



KANGAROO FLAT BOWLS CLUB GREENS PROTECTION POLICY

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1 PREAMBLE AND RATIONALE

KFBC Greens are the core material asset of our Club and are inherently expensive to repair and replace. This applies to both our Grass and Synthetic Greens.

It is acknowledged that through remedial practices the vast majority of bowlers should be able to continue to enjoy and compete in bowls and that bowls will continue to be a sport for life.

2 KFBC RULES

Play on Kangaroo Flat Bowling Club Greens is subject to the following rules being observed:

- **Smoking:** Not allowed on Greens or Surrounds – Smoking is only allowed in designated Areas.
- **Drinking:** Not allowed on the Synthetic Green.
- **Eating:** Not allowed on the Synthetic Green.
- **Dumping:** Not allowed on any Greens.
- **Dropping Bowls** – Bowls are not to be dropped on Greens or Surrounds, but should be placed to minimise damage to the Greens and Surrounds.

3 DUMPING OF BOWLS

A player's delivery is classified as "Dumping a Bowl" when it is considered that the player's delivery will cause damage to Clubs Greens, either Grass or Synthetic.

The 'Dumping' of Bowls at KFBC can occur during 3 different scenarios:

- Home Pennant game
- KFBC Social Bowls or a Tournament
- Barefoot Bowls

A Player identified as "Dumping Bowls has the option of using a "Dump Mat". The Club has 3 "Dump Mats" available if they are required.

3.1 Home Pennant Game

The "Dumping" of Bowls during a KFBC Home Pennant Game is to be managed under the current, "Bendigo Campaspe Goldfields Bowls Region Conditions of Play".

The KFBC Selection Committee shall be responsible for nominating a “Greens Director” for each Home Pennant Game (This person cannot be the Umpire).

KFBC Bowlers who have been identified as a player who is “Dumping” bowls cannot be selected as a member of a Pennant Team until their delivery has been modified as acceptable by a Club Coach.

3.2 KFBC Social Bowls or Tournament

3.2.1 Social Bowls

It is the responsibility of the Match Committee to identify any players who are causing damage to the green by “Dumping” their bowls.

The process is for a Match Committee representative to warn the player they are considered to be “Dumping” their bowls.

If the player does not modify their delivery during the match, the Match Committee Representative will advise:

- The player that it is considered that they are still “Dumping” and that they must seek the assistance of a Club Coach;
- Forward the name of the offending player to the Club Coaches;
- The player that they will not be eligible to play bowls at KFBC until their delivery has been modified as acceptable by a Club Coach.

3.2.2 KFBC Tournaments

The KFBC Match Committee are to:

- Advise players entering Club Tournaments that “Dumping” is not acceptable;
- Identify any player who is considered to be “Dumping”;
- Warn the player who is “Dumping” to modify their delivery;
- Advise any player who does not modify their action that the Club will not accept any future entries.

3.3 KFBC Barefoot Bowls

It is the responsibility of the Barefoot Bowls Committee to identify any players who are causing damage to the green by “Dumping” their bowls.

The process is for the Committee representative to:

- advise the player they are considered to be “Dumping” their bowls and the reasons why dumping is considered detrimental to our Greens;
- endeavour to help the player modify their delivery;
- If the player is then still considered to be dumping, arrange for a Club Coach to provide advice and training;

The player cannot participate in Barefoot Bowls until their delivery has been modified as acceptable by a Club Coach.

4.0 Club Coaches

It is the role of Club Coaches to assist players who have been referred to them, as they have been nominated as “Dumping” their Bowls.

Coaches can assist players who are considered to be “Dumping” by:

- Explaining why “Dumping” is not acceptable;
- Attempting to understand how or why the player is dumping the Bowls;
- Provide some coaching advice;
- Help the player modify their delivery;
- Introduce the bowler to the use of a Bowlers Arm.

When the Coach believes the player has modified their delivery and are not “Dumping” they are responsible for advising the referring Committee of the outcome.

Attachment 1

Bendigo Campaspe Goldfields Bowls Region “Pennant Conditions of Play 2021/22”.

Section 44

Damage to Green - Delivery of a Jack or Bowl

- 1.1. If the umpire by observation or on appeal by a greens director or their deputy decides a player is causing damage to the green when delivering the jack or a bowl, a warning will be issued to the player and their skip and/or side manager advised.
- 1.2. If the umpire forms the opinion that the player has repeated the same offence a second time, the umpire will direct that the player must use a "dump mat" if available.
- 1.3. If the offending player refuses to use a "dump mat", they will be a defaulting player and be removed from the game as per DR 1.2.
- 1.4. If a "dump mat" is not available and the offending player refuses to leave the game, the game will be forfeited to the opposing side.
- 1.5. If a "dump mat" is not available and the offending player agrees to leave the game as directed by the umpire, a substitute is then permitted in accordance with DR 2.4.
- 1.6. A "dump mat" may only be used for an individual player(s) to address an identified issue as defined above.