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**TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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MEASURING EQUIPMENT USED TO DETERMINE A SHOT

The following is the National Technical Official Standing Committees' interpretation of the laws pertaining to who uses what measurement equipment. This interpretation is supported by the World Bowls Laws Committee.

BY A PLAYER

Law 23.3 does not limit what equipment a player may use, it states "that is, the use of equipment such as that described in law 54". The pertinent words are '*such as*', which do not limit the player's choice.

Policy

A player may use any equipment whilst measuring to achieve a result, provided the outcome is acceptable to the opposition. Any disputed outcome may be referred to the Umpire.

BY AN UMPIRE

The preamble to Law 54 states "suitable equipment to carry out the duties described in law 43. This equipment must **at least** include:" The pertinent words being "*at least*".

The law therefore does not specify which equipment should be used under what circumstances. An umpire is guided in this regard by the information presented during training and evaluation of proficiency.

Whilst a telescopic measure is not mentioned in the law it is still accepted as an alternative measurement instrument in the Bowls SA Circular 49/2014 policy statement.

Policy

Whilst it is preferable that Umpires use the equipment prescribed during their training, this does not restrict them from using a telescopic measure during club, district or national events.

Executive Committee:

President: Robert Forbes, Vice President: Charles Levy
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BY A MARKER

The Bowls SA Circular 49/2014 policy statement restricts the equipment a marker may use **during Bowls SA Singles events and any other International Singles events where Bowls SA is the controlling body** to

- A box string measure
- Bullet string measure
- Wedges for the bowls and the jack.

Policy

The policy in circular 49/2014 is still applicable to Bowls SA events. It is up to the respective Executives to adopt and apply it at district and club level, but they are not bound to do so.

For the sake of maintain uniformity throughout the country, we trust that the above Bowls SA policies will be adopted and practised by all Districts and Clubs. This can be ensured by the District Standing Committee endorsing this circular and attaching it to one of their own.



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