

AGREED MEDIA RELEASE

Bowls NZ and the Men's Fours players, Gary Lawson, Shayne Sincock, Jamie Hill, and Shannon McIlroy, have reached an agreement as a result of mediation bringing the dispute between them to an end. The players have withdrawn their appeals to the Sports Tribunal and accepted the decisions of the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee.

Gary Lawson, skip of the Men's Fours team, said:

"The decisions and findings of the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee are accepted. We accept that our actions were contrary to the Rules. This has been a difficult time for both Bowls NZ and the players and we all want to move on from this matter and work together with Bowls NZ for the good of the sport."

Bowls NZ and the players believe this is a good basis to work together in the future. Jamie Hill, Shayne Sincock and Shannon McIlroy will be considered for selection to the national team for international events this year including the Commonwealth Games in accordance with the applicable selection criteria. For personal reasons, Gary Lawson has withdrawn from consideration for selection to the national team to the Commonwealth Games, and will make a decision about his future in the game at the beginning of next season.

Bowls NZ has agreed to waive the recovery of the fines imposed by the Bowls NZ Judicial Committee on all the players.

There will be no further comment by Bowls NZ or any of the players involved in this matter.

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