

How to become an Official

There are three levels of national accreditation to officiate bowls, including the specific roles of Marker and Measurer, which lead to becoming and accredited National Umpire. Umpires may be eligible to become an International Technical Official after 3 years of experience.

Before **commencing** any Officiating Course, participants **will need** to purchase the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (4th Edition April or May 2023) and the current Officiating Manual (November 2023). The publications can be purchased through:

Ibowls Shop - <https://www.ibowlonline.com.au/> or

Bowls Australia Shop - <https://shop.bowls.com.au/>

National Officials **should** maintain a current Work With Children (WWCC) certification as per the **Bowls Australia Safe Guarding Children and Young People Policy**. The WWCC can be obtained by:

Visiting the nearest Service NSW Office, or

Online at: [Apply for a Working with Children Check | Service NSW](#)

The WWCC will be compulsory for all Officials as from 1st July 2025

To accredit to become a Marker, Measurer or National Umpire, please follow the 3 – step process listed below:

Accreditation Courses Process

Step 1. To complete the online application form, please click on the link below:

Allow 2 to 3 weeks for the applications to be processed

[Group booking form – Officials Accreditation](#)

[Individual booking form – Officials Accreditation](#)

[Individual – On Green Assessment ONLY](#)

Must have successfully completed the BowlsLearn Module(s). for more information scroll to the BowlsLearn section below.

Step 2. Bowls NSW will process and to the State Umpires Committee.

Step 3. The State Umpires Committee will appoint a Presenter & Assessor to contact you to coordinate date/time and venue for your course.

Please see below the two (2) formats for Accreditation Courses:

Face to Face Learning – still the preferred method.

1. The applicant(s) must submit an online application to Bowls NSW. The application can be submitted by the applicant(s) or their Club or Region on their behalf.

2. Once the application has been processed by Bowls NSW (allow 2-3 weeks), the State Umpires Committee (SUC) will be informed. The SUC Mentor for that Region will then organise a Presenter & Assessor (P&A) to liaise with the applicant(s) to arrange the time/date and venue for the course.
3. Accreditation Course(s) **must not** be started until steps 1 and 2 have been completed.
4. The Accreditation Course **must be completed** within six (6) months of submitting of your application. Exemption may be granted due to Medical reasons (Medical certificate may be required).
5. At the completion of the course the P&A must send the completed P&A Advice Form to Bowls NSW.
6. Applicants will **need to purchase** the current Law Book & Officiating Manual from Bowls NSW or Bowls Australia prior to the course.

Please Note.

1. The Accreditation Course must be completed within six (6) months of the application being lodged. Extension may be granted on medical grounds.
2. If the procedures are not followed, then the Accreditation **WILL NOT** be finalised.
3. Participants seeking a Measurers or National Umpires Accreditation **MUST BE** physically able to kneel on the bowling surface to conduct a measure and able to stand up without physical assistance from another person(s).

Bowls Learn

1. The applicant(s) will log onto the Bowls Learn site through their Bowlslink account.
2. Access to Bowls Learn
 - Click on Bowls Learn – bottom left of the screen
 - Top right hand corner is a log in link – you will need to log in again
 - Click on Course Catalogue
 - Click on the Module
 - Click on Course curriculum – follow the instructions
 - Note: If you are only doing the Measurer's Module you do not need to do the Marker's Module. You need to successfully complete the Marker's & Measurer's Modules if you want to do the National Umpire Module.

Please Note: There is no cost involved with the Bowls Learn Modules.

3. Once the participant(s) have successfully completed the Bowls Learn Module(s) they then must submit an online application to Bowls NSW, the application can be submitted by the applicant(s) or their Club or Region on their behalf.

4. Once the application has been processed by Bowls NSW (allow 2-3 weeks), the State Umpires Committee will be informed who will then organise a Presenter & Assessor to liaise with the applicant(s) to arrange the time/date and venue for the course.

The course involves:

- i. The allotted P&A must sight proof that the applicant(s) had successfully completed the Bowls learn section.
 - ii. Three 1 to 2 hour sessions combining Face to Face sessions on the three modules to ensure the participant(s) understand the theory, plus some questions to satisfy the P&A that the participant(s) understands the duties, laws & Conditions of Play pertaining to the Accreditation(s) the participant(s) are seeking, equipment available as per the Officiating Manual (law 54) & case studies covering each module.
 - iii. This is followed by an On Green section for both the Marker's Module and the Measurer's Module.
5. The On-Green and Face to Face session **must not** start until steps 1, 2, 3 & 4 have been completed.
6. The Accreditation Course **must be completed** within six (6) months of submitting of your application. Exemption may be granted due to Medical reasons (Medical certificate may be required).
7. At the completion of the course the P&A must send the completed P&A Advice Form to Bowls NSW.
8. The P&A **must** keep a copy of all paperwork (Accreditation paperwork & PA Advice Form) for **six (6) months**.

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