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USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Purpose:

In line with Bowls New Zealand recommendations, this policy allows players with a *hearing disability* to use electronic devices to communicate with each other while on the rink of play, or with a marker in a singles game.

Policy:

- Electronic devices should not interrupt or interfere with any other players or disrupt the flow of the game.
- The electronic device must be non-intrusive to other players or officials that are present on the green at any time during a game.
- As a guide, the use of the device should be no more intrusive (in terms of volume) than any other conversation between players in any game.

NOTE FROM BOWLS NEW ZEALAND - July 2025

In the interests of ensuring that hearing impaired players and their playing partners are able to enjoy their involvement in the game as much as possible, we propose that centres and clubs follow our lead by including this clause in their respective events' Conditions of Play. The result of not including the above (or similar) to the respective events' Conditions of Play will be that the devices are not permitted to be used.