



BOWLS NORTH INC

POLICY TITLE: SERIOUS INJURY & ILLNESS POLICY

RELATED POLICIES:	NIL
RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:	BOWLS NORTH BOARD
APPROVED:	02 October 2023
NEXT REVIEW DATE:	02 October 2025



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PREAMBLE:

The Bowls North board has adopted this policy to cover actions available to players if a player is seriously injured or passes away whilst playing pennant or immediately prior to playing pennant. It is unlikely that a player would ever officially be declared to have passed away on the bowls green. Even if a player had stopped breathing and their heart had stopped beating, they'd be given CPR and only declared passed later at the hospital. The Bowls North Board is concerned that in the event of such an occurrence the players may be too shaken up or distraught to continue.

POLICY:

- In the event of the death of a player on the green, all play on the green must be abandoned immediately.
- In the event of a serious injury or illness to a player on the green, all play on the green must be postponed immediately until the player has been removed from the green.
- A minimum 20-minute compulsory break shall be taken if requested by either Side Captain.
- If, owing to a serious injury or illness, play has been delayed and the game is unlikely to be finished within two hours of the normal finish of play, the game shall be abandoned.
- If the majority of players from the team whose player has been seriously injured or who has become seriously unwell are too shaken up or distraught to continue with the game, the game shall be abandoned.
- Where a decision is made to abandon the game, all points shall be shared except if a game is abandoned after sufficient ends have been played to constitute a match, when the game will be deemed to be complete with the match result determined by the scores as at the abandonment.
- The same policy shall apply in the event of a serious injury or illness to the player travelling to pennant or waiting at the Club for pennant to commence.

Approved by the Bowls North Board
1st July 2019