



How to become an umpire.

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Bowls Counties Manukau Umpire Team? Becoming an umpire is not onerous but then again, it is not just about measuring either. To sustain umpiring into the future we will always be looking for the right people to join our team.

Umpiring can be really rewarding and it certainly provides the opportunity to understand the game of bowls in a whole new way.

Here are a few pointers about becoming an umpire;

There are no prerequisites for umpiring but obviously having some experience in the game, through playing in Club and Centre tournaments, is an advantage. Being computer literate is not essential but will certainly help for the training and ongoing commitment to the BCM Umpire Committee.

TRAINING

You will work with local tutors to complete two modules on the laws of the sport and measuring techniques. This may include a combination of in-person training and online sessions.

The Laws Module covers: - The Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations - Law scenarios and common problems.

The Measuring Module covers: - The application and practical use of measuring equipment. Measuring scenarios. Alongside this formal training, the Bowls New Zealand Officiating Manual is available as a general reference guide for all officials in New Zealand.

ACCREDITATION

Candidates will sit an exam once they feel confident and ready. The laws exam comprises 25 questions on common scenarios and areas of dispute. This will be in an oral, closed book format.

The measuring exam comprises 15 common scenarios covering all measuring equipment. Both exams have a 90% pass-rate.

Re-accreditation is required every four years.

For any further information contact Training and Development Coordinator, Pauline Hayward cell 02041699446 or one of the BCM Umpires and have a look at the Umpires Hub in the Bowls New Zealand website.