

# SunSmart Sport Policy

## Bowls NSW

### 1. Policy Statement

The health of members is of primary concern for Bowls NSW.

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. It is acknowledged that skin cancer is a preventable disease and that a preventative strategy including the following actions outlined in this Policy will be promoted by Bowls NSW.

### 2. Application

#### 2.1. Shade

- Bowls NSW will encourage clubs to maximise the use of natural shade provided from buildings, trees, and other shade structures around greens for use by officials, spectators and players.
- Clubs will be informed of appropriate Grants which become available through Government bodies for this purpose.

#### 2.2. Clothing

- Bowls NSW will promote or supply participants and officials with sun protective clothing as an option when supplying representative uniforms.
- This will include:
  - Shirts or playing tops which have long sleeves and a collar
  - Wide brimmed or legionnaires hats whenever practical.
- Bowls NSW will encourage members to be conscious of sun protection, when purchasing attire for playing in Association Events.
- Bowls NSW will encourage Affiliated Clubs, Districts and Zones to provide 'sun smart' clothing options for Representative and Officials Uniforms for Association Events.

#### 2.3. Sun Protection

- At all Affiliated Bowling Clubs in NSW, Sunscreens SPF 30+ sunscreens should be promoted or provided by the club.
- Prior to training or playing in peak UV periods, players and participants will be encouraged to apply sunscreen to exposed body parts.
- At all NSW State Finals and Representative Fixtures conducted by Bowls NSW, Sunscreen SPF 30+ will be made available to all players and officials.

#### 2.4. Education

- Bowls NSW will provide skin cancer information links through its website and magazine to increase the awareness of this health issue among members.
- Club officials/staff will act as suitable SunSmart role models.

### 3. Additional Information

**Review date:** Two years after the date of publishing or where appropriate.

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