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BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED BOWLERS

There are an increasing number of **Visually Impaired Bowlers** joining in Sighted Competitions and tabs in games. Unfortunately, there have recently been cases of some sighted players objecting to the use of Directors in the games.

The Bowls Laws make provision for **Visually Impaired Bowlers** to have directors assist them.

Law 41.4 states:

The person assisting the partially sighted or blind bowler will not be breaking law 13.2 (Possession of Rink) or law 45.3 (Spectators) :

41.4.1 repeats the Skips instructions

41.4.2 helps to direct the player; or

41.4.3 tells the player where the jack or bowl has come to reset.

Clubs are requested to ensure that visually impaired bowlers receive all assistance and co-operation from their members.

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CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER



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