



# BOWLS CANADA BOULINGRIN

## Policy Regarding the Use of Walkers

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. BCB has adopted an Accessibility Policy to ensure that the programs, activities and events of BCB are accessible and possible to all.
- 1.2. Whenever persons with a physical disability require the use of equipment or a support while on the green, it is also necessary to ensure that this activity does not damage the green during play.

### 2. Policy

- 2.1. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Third Edition, Law 41.5, allows a player who has a physical disability to use a support or an artificial device (or both) when delivering the jack or a bowl, or when walking on the green. BCB has adopted a Domestic Regulation on the use of artificial devices for delivering the jack or a bowl, but does not have any policy on the use of devices such as walkers, rollators or walking frames. This policy will apply to all wheeled devices which are hereby referred to as “walkers.”

### 3. Specifications

- 3.1. Walkers can be used on the green, provided that the walker does not cause undue damage to the green.
- 3.2. To eliminate damage that may be caused to the green, the wheels must comply with the following specifications:
  - 3.2.1. All wheels must be a minimum diameter of 200 mm;
  - 3.2.2. If the tire is pneumatic or soft rubber, the minimum width of the tire must be 50 mm;
  - 3.2.3. If the wheel is a nylon or polyurethane castor, the minimum width of the total running surface must be 75 mm, with no sharp edges;
    - 3.2.3.1. It is recognised that these castors can come as a single wheel or pairs of wheels and can be slightly convex to help manoeuvring on an outdoor surface;
  - 3.2.4. Any grooves or treads must be shallow – if there are any concerns, duct tape should be used to provide a smoother surface.
- 3.3. These specifications apply to the use of walkers in most conditions. However, in cases where the surface of a green is particularly wet or soft, or where other unusual circumstances may increase the risk of a walker causing damage to the surface of the green, it is recommended that the club greenskeeper and administrator consult with the user of the walker so that the needs of all parties can be amicably addressed.
- 3.4. Players are requested not to sit on their walker while on the green, unless the greenskeeper agrees that this would not damage the green.