

# **EBUA Policy on the use of Measuring Equipment.**

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That EBUA members when carrying out Umpiring and Marking duties when appointed to do so by the EBUA and or when carrying out Umpiring or Marking duties when wearing EBUA uniform should use “First Choice Equipment” as defined by World Bowls.

Details of this can be found at <http://www.worldbowls.com/laws-umpiring/umpire-development/measure-equipment/>

First Choice Equipment is defined by World Bowls as at 31 May 2019 as:-

- a box string measure
- callipers
- feeler gauges
- a string measure
- a 30-metre tape
- a boundary string and set square ( or a boundary scope )

The above policy was agreed at an Executive meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019.

## **Explanatory Note 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

There is no intention in this policy to make the Boundary Scope a required piece of equipment for EBUA members to use or to have in their kit.

On the other hand, it is considered that while it remains on the list of World Bowls First Choice Equipment that we would be unwise to ban the use of it by EBUA members.

For a number of years, the EBUA have NOT promoted the use of a Boundary Scope. The use of it is not taught on any of our courses nor is it expected that it would be used in our examinations. It is up to an Umpire to use what in her or his opinion is the best piece of equipment to do the job which is in front of them.

It is the opinion of the EBUA that a boundary line decision can be made just as accurately with the use of a Boundary String [ and Square when necessary ] and the decision can be reached far quicker with a Boundary String than with the use of a Boundary Scope.