Approved Domestic Policies

Use of Bowling Delivery Aids

For all Canadian Championships, and for provincial playdowns leading towards a national championship, use of these devices is subject to inspection by officials and approval of each specific bowling delivery aid. Manufacturers are encouraged to provide a sample device for testing by BCB to assist with the approval process.

Whenever a bowler commences using a bowling delivery aid in a game, they must continue to use it for the remainder of that game. This does not apply to the delivery of the jack, which can be delivered either by hand or by a bowling delivery aid. A bowler cannot alter or change the type of bowling delivery aid during a game, unless the bowling delivery aid is damaged, and the umpire decides that a replacement is needed.

Approved Footwear

Shoes must be flat-soled with no separation between the front sole and heel (i.e. flat from toe to heel). Walking shoes and sports shoes are acceptable; sandals with a heel strap are also acceptable, as long as the back strap is firmly fitted when worn. Flat-soled wedge shoes (i.e. shoes that increase in height from toe to heel) are not acceptable. The width of any heel must be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole.

The sole may possess a shallow tread pattern or indented grooves to improve traction, without damaging the green. A channel in the centre of the sole is acceptable; protuberances that extend out from the sole are not acceptable. Edges around the sole, and around any channel, need to be rounded.

Brand name bowling shoes that are listed as approved on a current list, published by a Member National Authority, are generally acceptable. Shoes that have been re-soled to ensure that they comply with the laws of the sport are also generally acceptable. Nevertheless, Bowls Canada Boulingrin reserves the right to disallow any specific shoe.

Umpires must use their best judgment and not unduly eliminate members from play unless they have a shoe that would clearly damage the green. Common sense must prevail.