**About Blind Lawn Bowls - The Sport**

Blind lawn bowling was founded in NSW in 1980; in early 1990 it became known as *NSW Vision Impaired and Blind Bowls.*

All competitions are played under the Laws of the Game, and are governed by IBBA.

**VISUAL ACUITY:**

Rule must be >6/24 State (NSW) acuity

• B1: Right eye small light perception. Left eye No light perception.

• B2: Right eye <1/60. Left eye 1/60. R/L eyes 2/60. Vision about 3 metres, or between 5-7 paces from mat.

• B3: Both eyes 3/60 - 4/60 - 5/60 - 6/60. Are able to walk around unaided and recognise some objects within 8-10 metres. If they have tunnel vision they can often see the head but have limited vision either side.

• B4: 6/36 - 6/24. Have more freedom of movement and will not need as much assistance on or off the green.

**MONOCULAR:**

Can only be used OFF the mat for B2, B3 and B4 to check the head before play.

• B2, B3 and B4 bowlers may use a monocular. Vision Impaired bowlers should be given the same instructions as a sighted person when learning to play bowls.

**CLOCK:**

This is used to describe, using the jack as a centre. Any bowl behind the jack, is the hour to ¼ past of the hour to ¼ to the next hour. Any bowl directly behind the jack would be at 12 o'clock. Any bowl in front of the jack, is ¼ past the hour to ½ past and ½ past to ¼ to the next hour. Any bowl directly in front of the jack would be at 6 o'clock.

**DIRECTOR:**

The Directors eyes are the eyes of the player; they position the player on the mat and hand the bowl with the correct bias ready for play for that end, and advise whether to play short, long, wide, narrow and deliver gently or with pace depending on the run of the green.

Before the next play, the director asks the skip what is the situation at the head, so that they may advise their player correctly.

**SPORTS EQUIPMENT:**

It is advised that new players attend a bowls shop where they can pick and feel size and weight of the bowl suitable for their hand. Also if possible contact a shop which has a trial area to practise use of the bowl.