

## Changes to The Laws Of The Game valid from Saturday 18th January

Please find below the changes to the Laws of the Game that were approved at the recent BCGBA Rules revision meeting.

**Law 10.3 now has the interpretation included in the Law.**

### Laws of the Game changes

1.3 The FOOTER, which shall be round, shall have a diameter of not less than 125mm and not more than 155mm. **The footer is not part of the green and any bowl, or jack, travelling over, or touching a footer, must be returned to be played again.**

1.5 A BOWL shall weigh not less than 907gms. (2lb), except that a player with medical evidence of a wasting disease of bone or muscle may be allowed a dispensation. **The maximum weight of a bowl shall be 1.30kg (3lb).** Where age is a consideration, a player may use a bowl under the 907gms limit if the bowl has a minimum profile of 100 mm. A bowl must not have any device for altering or adjusting the bias.

7.1.b If the disturbed jack, **or bowl**, comes into contact with a bowl or jack not belonging to that end, or if it comes into contact with any person on the green the end becomes void.

10.2 Smoking: Smoking, vaping the use of electronic cigarettes, **and/or a nicotine haler**, is not allowed whilst participating in the game of Crown Green Bowls. The offending player(s) shall receive no further score and the opponent(s) shall receive the maximum score.

10.3 Footwear: Hard block-heeled or open-toed footwear must not be worn on the green in any game played under the Association's jurisdiction. The offending player(s) shall receive no further score and the opponent(s) shall receive the maximum score. **No interpretation of this Law allows a player to play in stockinged or bare feet.**

See below for a chart showing the weight of lawn bowls. Lawn bowls have a size stamped on them so it is fairly easy to determine if a bowl is a lawn bowl. You will see from the chart that all Size 3,4 and 5 bowls are over the new 1.37kg (1370gms) maximum weight so cannot be used as is a size 2 heavy weight bowl. So hopefully referees will not need to carry a set of weighing scales with them, which is what some referees have suggested.

Lawn Bowls Sizes & Weights Guide							
Size	00	0	1	2	3	4	5
Medium Wt (grams)	1190	1220	1300	1350	1400	1460	1520
Medium Wt (lbs-ozs)	2-09	2-11	2-13 ¼	2-15 ¾	3-1 ½	3-3 ¾	3-5 ¾
Heavy Weight (grams)	1215	1280	1350	1400	1460	1520	1580
Heavy Weight (lbs-ozs)	2-10 ½	2-13 ¾	2-15 ¾	3-1 ½	3-3 ½	3-5 ¼	3-7 ¼