



POLICY STATEMENT

SUN PROTECTION

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POLICY NAME

Sun Protection

DEFINITION

This policy applies to all Bowls WA coaches, officials, leaders and management personnel representing the Association. They are to always act as positive role models by adopting sun protection behaviours.

AUTHORITY

BWA Constitution - Objects

4 (iv) To at all times act on behalf of, in the interests of, and in conjunction with, the Members and the Sport of Bowls.

RESPONSIBILITY

Coaches, Officials, Chief Executive Officer.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not confidential

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

POLICY

BOWLS WA is a large state sporting association responsible for local, regional, state and national teams and competitions.

BOWLS WA recognises that exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) has negative health effects and will therefore introduce measures to minimize exposure.

Procedure

- BOWLS WA strongly recommends and supports sun safe practices for all activities.
- Activities to be conducted outside of the hours of 10 am to 3 pm, when UVR is at its peak, **where possible**.
- Encourage Clubs to provide a SPF 30+ or higher broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen for participants.
- Encourage Clubs to ensure that players, umpires and coaches have hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and long sleeved shirts whilst on the greens.
- Staff and Executive representing the Association will always act as positive role models by adopting sun protection behaviours such as wearing long sleeved shirts (including Broad brimmed hats, as appropriate), sunglasses and applying sunscreen.
- All uniform and clothing provided for members and participants will comply with the design and fabric standards recommended by the Cancer Foundation of WA.
- Utilise natural shade to protect participants and spectators, whenever possible.
- Provide sun protection information to participants.
- Advise competitors and spectators about the SunSmart Policy at registration and encourage all parties to apply SPF 30+ sunscreen prior to commencement of activities and reapply every two hours.
- Sunscreen will be available to junior participants and at all Clubs.
- Consider the reasons for and the appropriateness of any rules that impair the implementation of sun protection strategies.