

# CIRCULAR

**No:** C10/2023  
**Date:** 26 May 2023  
**To:** All Clubs, Districts and Zones  
**Re:** World Bowls Laws Advisory Group Decision on  
Laws 37.1.3 and 37.1.5.3



The State Umpires Committee (SUC) has recently received confirmation from the Nation Officiating Advisory Group (NOAG) that the World Bowls Laws Advisory Group have recommended to the Board of World Bowls that they rescind the following laws:

- Law 37.1.3 If a bowl in its original course is deliberately displaced or stopped by a member of the team that delivered the bowl, the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponent.
- Law 37.1.5.3 If a player lifts a bowl at rest on their rink to allow their team's bowl in its original course to pass, the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponent.

The deletion of the abovementioned will come into effect immediately, and it is recommended that Club, District & Zone officials rule out the abovementioned laws:

- ~~Law 37.1.3 — If a bowl in its original course is deliberately displaced or stopped by a member of the team that delivered the bowl, the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponent.~~
- ~~Law 37.1.5.3 — If a player lifts a bowl at rest on their rink to allow their team's bowl in its original course to pass, the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponent.~~

The deletion of the above-mentioned laws is not retrospective, and the enforcement of Laws 37.1.3 & 37.1.5.3 prior to the 25th May 2023 were valid in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Edition 4.

The following laws will remain as state in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls;

- Law 37.1.4 Displacement of a bowl in motion.
- Law 37.1.5 Displacement of a bowl at rest.

The deletion of Laws 37.1.3 & 37.1.5.3 is due to the diligence of NOAG and other National Authorities.

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