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BOWLS BY-LAWS

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1 Definition of Words and Interpretations

For the purposes of these Bowls By-Laws, words and interpretations used within these Bowls By-Laws have the meaning as defined under Rule 2.1 and 2.2 of the Club Constitution.

2 Compulsory Review by Directors

These Bowls By-Laws shall be subjected to a compulsory review by the Directors at least once (1) in every two (2) years, to ensure the Bowls By-Laws meet:

- a) the requirements of the Law; and
- b) consider the By-Laws of Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland and/or District Bowls Association.
- c) Directors need to be up to date of any changes to Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland and/or District Bowls Association By-Laws.

3 Preamble to Bowls By-Laws

- 3.1 These Bowls By-Laws are made under the provisions of Rules 8.1(c), 8.1(d) of the Club Constitution.
- 3.2 Any by-law of the Club in material conflict with the Constitution, Rules or By-Laws of Bowls Queensland or Bowls Australia is of no force or effect.
- 3.3 A copy of the current Bowls By-Laws shall be maintained in the Bowls Office.

4 Affiliations

The Club will:

- a) affiliate with Bowls Queensland and accept and abide by the rules and by-laws of Bowls Queensland insofar as they apply to the Game of Bowls.
- b) be a member of a District Bowls Association and accept and abide by the rules and by laws of the District Bowls Association insofar as they apply to the Game of Bowls.
- c) renew its affiliation with Bowls Queensland each year in accordance with the Constitution of Bowls Queensland and pay the annual affiliation fees direct to Bowls Queensland.

- d) renew its membership with the District Bowls Association each year in accordance with the Rules of the District Bowls Association and pay annual affiliation fees to the District Bowls Association.
- e) provide to Bowls Queensland and to the District Bowls Association the returns that are required by those bodies.
- f) provide advice to Bowls Queensland and to the District Bowls Association within thirty (30) clear days of any event which would affect the status of the Club's affiliation with Bowls Queensland, the legal status of the Club and/or any changes or amendments to the Club's Constitution; and
- g) not make, amend or repeal a Rule or by-law in relation to the playing of the Game of Bowls that conflicts with the Rules and by-laws of Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland or the District Bowls Association.
- h) The Club shall not affiliate with any club, association or corporation which has an object or purpose of a political or religious nature.

5 District Bowls Association (DBA)

- 5.1 The Club members shall elect a club delegate (Male & Female) at each AGM.
- 5.2 If a Club Delegate becomes unwilling or unable to act in that capacity, the Directors shall appoint a full member of the club, to act temporarily or permanently as Club Delegate.
- 5.3 If a Club Delegate is not able to attend a scheduled meeting of the DBA, a Proxy Club Delegate shall be appointed by the Board to attend the meeting.
- 5.4 A DBA Proxy Form must be completed by the Director of Administration and delivered to the Club's Proxy Delegate prior to the Proxy attending the DBA meeting.

6 Life Membership - Eligibility Criteria

Nominations for life membership should include, but not be limited to, consideration of the following, where relevant.

- a) Length of membership
Continuous membership of at least twenty years
- b) Contribution to the club
Board service
Committee service
Volunteering around the club
Coaching / Umpiring

- c) Club player representation
Regular commitment to club representative competitions
Commitment to competing in Club championships.
- d) Personal attributes
Disciplinary record
Attitude and demeanour
Demonstrated club values, respect, integrity, team spirit.

7 Director of Greens

- 7.1 The Club members shall elect a Greens Coordinator at each AGM.
- 7.2 If a Greens Coordinator becomes unwilling or unable to act in that capacity, the Directors shall appoint a full member of the club, to act temporarily or permanently as the Greens Coordinator.

8 Greens Coordinator - Responsibilities

- 8.1 The Greens Coordinator shall be responsible for the proper maintenance of the greens to a high standard.
- 8.2 The Greens Coordinator shall be responsible for determining the suitability of the green for play.
- 8.3 The Greens Coordinator shall have the authority to call off any scheduled practice and/or game of bowls, due to the condition of the green.
- 8.4 The Greens Coordinator shall submit to the Director of Bowls a monthly written report detailing greens maintenance undertaken.
- 8.5 Smoking or Vaping within the boundaries of the carpeted green is strictly prohibited.
- 8.6 The consumption of any type of food and/or beverage within the boundaries of the carpeted green is strictly prohibited.
- 8.7 Advice of the decision to call off a scheduled practice and/or game of bowls, where possible, will be made using usual social media platforms.
- 8.8 No person may practice and/or play a game of bowls at any time on the Club green that has a sign on it indicating the green is closed.
- 8.9 Unless requested to do so by the Greens Coordinator, no other person may remove from the green a sign that states the green is closed for play.

9 Bowls Committee

- 9.1 The Club members shall elect the Director of Bowls at an AGM for a two-year term (Even Years) and that person shall be the Chair of the Bowls Committee.
- 9.2 If a Director of Bowls becomes unwilling or unable to act in that capacity, the Directors shall appoint a full club member, to act temporarily or permanently as the Director of Bowls.
- 9.3 The Club members shall elect a bowls committee at each AGM. The bowls committee may consist of nine (9) financial full members who have nominated to be elected as Bowls Committee members.
- 9.4 If a Bowls Committee member becomes unwilling or unable to act in that capacity, the Directors may appoint upon a resolution of Directors any other financial full member to act temporarily or permanently as a Bowls Committee member.
- 9.5 The Directors may vary the composition of the Bowls Committee at their discretion.

10 Bowls Committee - Responsibilities

The Bowls Committee is responsible for everything to do with bowls and reports to the board through the Director of Bowls.

11 Bowls Committee – Male & Female Games Coordinators

- a) The Club members shall elect the Games Coordinators (Male & Female) at an AGM.
- b) If a Games Coordinator becomes unwilling or unable to act in that capacity, the Directors may appoint, a replacement Games Coordinator.
- c) Ensure the Club's calendar of bowls events is efficiently planned and executed to a high standard.
- d) Plan and organise the Club's annual championships, social or casual games, and/or other events that the Bowls Committee deem appropriate.
- e) Be the Controlling Body for the Club's annual championships, social or casual games, and/or other events that the Bowls Committee deem appropriate.
- f) Arrange appropriate advertising for all events using various available media options.
- g) Ensure all advertising non-exempt events stipulates that the club reserves the right to vary prizemoney relative to the number of entries received.

- h) Ensure that all social bowls events provide, at minimum, a break-even return.
- i) Ensure that all special bowls events, where possible, provide a break-even return. If a break-even return cannot be achieved, the event conditions may be amended or be cancelled, and nominating players' game fees reimbursed.
- j) Ensure that Conditions of Play are maintained and regularly reviewed for all Club annual championships, social or casual games, bowls carnivals and/or other special days/games, and be made available to intending players, umpires and measurers and other persons having a legitimate requirement.
- k) Encourage full members to be available to run the events defined under the provisions of By-Law 11b.
- l) Submit to the Director of Bowls a monthly report detailing monthly and YTD participation numbers and activities.
- m) Undertake any other duties and/or responsibilities referred to it by the Directors.

12 Bowls Committee – Male & Female Selectors

- a) The Club members shall elect the club selectors (Male & Female) at an AGM.
- b) If a club selector becomes unwilling or unable to act in that capacity, the Directors may appoint, a replacement Club Selector.
- c) The selection panel shall select teams for Pennants, and for any other competition the Club or Directors deem necessary.

13 Bowls Committee – Male & Female Delegates

- a) The Club members shall elect the club Delegates (Male & Female) at an AGM.
- b) If a club Delegate becomes unwilling or unable to act in that capacity, the Directors may appoint, a replacement Club Delegate.
- c) The Club Delegate shall attend all district meetings and submit a report back to the Director of Bowls.

14 Bowls Committee - Bowls Events Coordinator

- a) The Club members shall elect the Bowls Event Coordinator and committee at an AGM.
- b) If the Bowls Events Coordinator or committee member becomes unwilling or unable to act in that capacity, the Directors may appoint, a replacement Bowls Events Coordinator or committee member, to act temporarily or permanently as the Bowls Event Coordinator or Committee Member.
- c) The Major Events Committee shall attend to all matters referred to it by the Directors.
- d) The Bowls Events Committee shall plan and organise allocated events.
- e) If a nominated bowls event is likely to operate at a loss greater than 20% of the required prize money, the Bowls Events Coordinator shall, at least one calendar month prior to the scheduled commencement date of the bowls event, advise the Board accordingly. The decision on whether to proceed will be at the discretion of the Board.
- f) Events allocated to the Major Events Committee are.

Male & Female Classics

Triples Events

Any additional event the Directors deem appropriate.

15 Club Uniform

- 15.1 The official Club colours are green, yellow, blue and white.
- 15.2 The Club Uniform approved by the Directors comprises the following:
 - a) Club shirt,
 - b) Club trousers, shorts or skirt,
 - c) White Socks,
- 15.3 Club uniform shall be worn by all players in the following events.
 - a) Club Championships
 - b) District Championships
 - c) BQ BA sanctioned events
 - d) Club Representative events e.g., Pennant, and similar.
 - e) Any other event as determined by the Club.

16 Social, Casual, Barefoot and Corporate Bowls Attire

- 16.1 All players shall dress in:
 - a) Neat casual attire.
- 16.2 Footwear shall be flat-soled and heelless, for casual and corporate events.

17 Delivery of Bowls

- 17.1 The improper delivery of any bowl by dumping is strictly prohibited.
- 17.2 For the purposes of By-Law 17.1, 'improper delivery – dumping' means a bowl delivered or dropped from a height onto the green's playing surface and has the potential to cause damage to the green's surface and/or sub-surface.
- 17.3 Any bowler identified by a Club coach or a controlling body for any bowls activity under the Club's control, as delivering a bowl through an improper delivery is required to employ one of the following courses of remedial action:
 - a) seek remedial action from their Club coach to correct the improper delivery action; or
 - b) experiment with a BA approved artificial device (bowling arm) to enable the correct delivery of the bowl if the improper delivery is caused by a physical disability.
- 17.4 Any bowler who has been identified under the provisions of By-Law 17.3 shall be officially warned in writing by a Club Coach that his or her delivery action is deemed an improper delivery.
- 17.5 Any bowler who has been officially warned under the provisions of By-Law 17.4 and who continues to employ an improper delivery:
 - a) shall be requested to leave the green until the improper delivery action has been remedied under the provisions of By-Law 17.3; and
 - b) shall not be permitted to return for any bowls activity under the Club's control until he has satisfied a Club Coach that his or her delivery action meets the Club's standard.

18 Bowls Etiquette

- 18.1 When removing bowls from their bowls bag, bowlers are required to place, not drop, their bowls carefully on the bank or playing surface.
- 18.2 In the interest of the personal health and safety of all Club bowlers or any other persons utilising the Club's green or surrounds, no player or spectator shall sit or kneel on the carpeted area of the banks above the ditches.

- 18.3 A player or spectator not complying with the provisions of By-Law 18.1 or 18.2 shall be warned by the controlling body, and if subsequently observed to be in violation of By-Law 18.1 or 18.2, may be requested to vacate the green and/or surrounds.

19 Sun Safety

In the interest of the personal health and well-being of all Club bowlers or any other persons utilising the Club's green or surrounds, the Club strongly recommends the wearing of suitable protective clothing and sunglasses appropriate to the Queensland and/or Australian climate and by applying sunscreen protection cream when participating in or viewing the game of bowls and/or practice.

20 Player Availability

- 20.1 When a member of the Club has been called to fulfil a Bowls Australia, Bowls Queensland, District Bowls Association or Club ("relevant body") commitment in a match or on official business, if the member is or becomes unavailable on any day on which they have been drawn to play or called upon by a relevant body, the onus is on the member to notify the relevant body that they are unavailable as soon as practicable in accordance with the Rules of the Game of Bowls.
- 20.2 The relevant body may define circumstances in which it will not accept as a valid reason for a player's unavailability. However, a substitute is not to be permitted if an intended player subsequently enters another competition scheduled to be played at the same time. If a substitute is refused on these grounds the relevant body must declare the position of the absent player vacant and allow an eligible player to fill the vacated position as a constituted player of the team, but only one (1) player on a team may be replaced in this way.

21 Green Fees

- 21.1 Green fees, entrance fees and other fees and charges are payable at such times and in such amounts as the Bowls Committee from time to time may determine.

22 Club Championships - Player Eligibility

- 22.1 A Club player nominating to play in any of the Club's championships shall be a life, financial full, Pensioner or junior member of the Club at the time of nominating and commencement of play.
- 22.2 Any Club life, full, Pensioner or junior member who is also a member of another club is not eligible to nominate or play in any of the Club's championships if he has played in any of that other club's championships in either Club's bowling year.

23 Club Championships - Nominations

Nominations for play in any of the Club's championships shall be made by the closing date and time for nomination on the proscribed form.

24 Club Championships - Drawing and Posting of Games

- 24.1 The Male & Female Games Coordinators shall, in the presence of not less than one (1) life, full or Pensioner members of the Club, make all draws for the Club's championships.
- 24.2 Immediately following the draws, such draws shall be posted on the Club's Notice Board and other relevant forms of communications.

25 Club Championships - Calling of Games

The Male & Female Games Coordinators shall commence the championship games as soon as is reasonably practicable after the draw has been completed, preferably giving a period of at least fourteen (14) days' notice following the initial posting of the draws, and for subsequent rounds, at least seven (7) days' notice.

26 Club Championships - Playing of Games

- 26.1 All Club Championship games shall be played on or before the scheduled date for the round, where allocated.

26.2 Agreement to Play Prior to Scheduled Date

Subject to agreement between the two singles players or between opposing Skips, games may be played before the scheduled date of the round.

26.3 Advice of Alteration to Play Date and/or Time.

Where an agreement is made between the two singles players or between opposing Skips to alter the date and/or time previously scheduled or agreed to for the playing of a Club championship game, the singles players or the Skips shall notify the Male or Female Games Coordinators of the change.

26.4 Advice of Agreement to Postpone a Game

Where an agreement is made between the two singles players or between opposing Skips of an intention to postpone the playing date and/or time of a scheduled Club championship game, the singles players or the Skips shall request approval from the Male or Female Games Coordinators in advance of the scheduled playing date and/or time.

26.5 Forfeiture of Postponed Game

In the event a postponement has been agreed to and that game is not played by the date set by the Male or Female Games Coordinators for play to be completed, the singles player or team which requested the postponement shall forfeit that game.

27 Club Singles Championships

27.1 The Club's Singles championships shall be played with each player using four (4) bowls. The winner is the first player to 25 shots.

27.2 Singles Championships Markers

The Player drawn on the top of the game bracket in all first round Club singles championship games shall appoint a marker of their choice.

27.3 Singles Championships – Grades

The Club's singles championships shall be played within two (2) grades.

a) A Grade

Open to all members of the Club who comply with the provisions of By-Law 22.1.

b) B Grade

Open to all Club members who comply with the provisions of By-Law 22.1 and have not previously won any A or B Grade Club singles championship.

Winners of any B Grade singles event at the Club or any other club and/or district, state or equivalent singles event, are only eligible to enter the Club's A Grade singles championship.

28 Club Team Championships

28.1 Skips of a team shall be responsible for the registration on the appropriate form of all his team members names for any Club team championship.

28.2 Skips of a team shall be responsible for the availability of their team members and the provision of replacements or substitutes.

28.3 The Club's Pairs Championships shall be open to all Club members who comply with the provisions of By-Law 22.1, with each player using four (4) bowls.

28.4 The Club's Triples Championships shall be open to all Club members who comply with the provisions of By-Law 22.1, with each competition being played under the Conditions of Play for that competition.

- 28.5 The Club's Fours Championships shall be open to all Club members who comply with the provisions of By-Law 22.1, with each player using two (2) bowls.
- 28.6 The Club's Mixed Pairs Championships shall be played annually unless otherwise determined by the Bowls Committee.
- 28.7 The Club's Mixed Pairs Championships shall be open to all Club life, full, Pensioner or junior members, with each player using four (4) bowls.
- 28.8 A mixed pairs team shall comprise one (1) Male and one (1) Female Club members who comply with the provisions of By-Law 22.1.

29 Club Social Bowls - Laws and Domestic Regulations

- 29.1 All Club social games shall be played under the 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Edition' which includes domestic regulations for Australia and may be amended from time to time by World Bowls and/or Bowls Australia.
- 29.2 If required, Conditions of Play for any Club social game shall be as defined under the provisions of By-Laws 11 (J).
- 29.3 Unless otherwise determined by the Directors, the Male or Female Games Coordinators shall be the Controlling Body for Club organised social bowls events.

30 Registration

- 30.1 To facilitate the organisation of any game of social bowls, the scheduled closing time for registration shall be thirty (30) minutes before the advertised commencing time for the first game.
- 30.2 The Controlling Body may at its discretion extend the scheduled closing time for registration for the game under its control.
- 30.3 The Controlling Body shall not be obliged to secure playing positions for members who have registered as spares for any game of social bowls.
- 30.4 The Controlling Body shall not be obliged to advise members who have registered as spares for any game of social bowls if they have not been included in the field for that event.

31 Singles Registration

Each intending player shall be responsible for the registration of his name as a player or spare for any Club game of social bowls, by:

- a) personally, entering their name on the appropriate form.

- b) personally, contacting the Male or Female Games Coordinators requesting his name be entered on the appropriate form.

32 Team Registration

Skips of a team shall be responsible for the registration of all his team members names as players for any Club game of social bowls, by:

- a) personally, entering the names of all team members on the appropriate form.
- b) personally, contacting the Male or Female Games Coordinators requesting the names of all team members be entered on the appropriate form.

33 Spares Registration

Each intending player shall be responsible for the registration of his name as a spare for any Club game of social bowls, by:

- a) personally, entering their name and contact number on the appropriate form.
- b) personally, contacting the Male or Female Games Coordinators requesting his name and contact number be entered on the appropriate form.

34 Replacement Players and Spares

- 34.1 A registered player who becomes unavailable shall advise the Skip of the team as early as possible prior to game day to allow provisions of By-Law 34.2 to be complied with.
- 34.2 Skips shall be responsible for securing a replacement player for any member of that team who may become unavailable to play in their registered game.
- 34.3 Intending players who have registered as spares may be selected from all registered spares as a replacement player in a team by the personal choice of the Skip of the team seeking a replacement player.
- 34.4 The Controlling Body may at its discretion select in order of sequence of registration, an intending player who has registered as a spare as a replacement player in a team seeking a replacement player.

35 Closure or Abandonment of Play

- 35.1 The Controlling Body shall determine the opening and/or closing times for the Club social game under its control.
- 35.2 The Controlling Body may open and/or close play by an audible signal (bell).
- 35.3 The Controlling Body shall interrupt or abandon play in any Club game or practice under its control, due to the possible and/or imminent physical danger to players from:
- a) abnormal temperature.
 - b) storm (thunder and/or lightning, wind, or rain); and/or
 - c) any other valid reason as observed or determined by or transmitted to the Controlling Body.
 - d) refer to the Bowls Queensland Extreme Weather Policy for details which is included in this document as Addendum 1.
Note: The Club has adopted the Bowls Queensland Extreme Weather policy, with one exception. The BQ heat policy states "Where the temperature reaches 40°C, it is recommended that play/competition be discontinued". The Club has decided that this clause be amended to "Where the temperature reaches 38°C, it is recommended that play/competition be discontinued".
- 35.4 The Controlling Body shall have prime responsibility in determining the interruption and/or abandonment of play for the Club social game under its control.
- 35.5 In the absence of the Controlling Body, one or more Director shall make the determination required by the provisions of By-Law 35.3.
- 35.6 The Controlling Body or a Director shall signal the abandonment of play by an audible signal (bell) whereupon:
- a) all players shall immediately cease play, vacate the greens and/or surrounds; and
 - b) all spectators shall immediately vacate the surrounds.

36 Reimbursement of Game Fees Paid

Should inclement weather, or any other valid reason as determined by the Controlling Body or one or more Director, result in the abandonment of play prior to the completion of six (6) ends by the majority of rinks in play in the first game scheduled for play in any session, the Club may reimburse players their game fees.

37 Club Representative Competitions - Eligibility for Selection

For a player to be eligible for selection to represent the Club and play in club representative competitions, the intending player must:

- a) be a life, full, Pensioner or junior member of the Club; and
- b) not have represented any other bowls club in that club representative competitions, in the same year the member has nominated for selection to represent the Club.
- c) be committed for the duration of the nominated competition(s) including all finals.

Addendum 1



38 Bowls Queensland Extreme Weather Policy

Extremes in Australian weather raise the question about Bowls Queensland's (BQ) policy in relation to stopping play or competition when severe weather strikes and BQ has a responsibility to ensure that best practices are adhered to in the interests of its members health and wellbeing. BQ is concerned that its members participation in the game of bowls in the safest environment possible and with minimum risk of harm.

Weather conditions can vary greatly throughout Australia and BQ does not intend to second-guess the judgement of the umpire or controlling body at any game. The decision whether to suspend or discontinue play is at the discretion of the umpire/controlling body. BQ has provided the following guidelines in assisting the umpire/controlling body in making that decision.

38.1 GENERAL GUIDELINES

- **All temperatures referred to in this policy are guidelines only and are not binding.**
- Each club and or controlling body should ensure where elderly and under 18's persons are participating; due care is taken in extreme weather conditions.
- Each club should have in place evacuation and emergency policies and procedures.
- Each club/controlling body should provide a contact phone number that players and officials can ring if they are in doubt as to the state of play on any given day.
- BQ advises where possible, clubs/controlling body should usually continue play or competition where they are able to do so however, player and official's safety will remain the paramount consideration.
- The umpire/controlling body should suspend play/competition for up to 2 hours if the adverse weather conditions may improve. Where conditions have not improved in that time, the umpire/controlling body should cancel the play/competition for that day and reschedule.
- The umpire/controlling body may approve rescheduling play/competition to another day or weekend if the umpire/controlling body determines that conditions are unsafe for players, officials or spectators. Typical reasons for this include consistent heavy

rain, slippery conditions, extreme heat or cold, snow, bad light and lightning.

- If play/competition is to be cancelled and rescheduled, the umpire/controlling body will use their best endeavours to notify participants. The umpire/controlling body will determine the most appropriate method of communication and might consider community radio, newsletter, phone calls or emails.
- Each club/controlling body should have its own policy as to refunding any fees to those participants who are unable to play/complete at the rescheduled time when the play/competition is cancelled due to adverse weather.

38.2 HOT WEATHER

- Players, officials and spectators should at all times be encouraged to wear hats or other head protection. It is recommended that a hat be part of club uniform.
- Drinks should be available at every venue where play/competition takes place. Tap water should be available free of charge and in unlimited quantities. Other drinks may be served or sold as determined by each club.
- When the temperature reaches 35°C, play/competition can be interrupted at regular intervals for a short period of time (at the conclusion of the current end), during which time drinks should be made available.
- The temperature reading should be taken from a ventilated location, not in direct sunlight, which will allow a general reading.
- Where available, shelter should be offered for players and officials not involved in current play.
- Where the temperature reaches 38°C, it is recommended that play/competition be discontinued.
- It will be at the discretion of the umpire/controlling body to determine whether to discontinue play. In making the decision, the umpire/controlling body will take account of all relevant factors including the age and health of players and officials, the weather conditions and climate for that part of the country, the level of humidity, the evacuation and emergency plans of the club and venue and the amount of shade or shelter available at the venue.
- The umpire/controlling body must take serious considerations upon a complaint and request from a player, players playing in the play/competition about the playing conditions as set out above at the time that the request is made.

38.3 WET/COLD WEATHER

- In parts of Queensland susceptible to cold and wet weather, it is recommended that clubs/controlling body have warm clothes and a waterproof jacket as part of their uniform.
- When severe weather is forecast, the umpire/controlling body should initiate procedures and monitor weather reports. They may contact local and State agencies for input on weather and road conditions. They should review such things as the present weather conditions and the traffic conditions within the immediate area as

well as outlying roads upon which players and officials are arriving. Based on this information, the umpire/controlling body will decide whether to cancel play/competition.

- Where available, shelter should be offered for players and officials not involved in current play.
- If the ground is slippery from frost, snow, rain or mud or if the temperature drops below 8 °C it is at the discretion of the umpire/controlling body whether to discontinue play. In making the decision account should be taken of all relevant factors including the age and health of players and officials, the weather conditions and climate for those parts of the country, the wind-chill factor, the evacuation and emergency plans for the club and venue and the amount of shelter available at the venue.
- If it is raining heavily, play/competition should be discontinued for a period of 2 hours. If it continues to rain heavily during that time, it is recommended that play/competition be discontinued. The time may vary from venue to venue depending upon the playing surface, the shelter available etc. It is at the discretion of the umpire/controlling body to determine whether to discontinue play.
- The umpire/controlling body must consider all facts as set out above upon a request from a player or players about the weather conditions being experienced at that time.

38.4 LIGHTNING

- At all times when experiencing a lightning storm at the venue all play/competition must cease immediately until the lightning storm passes. There is to be no variation to this type of extreme weather.
- If the lightning storm has not passed within 2 hours and the lightning storm continues, then it is recommended that play/competition be discontinued.
- The umpire/controlling body must then arrange a new time for the play/competition to continue and advise all officials and players of their decision.

38.5 SUN PROTECTION

- BQ has a commitment towards sun protection from the harmful effects of the sun. BQ encourages all districts, clubs, participants, officials and spectators of bowls to comply with the separately outlined Bowls Queensland Sun Protection Policy.