

## **Indoor Bowls Level Definitions**

### **Singles Events**

#### **Level 1**

The player has a good understanding of the rules, can take full responsibility for his or her own game, can read a head, has tactical awareness and can respond to a changing game situation when jack moves during play. The player can also play both backhand and forehand to variable lengths, use mat to tactical advantage and is able to help team members with technical aspects, bias, weight and line.

#### **Level 2**

The player has some understanding of the rules and knows when to ask for a measure or check who holds shot, cannot read a head but has some tactical awareness. The player requires advice of a coach/teammate i.e. hand/shot selection in an attacking/defensive tactical situation but can play both backhand and forehand one of which to variable lengths. The player can help team members with technical aspects, bias, weight line. The player usually needs to adjust line and length if the jack moves during play.

#### **Level 3**

The player has some understanding of the rules, requires verbal prompts from the marker (i.e. ask for a measure, check who holds shot) but is not tactically aware so the player requires assistance of a coach/teammate (i.e. adjustment to weight, hand/shot selection in a changing match situation). The player tends to play to a regular length/hand from a preferred mat position but can adjust with prompts. The player usually sets a legal jack.

#### **Level 4**

The player has little or no understanding of the rules or any tactical awareness. The player requires regular assistance of a coach (i.e. use of correct bias adjustment to weight, direction bowl). They player can only bowl either forehand or backhand and usually to one length from the same mat position. The player has difficulty regularly setting a legal jack.

### **Pairs/Team Events**

#### **Level 1 (Pairs/Team)**

The pair/team includes at least one player of Level 1 ability who can take responsibility for the game, can skip (make tactical decisions) for their team, should have good knowledge about the game, the rules etc. and to be able to assist other team members with technical aspects e.g. bias, weight, line.

#### **Level 2 (Pairs /Team)**

The pair/team consists of all players of Level 2 ability who will only require verbal prompts from the marker (e.g. who holds shot & measure).

#### **Level 3 (Pairs/Team)**

The pair/team will not involve any level 1 players but will include at least one player of Level 2 ability who only requires verbal prompts from the marker (e.g. who holds shot & measure) in their team events. The players should have good knowledge about the game, the rules etc., have some tactical awareness and be able to assist other team members with technical aspects e.g. bias, weight, line.

#### **Level 4 (Pairs/Team)**

The pair/team consists of all players of Level 3 and 4 ability all of whom require verbal prompts from the marker (e.g. who hold shot & measure) and require to variable extent verbal or physical prompts e.g. correct bias, weight, line from a nominated coach or team member to ensure regular legal/in play delivery.