



ST LUCIA BOWLING CLUB INC GREENS PROTECTION POLICY

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This policy is aimed at the prevention of damage to greens caused by the dropping of bowls [dumping] from a height above the green. It applies to bowls delivered during play, and also to the placing on the green from the bank. It applies to members of the Mens Club, Ladies Club, and to the Twilight Bowlers group.

It is acknowledged that [a] greens are the core material asset of the Club, and are inherently expensive to repair and replace, and [b] through remedial practices all bowlers should be able to continue to enjoy and compete in the game, which provides physical exercise and enjoyment.

What is Dumping?

Dumping occurs when a bowl is dropped onto the green so as to leave a depression on the playing surface.

Typically, it occurs when a bowler releases their bowl too high above the playing surface.

What is 'Too High'?

Depends on the pace of the green at a given time. Fast greens tend to be harder and more durable and thus less prone to damage by dumping. Slow, damp greens tend to be soft and thus more easily damaged.

Whether dumping is occurring will be at discretion of the relevant Bowls Captain and the Greens Director.

Remedial Actions

Depending on the severity of dumping, the problem may be alleviated by a player altering his/her delivery style, in which case, coaching should be able to correct the problem. If not, eradication of dumping may require the immediate conversion to the use of a bowling arm.

Identification of 'Dumpers'

Identification of a dumping habit can be confirmed by taking a video of a player's delivery.

If identified as having a dumping problem, a player should first submit themselves for coaching.

This coaching may be individual, or in a group, and would take sufficient time to evaluate the next move, which would either be to continue bowling as normal having corrected the delivery style, or if no improvement, prohibition from playing, and offered coaching in the use of a bowling arm.