



Bowls Manawatu

Representative

Code of Conduct

for Players, Selectors, Coaches & Managers

1. Introduction:

Purpose: The purpose of this Code is to ensure that all current and prospective Manawatu Representative players are aware of the eligibility conditions, standard of conduct expected of them and the consequences of breaching that standard.

Background: Bowls Manawatu, and Representative Officials, invest significant effort and resources into the Bowls Manawatu representative programme. To ensure this investment is justified, certain expectations of Representative players are necessary.

Commencement: This Code supersedes and replaces all previous Bowls Manawatu Representative Codes of Conduct. This Code came into force in August, 2024.

General: All representative players are expected to model good behaviour on and off the green during all representative and non-representative events.

2. Selection:

Eligibility: To be eligible for selection in a Bowls Manawatu representative team, a player must demonstrate a commitment to playing bowls in the Manawatu region by 'active' participation in appropriate Bowls Manawatu competitions (ie Interclub), Bowls Manawatu tournaments and club events.

Selection: Selection of a representative side is the sole responsibility of the Representative Selectors. The Selectors reserve the right to implement additional expectations and qualifying criteria as deemed appropriate.

General: All representative players are expected to model good behaviour on and off the green during all representative and non-representative events.

3. Definitions:

For the purposes of this Code:

“Anti-Match Fixing Regulation” means the Bowls NZ Anti-Match Fixing Regulation, as amended from time to time.

“Bowls Manawatu Integrity Officer” means the Bowls Manawatu General Manager, unless the Board decides otherwise.

“Tournament Director” means the director of an Event as appointed by the controlling body.

“Conditions of Play” means the playing conditions, eligibility, and other rules of the tournament under which an Event is to be played, as determined by the controlling body.

“Event Officials” means any individuals who are appointed by the controlling body or host (Centre or Club) to positions of responsibility at an event including, but not limited to, volunteers, employees, officers, umpires, and Tournament Director.

“Judicial Committee” has the meaning given to it in the Bowls Manawatu Judicial Regulation.

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“Laws of the Sport” means the laws for playing the Game of Bowls as approved by World Bowls (including all domestic Regulations and the Conditions of Play).

“Match Fixing” means conduct defined as prohibited conduct in the Anti-Match Fixing Regulation including corruption, betting, misusing inside information and other offence.

“Misconduct” in this Code means, but is not restricted to, situations during an Event where a Participant:

- breaches any provision of the Laws of the Sport;
- deliberately loses or attempts to lose a game of bowls or plays unfairly;
- engages in Match Fixing;
- alters a bowl after it has been stamped by a registered bowls tester without submitting it for retesting and restamping;
- uses any profane, indecent, or improper language;
- at any time or place, engages in offensive or insulting behaviour towards Bowls Manawatu, Bowls NZ, any Centre, Club or Member;
- acts in a manner which brought, or could bring, Bowls Manawatu, any Centre, or any Club into disrepute;
- acts in a manner unbecoming of a Participant, or a member of a Centre or Club or which is prejudicial to the Objects and/or the objects of a Centre and/or Club;
- aids or abets any of the conduct specified in above.

“Event” means any Representative event for which the participant has been selected to represent Bowls Manawatu, including but not limited to Open, Masters and Junior Representative’s sides. An Event shall be deemed to start at the selection and publication of the side, or upon commencement of travel to the Event (whichever is the earlier) and shall end at the conclusion of the official closing, or upon return to Manawatu (whichever is the latter).

“Participant” means any person who participates in a Representative Event, including but not limited to players, selectors, coaches, managers who:

- are Members of Bowls Manawatu and Bowls NZ; or
- have acknowledged in writing that they are bound by this Code.

“**Selector**” means any individual who is appointed by Bowls Manawatu to select and/or manage a representative side. All other defined terms have the same meaning as defined in the Bowls Manawatu constitution or the Bowls Manawatu Regulations.

4. **Players Obligations:**

Sportsmanship: Participants must conduct themselves in a proper manner, including maintaining a high standard of personal conduct, so as not to bring themselves, Bowls Manawatu, another Centre, Club, or the game of Bowls into disrepute. Accordingly, all Participants will:

Best efforts: A Participant must always demonstrate utmost efforts on and off the green to represent Bowls Manawatu to the best of their ability throughout the duration of the event.

Respect: maintaining an attitude of respect and politeness towards teammates, opponents and Event Officials.

Alcohol: No alcohol to be consumed till days play is ended.

Integrity: refraining from any conduct which might reflect on the integrity of an Event, Bowls Manawatu, Bowls NZ, another Centre, Club, or the game of Bowls generally.

Discrimination: refraining from any discriminatory practices or offensive statements based on age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, or special ability/disability.

Misconduct: refraining from engaging in Misconduct.

Laws: Participants must accept any ruling given by an Event Official during an Event and strictly comply with:

- the Event Regulations, Conditions of Play, and Controlling Body Regulations (Including the Bowls NZ Anti-Doping Regulation, Bowls NZ Anti-Match Fixing Regulation and Bowls Manawatu Judicial Regulation, as may be amended from time to time); and
- the Laws of the Sport.

Media: Participants are entitled to make public statements or any other communication with the media (including via web-based social media e.g. Facebook, Twitter) in relation to their own personal performance at a Representative Event provided that Participants do not make, or endorse, any public statement (including in web-based social media) that has (or may have) a negative effect on the interests of Bowls Manawatu, other Participants, the Selector, Event Official(s), Bowls NZ, a Centre, or a Club involved in the Event.

Late Arrival: A Participant must arrive for any game, practice, meeting, or other designated event as determined by the Selector.

Withdrawal: A Participant must not default or withdraw from a Representative Event in order to

compete in another Centre or Club Event (or other non-bowls event) without express permission of the Selector.

Obscenities: Participants must refrain from directing any words, statements (including those on social media), signs or gestures towards any other Participants, Event Official(s), Selectors or Bowls Manawatu that are understood in any language to have an obscene or offensive meaning.

Dress: Participants are expected to present themselves in suitable Representative attire during the event. This includes, but is not limited to games, travelling, formal functions and at meal times as deemed appropriate by the Selector.

Match Fixing:

Match Fixing Prohibited: Match Fixing by Participants at, or in connection with, Representative Events is prohibited as specified in the Bowls NZ Anti-Match Fixing Regulation.

Breach of Code:

Breach of Obligations: If an Event Official, player, coach, or other person entitled to do so under the Laws of the Sport, considers that a Participant may have breached any obligation under this Code, it shall be referred to the Selector who shall: Where it is alleged to be Match Fixing, refer it to the Bowls Manawatu Integrity Officer for investigation in accordance with the Bowls NZ Anti-Match Fixing Regulation.

Where it is for any other matter:

- Refer the matter to Bowls Manawatu for further investigation. At which time, if the matter is considered frivolous or brought for vexatious reasons, may dismiss it; or
- refer the matter to the Judicial Committee in accordance with the Judicial Regulations and, if deemed appropriate at the sole discretion of Bowls Manawatu, suspend the alleged offending player from the Event with immediate effect pending the determination of the Judicial Committee.

Right to Natural Justice: Prior to imposing a suspension, Bowls Manawatu will inform the alleged offending Participant of the alleged breach of the Code and give the Participant the opportunity to provide their version of the events giving rise to the alleged breach.