

## **Laws 52.1.6.1 and 52.1.7.1**

### **April 2018 – Board of World Bowls**

The Board of World Bowls presented a proposal to the WB Council Meeting held in Helensvale, Australia following the 2018 Commonwealth Games to lower the minimum size of bowls.

The minimum size at present is 116 millimetres but it was recognised that some people from both the older and younger generations had difficulty in holding even this minimum-sized bowl. Manufacturers had been approached to design new smaller sizes. Test bowls with a minimum size of 112 millimetres (size quadruple zero) and 114 millimetres (size triple zero) had been manufactured and trialled.

The meeting was asked to approve a change to the Laws to allow these smaller-sized bowls of approved models to be used. Bowls England applauded World Bowls for this initiative and proposed acceptance - seconded by Fiji. The meeting was unanimous in supporting the change and the written report on the subject was accepted on the proposal of Wales - seconded by India.

### **Laws Committee Ratification:**

The Laws Committee has ratified the decision taken at the WB Council Meeting to lower the minimum size of bowls. It has agreed that the following changes to Laws 52.1.6.1 and 52.1.7.1 (highlighted) will come into immediate effect.

52.1.6 Bowls made of wood must:

52.1.6.1 measure between **112** millimetres and 134 millimetres across at their widest points;  
and

52.1.6.2 weigh up to 1.59 kilograms.

52.1.7 Bowls made of rubber or plastic resin must:

52.1.7.1 measure between **112** millimetres and 131 millimetres across at their widest points;  
and

52.1.7.2 weigh up to 1.59 kilograms.