

## GREEN INSPECTIONS

### AIM

The aim of the Inspection Programme is to endeavour to keep or bring the greens of affiliated clubs to an acceptable standard. This should enable all club members to play National and County competitions on equal terms.

### METHOD & CRITERIA of INSPECTION

Each Inspection Team will consist of 3 members of the Association and be made up of a combination of, Officers, Selectors and Umpires. Routine inspection visits will be made during the first few weeks of the season. They will usually start at 10am in the morning or 2pm in the afternoon. No member of an Inspection Team shall inspect their own green. If a problem occurs during the season, the County Administrator and the club concerned will discuss the situation and apply a solution, which may necessitate another inspection.

### REQUIREMENTS

Clubs will be required to advise the County Administrator prior to a routine inspection, of their rink markings and settings for National and County Competitions and any other information regarding the green to assist the Inspection Team. Once the green has been inspected, rink markings and settings must not be changed without prior approval from the County Administrator. Failure to adhere to this could result in future competitions being withdrawn.

Every rink marker and setting used for National and County Competitions will be tested in both directions of play.

It will be necessary for at least a club official and or green keeper be present whilst the inspection takes place. The Inspection Team will discuss any requirements needed to carry out the inspection with the club representatives.

### THE INSPECTION

The Inspection Team will verify that the ditches comply with the World Bowls Board Rules. They will look to see if there are any turf problems. Bowls will be rolled on each rink mark and setting, to be used in National and County Competitions, to ascertain that the green is flat and is allowing the bowl to run freely:-

- (a) Without bounce
- (b) Without running against the bias
- (c) There is no roll off at the ends

When the inspection has been completed the club representative(s) will be given a verbal report. A written report will follow within 14 days of the inspection.

### APPEAL

If a club for any reason feel the Inspection Report is not factual, is unfair, or the green or some of the rinks have been closed for competition play unjustifiably, then the club may make an appeal in writing to the County Administrator. In such circumstances the County Administrator will arrange for another inspection to be carried out. In the case of an appeal the decision of the first Inspection Team will stand until a further inspection has been carried out.