

DUTIES OF A MARKER

- DO Be correctly attired and equipped (chalk, pen, card).
- DO Introduce yourself to all players.
- DO Be conversant with the ownership of bowls.
- DO Ask the players if they agree to you removing dead bowls from the ditch and placing them on the bank.
- DO Align the jack **AFTER** it has come to rest.
- DO Challenge the length of the jack roll if in doubt, (is that long enough?) and if players agree it is short, return the jack for re-delivery. If they don't agree (or you still think it is short), call the Umpire. (min. 21 metres).
- DO Check that the mat is correctly laid and aligned before play starts.
- DO Retire to a position about 2 metres behind the head and 1.5 metres on one side. Keep your shadow away from the head or that of the adjoining rink.
- DO Remain motionless, with eyes fixed on the player in possession of the mat.
- DO Watch for signals from the player in possession.
- DO **Stop any bowl from an adjoining rink that is likely to disturb the head.**
- DO Be alert and in a position to observe if a bowl becomes a toucher.
- DO Mark all touchers immediately they come to rest, unless instructed otherwise by a player who wishes to 'indicate' a toucher until it is safe to mark it without displacing it, and remove chalk marks from non-touchers.
- DO Mark on the bank the position of the jack and any touchers in the ditch. Chalk a toucher in the ditch as soon as it comes to rest.
- DO Answer all questions briefly, with "yes", "no" if the answer is not misleading, and only to the player whose turn it is next to bowl.
- DO When asked, tell or show the player in possession of the rink which bowl or bowls the marker considers to be shot, (do not use your feet).
- DO When asked, tell or show the player in possession of the rink the position of the jack.
- DO Immediately advise the player if a bowls falls over and alters the position after a question has been answered or an inspection of the head has been made by the player.
- DO Remove all dead bowls immediately from the ditch. **The status of bowls near the boundary should be determined by agreement between the skips, they determine the result – NOT YOU - if they do not agree they should call the umpire.**
- DO Keep clear of the head when the players arrive – they determine the result, not you.
- DO Call the score card every end.
- DO Walk from end to end midway between the **centre of the rink and the boundary.**
- DO Update the score on the score board every second end.
- DO Make sure the score card contains the **name and signature** of each player – the time the game was completed and hand it to the proper official after you the marker have signed it.

It is suggested it would be better for a marker not to measure (determine the shot) if a National Umpire has been appointed.

In the event of you agreeing to measure, if the Skips do not agree with your decision **YOU** should call the Umpire.

It is rare for a bowl to be exactly 'jack high', a marker may answer just short of, or just past 'jack high', to a players question concerning a bowls position relative to the jack. (NOTE: A Bowl is 'jack high' when the nearest part of the bowl and the nearest part of the jack are both the same distance from the mat)

- DON'T** Move about when the player is on the mat.
- DON'T** Stand among the bowls.
- DON'T** Stop the jack before it completes rolling.
- DON'T** Raise the jack above your head before you place it on the "T" mark 2.m from the front ditch.
- DON'T** Move in to see who has the shot unless asked.
- DON'T** Answer questions being asked in an adjacent rink.
- DON'T** Lift a bowl on your rink to allow passage of a bowl from a neighboring rink, unless so directed by one of your players.
- DON'T** Say a shot is doubtful if it is not really so.
- DON'T** Invite the player to inspect the head.
- DON'T** Give a misleading answer to a badly worded question; ask the player to re-phrase the question.
- DON'T** Supplement your answer with information not asked for.
- DON'T** Watch the game alongside.
- DON'T** Talk to spectators on the bank.
- DON'T** Applaud either player.
- DON'T** Lean over sideways to "assist" a bowl to wick or miss.
- DON'T** Sit on the bank or a seat. If you're tired get a replacement marker.
- DON'T REMOVE THE SHOT BOWLS OR DISTURB THE HEAD IN ANY WAY.**
- DON'T** Tell the players who has the shot when they arrive, or how many.
- DON'T** Carry more equipment than you need.
- DON'T** Indicate a bowl with your feet.