



Bowls USA

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Congratulations for even thinking about becoming a National Umpire. Bowls needs more umpires, and, as you'll find, knowing how the Laws are applied adds a nicely positive dimension to your game.

Haven't you been thinking that you need to know the Laws better? So get started! When you're ready, just email (or mail) the Application to your Head Division Umpire or the NUIC. You will be sent the written test and instructions. There are three tests: the 25-question 'open book' written; a practical test where you demonstrate you can measure, and a 10-question oral test where you'll be asked more complicated questions. The oral test is designed to befuddle you and to inspire you to continue to study the Laws throughout your 5-year term as an umpire. You'll have two months to complete it....after that, we'll figure you're too busy. The practical and oral test will be performed by the HDU of your division or, if necessary, at any venue with any HDU or the NUIC.

I grade all the written exams and you and your HDU will have the results immediately. Next, the practical and oral exams. Just about anyone who commits can pass the written. Yes, it's easier for some. Or try again later.

The Application form is on the next page to reduce the number of pages if you choose to print out the form.

I look forward to welcoming you personally. In the meantime, in the words of one of our past NUICs, Conrad Melton, I wish you balmy weather and gentle touchers.

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APPLICATION FORM - NATIONAL UMPIRE

NAME _____

DIVISION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

HOME CLUB _____

AGE _____

YEARS BOWLING _____

If I am selected as a National Umpire, I promise to be fair, impartial and honest at all times in my interpretation of the Bowls USA Laws of the Sport of Bowls. I further promise to be willing for duty whenever possible and to strive to make the National Umpires Club an organization of which the Bowls USA Membership and Council can be proud.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

If you are returning this form by email, type "I will keep the pledge" and then type your name.

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