

UMPIRES NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2009

The past three months have been very busy working on matters which were included in the Umpire's Survey. Not everyone took part which was disappointing.

At the annual general meeting of NZIB the remit which proposed that only local umpires could sit the national exam was lost. This effectively means that anyone can now sit the national exam whether they are a local umpire or not. Law Books will be allowed into the exam the same as for 2009 and a pass mark of 85% will be required to pass the exam. This was so voted by the delegates at the AGM. There is obviously little communication between delegates at the AGM and Umpires districts who in the survey required that individuals be local Umpires before they sit the national exam.

There obviously needs to be better communication between delegates to the NZIB AGM and Umpires Associations. That being said we now have reached a position where any affiliated player can sit the national exam.

The national examiner, Graham Gerrand, in his report for 2009 suggested that sometime in the future there might be one national theory and mat faults exam set nationally. Districts would still have to supervise measuring tests and mat faults. The mat faults and measuring tests pass mark would remain at 80%. Those passing the national theory paper with 85% or better would be accorded national umpire status. Those passing between 75% to 84% in their theory paper could be accorded local umpire status. They would still need to get 80% in the mat faults and measuring tests to pass anything.

The advantage of this proposal is that there would be one standard exam and individuals in districts with very few umpires would not experience problems in finding an exam to sit.

The other side of the coin would be that districts would no longer be able to set their own exams and the national examiner fully understands that some districts would not find this acceptable. This is offered as a suggestion and certainly not intended as a tool to cause any controversy.

The local umpires would still need to resit the exam and reach the 85% mark to become national umpires.

From 2010 the National Examination in May could be sat on a two tier basis:

- Those passing with an acceptable higher mark would become National Umpires
- Those passing with an agreed mark short of the above would become Local Umpires

WOULD YOUR DISTRICT LIKE THIS TO HAPPEN NEXT YEAR? YES/ NO

District _____ **Secretary** _____

Recently I sent out to you all examples of questions asked this year.

I misread one question which was sent to me

- 1. In a recent fours game, on about the 3rd end, five bowls had been played and the teams discovered that for that end they had all been playing the wrong colour.**

As it was they continued playing with the wrong colour for that end and then reverted back to the right colour for the rest of the game.

The bowls for that end, should have been played out then reverted back. I interpreted it as a player played out of order. (that is what happens late at night) Sorry Bruce Collins!

NZ Indoor Bowls is also looking for umpire volunteers to assist with the training of umpires in areas agreed to by both the trainer and Executive.

The job description is as follows:

- 1. Must be qualified NZ umpire, appointed by NZIB executive in conjunction with the Umpire's representative on executive**
 - 2. Run training courses at least once a year in area designated by NZIB**
 - 3. These training courses to comprise of**
 - All umpires and interested umpires**
 - Measuring tests-set by the NZIB representative in conjunction with the National examiner**
 - Law book refreshers (oral questions randomly chosen)**
 - Mat faults**
 - 4. Be responsible for reporting back to the National umpire's representative in time for executive meetings.**
 - 5. Keeping a register of refresher courses undertaken in each area and sending to the Executive Officer of NZIB, after each course completed.**
 - 6. Umpires who do not reach an acceptable standard at refresher courses, should be encouraged to undergo further training. The Umpires representative on NZIB should be advised that this is being done**
 - 7. Reasonable reimbursement for training courses to be set annually by the Executive**
- ❖ Umpire's representative to ensure each trainer is competent to train, by observing them at National events where practicable.**
 - ❖ Each refresher course to involve new interested umpires as part of our future for the development of Indoor Bowls**

Please give this some consideration and contact Ngaire at National office

ngaire@nzindoorbowls.co.nz if you are interested. Alternatively you can telephone 04- 389 6443 or post response to PO Box 11221, Wellington 6011.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS. THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE OF YOU, WHO HAVE GIVEN OF YOUR TIME TO UMPIRE EVENTS DURING 2009. See you on the mat in 2010

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PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT THE TWO TIER SUGGESTION BY 3 FEBRUARY 2010 SO WE CAN DISCUSS IT FURTHER AT THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
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