



MEMORANDUM

TO: STA CEOs, STA Umpire Chairs

CC: NOAG Committee, Chris Evans

FROM: John Roberts, Chairman, National Officiating Advisory Group (NOAG)

DATE: 22 February 2024

RE: Marks (Lines) on the surface of the greens.

Dear all,

Further reminder to all STAs, State Umpire Chairs and Greenkeepers that in Australia we must adhere to the markings of the green and rinks according to Laws 49.12 and 49.13, and Appendix B.2. and B.4 - *Laws of the Sport of Bowls*, Crystal Mark 4th Edition, May 2023.

It has been noted and observed on live streaming and by umpire reports and observations that some bowls clubs are drawing/marking a continuous line across greens at the 2metre mark from the ditch. This is not permitted and contrary to the Laws of the Sport. The marks must be lines drawn in the form of a 'T'.

Similarly the centre line of the rink can be marked starting 2 metres from each end ditch and finishing at any point up to, but not less than 23metres (DR 1.3) from the opposite end. There cannot be a line drawn across the green at the 23metre mark and the end of the 23metre line cannot be marked with a T. The front ditch end of the centre line can be marked with a dot.

NOAG considers that in all situations a continuous line across a green must not occur.

The Laws of the Sport are quite clear and are based on "defined events" and if the Laws are silent on an issue, then you cannot assume that you can do it.

NOAG kindly asks that this memo is distributed to all relevant members – including Greenkeepers.

If there are further enquiries, please email: jroberts@bowls.com.au

Kind regards

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