

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**19 March 2010**

### **Sports Tribunal successfully conducts mediation resulting in four players resolving their disputes with Bowls NZ and withdrawing their appeals**

New Zealand representative bowlers Gary Lawson, Jamie Hill, Shayne Sincock and Shannon McIlroy appealed to the Sports Tribunal against decisions of the Judicial Committee of Bowls New Zealand finding them guilty of misconduct during an international match.

The Sports Tribunal yesterday conducted a formal mediation with the parties resulting in the four players resolving their disputes with Bowls New Zealand and today withdrawing their appeals to the Tribunal.

On 2 March 2010, the Tribunal heard an application from the appellants requesting that the matter be mediated. Bowls New Zealand agreed to this request. On 3 March, the Tribunal made an order that the issues in the appeal be mediated and set down 18 March as the date for the mediation.

Mr Tim Castle, Member of the Sports Tribunal, was subsequently appointed by the Tribunal as the mediator. On 11 March, Mr Castle made timetable directions concerning parties' submissions and other rulings to facilitate the mediation.

The mediation was conducted with the parties by Mr Castle in Auckland on 18 March and the parties resolved their differences.

On 19 March, the four players formally withdrew their appeals to the Sports Tribunal.

All details relating to the mediation, and the mediation agreement, are confidential to the parties.

This media release and other information is also available from the website of the Sports Tribunal ([www.sportstribunal.org.nz](http://www.sportstribunal.org.nz)).

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