

## **DUTIES OF A MARKER**

### **Be conversant with LAW 47 - Duties of a Marker**

#### **“DO”**

1. Be correctly attired and equipped (measure, chalk, pen, card).
2. Introduce yourself to both players.
3. Be conversant with the ownership of bowls.
4. Align the jack after it has come to rest.
5. Challenge the length of the jack roll if in doubt, and if players agree, return the jack for re-rolling. If they don't agree with you, call the umpire.
6. Note that the mat is correctly laid and aligned before play starts.
7. Stand to one side of the rink, behind the jack and away from the head. Keep your shadow away from the head or that of the adjoining rink.
8. Remain motionless, with eyes fixed on the player in possession of the mat.
9. Watch for signals from the player in possession.
10. Be alert and in a position to observe if a bowl becomes a toucher.
11. 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.
12. Answer all questions briefly, with “yes” or “no” if the answer is not misleading, and only to the player whose turn it is next to bowl.
13. Remove all dead bowls immediately from the ditch after agreement by the players. The status of bowls near the boundary should be determined by agreement by the players, or they should call the umpire to do so.
14. Keep clear of the head when the players arrive - they determine the result, not you.
15. Call the scorecard every end.
16. Walk from end to end midway between the centre of the rink and the boundary.
17. Place the score on the board every second end.
18. 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 player's question concerning a bowls position relative to the jack.
19. The marker is to ensure the scorecard is signed by each player after the completion of the match.

## **DUTIES OF A MARKER (Cont.)**

### **“DON’T”**

1. Move about when the player is on the mat.
2. Stand among the bowls.
3. Move in to see who has the shot unless asked.
4. Answer questions being asked in an adjacent rink.
5. Lift a bowl on your rink to allow passage of a bowl from a neighboring rink, unless so directed by one of your players.
6. Say a shot is doubtful if it is not so.
7. Invite the player to inspect the head.
8. Give a misleading answer to a badly worded question; ask the player to re-phrase the question.
9. Supplement your answer with information not asked for.
10. Watch the game alongside.
11. Talk to spectators on the bank.
12. Applaud either player.
13. Lean over sideways to “assist” a bowl to wick or miss.
14. Sit on the bank or a seat. If you’re tired get a replacement marker.
15. REMOVE THE SHOT BOWLS OR DISTURB THE HEAD IN ANY WAY.
16. Tell the players who has the shot when they arrive, or how many.
17. Carry more equipment than you need.
18. Indicate a bowl with your feet.