



PLAYER POSITIONS AND THEIR DUTIES

LEADS

1. THE LEAD IS THE FIRST TO PLAY.
2. THE LEAD MAY, IN SOME MATCHES, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING THE TOSS OR "CALLING" TO ESTABLISH POSSESSION OF THE JACK FOR THE FIRST END.
3. THE WINNING LEAD PLACES THE MAT, DELIVERS (CASTS) AND CENTRES THE JACK.
4. THE LOSING LEAD, AT THE COMPLETION OF THE END, USES THE PUSHER TO COLLECT AND RETURN THE BOWLS TO A POSITION BEHIND AND TO THE SIDE OF THE MAT.
5. THE AIM FOR THE LEAD IS TO BOWL AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE JACK.

DO'S

1. CAST A DIFFERENT JACK LENGTH TO YOUR OPPONENT'S IN THE TRIAL ENDS.
2. GET YOUR BOWLS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE JACK. THE IDEAL IS JUST BEHIND THE JACK SLIGHTLY TO EACH SIDE.
3. IF YOUR OPPONENT IS HOLDING SHOT ATTEMPT TO DRAW ALONGSIDE TO PROVIDE A WIDER TARGET FOR YOUR NUMBER 2 OR 3.
4. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, DELIVERING THE JACK TO DIFFERENT LENGTHS ACCURATELY AND TO LENGTHS WITH THE MAT MOVED UP THE GREEN.

DON'TS

1. DELIVER YOUR BOWLS SHORT.
2. TRY NOT TO PRESENT A TARGET FOR YOUR OPPOSITION BY DELIVERING YOUR BOWLS TO A JACK HIGH POSITION.
3. GUARD AGAINST TOO TIGHT A LINE WHICH WILL RESULT IN A BOWL THAT HOOKS PAST IN FRONT OF THE JACK.
4. NEVER BE TEMPTED TO TRY AND REMOVE AN OPPONENT'S BOWL AS THIS WILL INVARIABLY RESULT IN A WASTED BOWL THAT HAS LITTLE OR NO FURTHER VALUE IN THE OUTCOME OF THAT END. IN ADDITION, THIS IS A SHOT THAT SHOULD BE PLAYED BY A LATER PLAYER.

SCORING YOUR OWN GAME

1. HOW OFTEN WAS I SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING THE REQUESTED JACK LENGTH.
2. WHEN ALLOWED TO CHOOSE THE JACK LENGTH WHAT DID I BASE MY DECISION ON
 - a) MY FAVOURED LENGTH
 - b) THE LENGTH, I BELIEVE, MY DIRECT OPPONENT DIDN'T FAVOUR
 - c) THE LENGTH, I BELIEVE, THE OTHERS IN MY TEAM FAVOURED
 - d) THE LENGTH, I BELIEVE, THE OTHERS IN THE OPPOSING TEAM DID NOT FAVOUR
3. HOW DID I REACT WHEN MY OPPONENT HAD SHOT, DID I ADD WEIGHT OR KEEP DRAWING.
4. HOW MANY OF MY BOWLS WERE ON TARGET, HOW MANY TOO HEAVY OR SHORT.
5. HOW MANY ENDS WERE WE AHEAD WHEN THE LEADS HAD FINISHED BOWLING I.E. DID I PERSONALLY BOWL BETTER THAN MY DIRECT OPPONENT.