

# Umpire Uniform Policy

OFFICIATING INFORMATION SHEET

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This national policy has been created to outline the uniform standards expected for all registered umpires officiating in New Zealand. The 'Summerset Retirement Villages uniform (national uniform) has been introduced across all centres to provide a consistent, professional, and refreshed image for umpires which is also aligned with other functions of Bowls New Zealand.

This policy applies to all umpiring duties which fall under the direct management of Bowls New Zealand or a Bowling Club or Centre affiliated to Bowls New Zealand. Umpiring is a function of and governed by Bowls New Zealand and therefore it is expected all umpires have a consistent approach to the national uniform.

The rollout of the national uniform continues with the phased allocation of a shirt and jacket to every active umpire. The national uniform is intended to replace all green, orange, and tan coloured items of uniform.

The following uniform standards and expectations apply:

1. Umpires on duty at all national, regional, centre and club pathway events must wear the national uniform if this has been allocated.
2. Umpires on duty at any social or non-pathway club event can choose to wear clothing items as determined by the Club (as the Controlling Body).
3. If uniform items (shirt, jacket, or both) have not yet been allocated, the umpire should wear neutral or plain clothing (white or black), or items of previous umpire uniforms, until the uniform items have been allocated. The umpire will have their badge which visually indicates to players they are the umpire on duty.
4. When wearing national uniform items, it is recommend black shorts, pants, skirt, or other clothing items should be worn wherever possible.
5. Where an umpire is considered a 'playing umpire', they are expected to wear the uniform of their team/side and be aligned with the requirements of the conditions of play. They should not wear the national uniform in their capacity as a player.
6. International Technical Officials are only permitted to wear the World Bowls ITO uniform during international events.
7. If an umpire objects/refuses the wear the national uniform during their umpiring duties, the respective Umpires Group should in the first instance engage with the umpire to identify and resolve any concerns. If this does not rectify the situation, the issues should be elevated to the Bowls New Zealand Umpires Committee who should make attempts to identify and resolve concerns.

This policy will be reviewed annually between the CEO, Bowls New Zealand and the Chairperson, Bowls New Zealand Umpires Committee.

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