

## **56 The umpire's duties**

- 56.1 An umpire should be appointed by, or on behalf of, the Controlling Body for the competition.
- 56.2 The umpire's duties are as follows.
  - 56.2.1 To make sure, before the game starts, that:
    - 56.2.1.1 all bowls have a clearly visible, valid World Bowls Stamp imprinted on them;
    - 56.2.1.2 the rink of play is the correct width in line with law 5.1 by measuring it; and
    - 56.2.1.3 the pegs or discs on the side banks in the direction of play are the correct distances in line with law 5.12 by measuring them.
  - 56.2.2 The umpire should measure any disputed shot or shots using suitable measuring equipment, such as that described in law 10.
  - 56.2.3 The umpire should decide whether the distance of the mat from the rear and front ditches and the distance of the jack or a bowl from the mat line are in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls or not.
  - 56.2.4 The umpire should decide whether a jack or a bowl is in play or not.
  - 56.2.5 The umpire should make sure that all aspects of play are in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
  - 56.2.6 The umpire's decision is final in all circumstances except those relating to the meaning or interpretation of a law, in which case there will be a right of appeal to the Controlling Body.