



POLICY TITLE: INSTANTANEOUS PENALTIES

RELATED POLICIES:	Disciplinary Policy
RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:	Audit Risk and Policy Committee
AUTHORITY:	The Bowls Australia Board
APPLICABLE FORMS:	Nil
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1. PRINCIPLE

Bowls Australia (BA) believes in a fair and equitable competition and will do everything in its power to ensure that all players participate within the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

BA affiliated players undertake to conduct the game in a polite and sporting like manner when participating in any bowls event anywhere in Australia.

2. INSTANTANEOUS PENALTIES

- 2.1 If an umpire, by observation or on appeal by the Controlling Body, a side manager, a skip or an opponent, decides that a breach of any Law or Rule has taken place, or any action by a player (where there is no penalty specified in that Law or Rule), such as:
1. Acting in an abusive, threatening or intimidating manner;
 2. Using obscene, offensive, abusive, threatening or intimidating language;
 3. Threatening any person with physical violence or assault;
 4. Assaulting any person;
- has occurred, then the end shall be immediately regarded as completed and the opponent of the offender shall be awarded as many shots as there are bowls in use by the opponent in a singles game, or opposing team in a team game, or team in a side game.
- 2.2 Upon a second such offence by the same player in the same game, the player shall be excluded from taking any further part in that game according to Laws of the Sport (Crystal Mark Third Edition).
- 2.3 Should this penalty be applied, no replacement or substitute player will be allowed for his/her team.
- 2.4 In a team game the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponent.
- 2.5 In a side game BA Domestic Regulations will apply.
- 2.6 A replacement player is not permitted for a singles player. BA Domestic Regulations will apply.
- 2.7 Serious offences may also be subject to police action. Consultation should occur between the venue manager, the Controlling Body and umpire/s before such action is undertaken.
- 2.8 The umpire must forward a detailed written report about any incident involving an instantaneous penalty to the Controlling Body and the relevant STA/s within seven (7) days of the incident.