

AUCKLAND CENTRE EVENTS

Marking a singles game

Before the start of the game

- Have the score card, pen or pencil, chalk spray is preferable
- Introduce yourself to the players
- Make sure you can identify each players bowls

Trial ends

- During trial ends centre the jack where the player tells you
- When a bowl comes to rest, move it to the back of the rink
- If a bowl moves the jack, put the jack back to its original position

Position on the green

- Stand to one side of the rink as the player prepares to deliver the jack
- When the jack comes to a stop, place it on the centre line
- Stand so that no shadow is cast over the head
- Stand close enough to the head so that you can mark touchers, answer questions or decide which bowl is shot

During the game

Start of an end

- Centre the jack using your hand
- If the jack comes to rest less than two metres from the front ditch, centre it by placing the front of the jack on the two metre mark

During an end

- Stand to one side of the rink, behind the jack and away from the head
- Stand still when a player is preparing to deliver a bowl
- If necessary, move to give the players a clear view of any bowls in the head
- Pay attention to every bowl
- Answer any specific question about the state of the head
- Mark all touchers with chalk
- Remove chalk marks from non-touchers
- Mark the position of the jack and any touchers that are live in the ditch

Completing an end

- When the last bowl of an end comes to rest, don't move the jack or any of the bowls
- When player has decided the result of an end, mark the scoreboard and then walk quickly to the other end of the rink
- At the start of the next end as the bowl is on its way up the green – fill in the score card and check the score board agrees with the card

After the game

- When the game is completed write on the score card the time the game finished and ask the players to check and sign it
- Hand the score card to the umpire for checking

Dealing with touchers

- If you think a delivered bowl will touch the jack – move to a position where you can clearly see if the bowl touches the jack or not
- If the bowl touches the jack, mark the bowl with chalk as soon as it comes to rest
- Put chalk marks on opposite sides of the bowl
- If the bowl comes to rest in a position that marking it may cause it to move, say 'I'm nominating the last bowl as a toucher', instead of marking it. It is preferable to have a chalk spray so that you don't have to touch a bowl
- If a toucher comes to rest in the ditch, place an indicator on the bank immediately in line with it
- If a player forgets to remove a mark from a bowl before delivering it, and that bowl does not become a toucher, remove the mark as soon as the bowl comes to rest

Dead jack and bowls

- Remove a dead bowl as soon as it comes to rest
- If you can see that a bowl from a neighbouring rink is likely to move the jack or a bowl at rest on your rink, **stop the bowl before it does**
- If you think a bowl from the rink of play is likely to continue beyond the side boundary – don't stop it until it has travelled wholly beyond the boundary line
- If you think a bowl from the rink of play is going into the ditch don't stop it or catch it before it drops over the edge
- Check with the player to confirm that the bowl is dead before removing it

Driving bowls

- When a drive bowl is being played, warn bowlers on neighbouring rinks if you can
- As soon as the bowl has been delivered move quickly to the front of the head
- Concentrate on the drive bowl to see whether it touches the jack and where it comes to rest

Players questions

- Always be ready to respond to players questions
- Stand close enough to the head to get to it quickly
- Make a mental note of the positions of key bowls already in the head
- Concentrate on the player who is preparing to deliver their bowl
- When answering players questions:
 - Only respond to the player who is in possession of the rink
 - Answer only the specific question you are asked
 - Look directly at the player and speak clearly
 - If you didn't understand the question, ask the player to repeat it
 - Give a concise answer
- When asked who is holding shot or about the position of a bowl:
 - Give the player enough information so that they understand the situation
 - Avoid the need for any follow-up questions to be asked
 - If you are unsure who is holding shot, say that it's a measure

Interacting with players or spectators

- Don't start a conversation with a player
- If a player starts talking to you while at the head:
 - Keep conversation to a minimum
 - Don't distract or annoy the opponent
 - Don't give the player advice
- If spectators talk to you, politely tell them you are unable to talk to them until the game is over

World Bowls has put together a series of videos about Markers Duties:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRdQqs5xdMbHaRXu0ym19wpVop84CshTd>