

Key Points in Marking

- 1) Be conversant with World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark latest edition.
- 2) Always have the following equipment available before commencing to mark a match. A pen or pencil, scorecard, and holder, chalk or spray, wedges, watch with second hand and a coin.
- 3) Walk up the green keeping slightly to one side of the rink. As you walk, look back from time to time for the jack being delivered. Do not stop at or near the 23meters mark. Keep walking up the green, if necessary to the ditch. The reason for this is that you could influence the length that the player delivers the jack. Remember to walk briskly, players tend to get frustrated at the sight of a marker dawdling up the green.
- 4) Check that the mat is central. Centre the jack. Pay the player on the mat the courtesy of moving it with your hand rather than your foot. (Jack placer poles are available at the club where the mats are stored). If the mat has been placed a good distance up the green you will need to go to the ditch and from there assist the player to centre the mat.
- 5) Having centred the jack, take up position to the rear and slightly to one side of the jack. Always have your chalk handy. You should be close enough to observe touchers and to move in to mark a toucher and move out quickly so that you do not interrupt the flow of the game. Mark all touchers immediately they come to rest.
- 6) Be alert for requests for information from the player in possession of the rink. Answer specific questions that relate to the state of the head. Give information clearly and with as little delay as possible. If requested clearly indicate the shot if possible.
- 7) When the last bowl comes to rest have a look at the head and this will give you some idea whether or not you are going to be asked to measure. If you think you are, have your measure ready. If there is no question of measuring get out your scorecard and pen in readiness for recording the result of the end. Do not move or cause to be moved either the jack or bowls until each player has agreed to the number of shots.
- 8) Even if the result of an end is obvious, it is courteous to await the players and let them tell you. When they tell you, repeat it aloud so no confusion and record it on the card. At least every other end let the players know the score.
- 9) Remove the mat from the previous end as necessary. Update the score board if one is being used.
- 10) When the game is finished, record the score on the scorecard and ensure that it contains the names and signatures of the players and the time of the conclusion of the game is recorded on the card and is placed in the relevant storage box according to the rules of the competition.