



MEMO

TO: Member Clubs

FROM: Beth Young – Chair Officiating Committee

CC: Board, Region Secretaries, Association Secretaries
Officials Committee, Region Official Co-ordinators, Officials

DATE: 26 April 2016

SUBJECT: Communicating the result of a measure

Bowls SA would like to advise further detail on the change of duties for accredited measurers.

BACKGROUND

In determining and clarifying the duties of the measurer to ensure that they align with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (3rd edition Crystal Mark), the procedure to be followed on how a measurer communicates the result of a measure has also needed to be adjusted accordingly. The preferred method of communicating the shot is detailed in the second edition of the Officiating Manual - Marker, Measurer and National Umpire. From a Bowls Australia perspective, it needs to be stressed that measurers do complete the identical training in measuring to that completed by National umpires, and as such are recognised as competent in performing measuring duties. However the Laws of the Sport of Bowls require these changes to current practice. The text in the manual (page 40) appears as follows:

COMMUNICATING THE RESULTS OF A MEASURE

The measurer and/or umpire should always make a decision when called. A tied end is a decision. Having measured, the measurer should only indicate the shot bowl/s without moving it or any other bowls as the player/s may wish to call an umpire for confirmation. The umpire's decision being final. If the player/s is not wanting to call the umpire, the measurer should then turn out the shot bowl(s) telling the players the decision. If two bowls are equidistant from the jack, both bowls should be turned out together. Advise the players verbally of the decision e.g. '1 Shot to red' or 'Tied shot. No score'. Having turned out the shot bowl(s) nothing else in the head should be moved by the measurer or umpire as this may lead to confusion amongst spectators and players as to the outcome of the measure.

After a measurer or umpire has communicated their decision to the players, the players need to prepare for the following end without comment on the decision. A

good measurer or umpire would refrain from responding to any comments made by players or spectators.

ACTIONS:

Umpire educators will need to be familiar with all the changes to the duties of measurer including communicating the result of a measure and adjust their training program accordingly. Those measurers trained under the previous training programs will need to be informed of these changes. This would occur through information being conveyed through State and Regional or Divisional Umpiring Committees

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Young".

Beth Young

Chair - Bowls SA Officiating Committee