPOSIT REQUIRED**

\$100.00

**6. REFERRED TO:**

6.1 The appeal shall be heard by the State or Territory Association (STA) through the Controlling Body. The decision of the STA shall be final and binding subject to any subsequent appeal to Bowls Australia (BA).

6.2 If the appellant requests, the STA must submit the case to the BA National Officiating Advisory Group (NOAG) whose decision shall be binding for future occasions subject to changes in laws and domestic regulations.

**7. PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW**

7.1 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. The deposit must be lodged not later than 10 minutes after the completion of the final end of the game. The appellant shall then submit their appeal in writing within 72 hours of the completion of the game to the Controlling Body.

7.2 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 STA.

7.3 If, in the opinion of the STA, the appeal is found to be frivolous, the deposit should be forfeited; otherwise it should be returned to the appellant.

- 7.4 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 STA or NOAG 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 STA or NOAG other than under the terms of Sub-Clause 6.1.
- 7.5 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 STA or NOAG on appeal, then the STA 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.
- 7.6 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 Sub-Clause 6, in either case BA or the relevant STA should take steps to disseminate the correct decision in the given circumstances.