



TO THE POINT

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1. COVID 19

1.. The Covid 19 level has been increased to Level 4 again due to what seems to be a rather strong virulent third wave. Protocols must be implemented at all levels at all clubs to the strictest letter of the Law.

Clubs should think twice before playing Trips and Fours and the Jack must be centred by foot. Many Clubs seem to have become very lax in this regard and Bowls Clubs have been highlighted as “hot spots”. To ensure that the Government does not decide to close our Clubs we must be very vigilant when it comes to the social distancing and sanitising rules ..

The requirement not to touch your opponents bowls might stop the very bad habit of some player, if, whoever is in charge at the head usually Skips and Thirds. Should not mark their opponents Touchers.

Law 15.1 "A toucher must be marked with chalk by a member of the team that delivered the bowl or the marker as soon as it comes to rest." Obviously with Covid the best solution is chalk spray or liquid chalk pen but it should still be done according to this Law i.e. **by a member of the team that delivered the bowl.**

2. LAWS COMMITTEE

The Laws Committee has received a request to provide clarity relating to the laws regarding leaving the green during the course of play, and any implications in relation to the Disability Discrimination and The Equality Act 2010.

2.1 Firstly, it is not the intent of any Law of the Sport of Bowls to discriminate against any individual, and this is indeed the case with Law 33.7. Instead, we would allow some flexibility in the time allowed for legitimate medical needs or refer to a different Law to manage your described scenario.

2.2 Law 33.7 states – If a player has to leave the green during the course of a Singles game due to illness or some other reasonable cause, and they cannot return within 10 minutes, the defaulting player will forfeit the game to their opponent.

The Laws Committee responded to a similar query in 2018.

An alternative solution can be found in Law 33.2:

Law 33.2 states If a player has to leave the green during the course of a team or side game due to illness or some other reasonable cause, and they cannot return within 10 minutes, the umpire or the Controlling Body can approve the introduction of a substitute.

We understand that a Substitute may not always be available and so this may not be applicable in those circumstances.

It is understood that not all medical issues can be managed in a short period of time as described above. In these instances, we could then refer to Law 32:

Law 32.1 states *If a game is stopped because of darkness, weather conditions or any **other valid reason** by:*

2.1.1 the Controlling Body;

2.1.2 the umpire after an appeal has been made by the players; or

32.1.3 agreement between the players when an umpire or a representative of the Controlling Body is not present;

*the game must be continued either on the **same day** or on a different day. The scores will be as they were when the game was stopped.*

The areas in **bold underline** would be applicable in such situations that you describe where 10 minutes is not sufficient time to deal with a medical emergency.

We hope this will reassure you that any player that requires medical intervention to allow them to continue to play, may do so without fear of forfeiture.

This is a very good example of a player wanting to only apply one Law i.e. Law 33.7 to a difficult situation whereas an experienced Umpire will look for multiple Laws which can give a fairer solution to a sticky problem. This is what we teach on our advanced Technical Official courses.

3. QUESTION

If a "no score" is recorded how should it be entered on the Score Card?

4. DON VAN VUUREN

We were so very sorry to learn that our dear Friend and Colleague Don had passed away from Covid. He was a long standing member of our Standing Committee and a very hard working one at that.

I met Don in 1998 on a Course and over the years we worked together on many courses and at many SA Masters Tournaments and worked with him at the World Bowls Tournament in 2000. I gained great respect for him as a person and a dear friend.

Don and Fred Kruis were instrumental in writing the Umpires Course Material as we know it today and that was no mean feat as the material had to comply with SITA and SAQUA standards. Together with him the Standing Committee recently revised the course Material to bring it up to World Bowls Standards and Don put in many many hours working on the Measuring Assessment Papers. Don also always took care of the Afrikaans Section on the To The Point.

Don was always the perfect gentleman a wonderful human being and a great friend. He has left a huge void on our Committee and is sorely missed by us all on the BSATOSC. Our condolences go to his family at this sad time. MHDSRIP

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION

Law 24 **No shot scored – tied end**

24.1 There will no shot scored by either team if it is agreed that:

24.1.1 the nearest bowl of each team is touching the Jack;

24.1.2. the nearest bowl of each team is the same distance from the jack; or

24.1.3 no live bowls are left within the boundaries of the rink of play.

24.2 The end must be declared tied and recorded on the score card as a completed end

24.3 Following a tied end, law 5.4 will apply

24.4 If, however, the first end is a tied end, the first to play in that end must also play first in the second end.

Law 5.4

Play in other ends

In all ends after the first but apart from in an extra end, the winner of the previous scoring end must place the mat and deliver the Jack and play the first bowl.



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