

## Junior Lawn Bowling OLBC    Level 3    Green

### Introduction to Singles

#### 1.) **Terminology**    You must know the following terms:

toucher:    a bowl that touches the jack **upon delivery** will be marked with chalk and will remain in play even if it is in the ditch.

measuring tape: a tape used to measure the distance from the jack to a bowl to determine which team's bowl is shot

chalk:    can be regular chalk or spray. Used to mark a 'toucher'

jack high:    a bowl that finishes at the same level as the front of the jack

back bowl:    a bowl which finishes behind the jack or head

blocker:    a bowl positioned on the rink such that it will stop an opponent's bowl from reaching a defined point, usually the jack.

mat line:    the edge of the mat nearest to the front of the ditch. All measurements involving the mat and a jack or bowl will be taken from the centre of the mat line

hog line:    the hog line is 25 m. from the rear ditch and 23 m. from the mat line.

marker:    a person who will centre the jack, remove dead bowls and mark touchers

re-spot:    this is a spot 2 m. from the front ditch along the centre line

#### 2.) **Singles game**    Demonstrate that you know the rules of singles:

i)    Toss a coin or roll a bowl to decide who has choice of mat or last bowl

ii)    Aim: to get the most bowls closest to the jack. One point is given for each bowl on a team that is closest to the jack

iii)    Singles game is played between two players using four bowls each.

iv)    A marker will centre the jack.

- v) Games are played to 21 points or whatever is decided before the game starts.
- vi) Players may walk to the head after delivery of their third and fourth bowls

### 3.) Strategy:

#### Mat placement

The player setting the jack may place the mat anywhere along the centre line, at least 2 m. from the rear ditch and as far as the hog line. If the mat is placed 3 m. from the spot (2 m. mark) then the jack must land 3 m. from the hog line. If the mat is placed 15 m. from the spot, the jack must land 15 m. from the hog line etc. This strategy is used to:

1. change the path that the bowl has been taking,
2. to change where there may be spot on the rink where there is a ridge etc.,
3. to throw off your opponent

If you roll the jack out of bounds, your opponent can now place the mat wherever he/she wants.

If your opponent rolls the jack out of bounds, it is set on the re-spot and the person who delivered the jack first may place the mat wherever he/she wants.

#### Back Bowls

You should always be aware of the placement of all the bowls. You must always have a back bowl in the event that the jack is moved. It's not a bad idea to have a bowl near the re-spot in the event that the jack is hit out the side (in which case the jack would be placed on the spot). Even if you have two bowls closer to the jack than your opponent, you should put a back bowl to cover in case the jack moves back.

#### 4. New rules:

**Dead bowl** A bowl is dead if:

1. it is not a toucher and comes to rest in the ditch
2. it is not a toucher and rebounds onto the rink after contact with the face of the bank
3. it comes to rest less than 14 metres from the mat line
4. it passes outside the side boundary line

A bowl is **NOT** dead if:

1. it comes to rest inside the boundary line even though it may have passed outside a side boundary line of the rink

2. it is a toucher which rebounds from the face of the bank onto the rink of play

### **Jack rebounding off the face of the bank**

If the jack rebounds onto the rink of play after contact with the face of the bank, it is still in play

### **Bowl hitting a bowl from the rink beside**

If a bowl hits a bowl from the rink beside and if it had the correct bias, it is re-played, the bowl on the other rink is placed where it was.

### **Delivering the final bowl of an end**

It is not compulsory for the last player to play in any end to deliver the final bowl of the end, but the player must tell the opposing skip or opponent (in singles) of the decision not to deliver the final bowl before the process of deciding the number of shots scored starts. This decision is final.

## **5. Demonstrate that you are competent at playing singles**

### **6. Measuring**

Demonstrate how to properly measure using tape and calipers