

Duties Of Marker

In a fours or triples game the second player keeps the score; in a pairs game either of the partners may function as scorer; in a singles game the score should be kept by a marker. During the playing of each end he remains at the jack end of the rink and, in addition to keeping the score, he performs the following duties:

1. The marker shall control the game in accordance with the World Bowls Laws. He shall, before play commences, examine all bowls for the imprint of the World Bowls Ltd stamp, or that of its National Association, such imprint to be clearly visible, and shall ascertain by measurement the width of the rink of play.
2. He shall centre the jack, and shall place a full length jack 2 yards from the ditch.
3. He shall ensure that the jack is not less than 25 yards from the front edge of the mat, after it has been centred.
4. He shall stand at one side of the rink, and to the rear of the jack.
5. He shall answer affirmatively or negatively a player's inquiry as to whether a bowl is jack high. If requested, he shall indicate the distance of any bowl from the jack, or from any other bowl, and also, if requested, indicated which bowl he thinks is shot and/or the relative position of any other bowls.
6. He shall chalk all touchers, and mark the position of the jack and touchers in the ditch (See Law VI (1)). He shall remove all "non-touchers" from the ditch, and all "dead" bowls to the bank.
7. He shall not move, or cause to be moved, either jack or bowls until each player has agreed to the number of shots.
8. He shall measure carefully all doubtful shots when requested by either player. If unable to come to a decision satisfactory to the players, he shall call in an umpire. If an official umpire has not been appointed, the marker shall select one. The decision of the umpire shall be final.
9. He shall enter the score at each end, and shall intimate to the players the state of the game. When the game is finished, he shall see that the score card, containing the names of the players, is signed by the players, and disposed of in accordance with the rules of the competition.

Duties of Umpire

An umpire shall be appointed by the bowling sub-committee or competition secretary. His duties shall be as follows:

1. He shall, in fours, triples and pairs games, examine all bowls for the imprint of the World Bowls Ltd stamp, or that of its national association, and ascertain by measurement the width of the rinks of play.
2. He shall measure any shot or shots in dispute, and for the purpose shall use a suitable measure. His decision is final.
3. He shall decide all questions as to distance of the mat from the ditch, and the jack from the mat.
4. He shall decide as to whether or not jack and/or bowls are in play.
5. He shall enforce the laws of the game.