



World Bowls Law Committee Decision

'The Laws Committee have considered the letter from Bowls England regarding the Laws Committee decision on Law 23.3 (Ruling issued July 2016).

This issue was considered at length by the Committee before the release of our decision and we believe that the reasoning given in our decision supporting the use of the equipment is sound.

For the following reason the Committee is also of the view that a domestic Regulation is not appropriate in this instance.

One of the Laws Committee's underlying principles is that Domestic Regulations will only be considered in situations where it can be demonstrated that these Regulations are necessary to deal with local circumstances or conditions. There is nothing in the rationale which suggests that the situation faced by Bowls England is purely a local one

We are aware that these devices are being used across the bowling world and therefore their use is global, not domestic.

For the reasons given we do not consider that there needs to be any alteration to our ruling and that a Domestic Regulation is not appropriate in this instance.'

Kind regards
Gary Smith
Chief Executive