

3.1 SCORING (the role of No. 2) FAQ

The bowl is resting at the edge of the rink is it a dead bowl?	The bowl is only declared dead if it is completely outside of the rink line.
The bowl is resting only halfway up the rink - is it a dead bowl?	<i>17.1.3 after completing its original course or after being moved as a result of play, it comes to rest at a distance of less than 14 metres, as measured in a straight line, from the centre of the mat line to the nearest point of the bowl</i>
Who decides if a bowl is dead?	<i>17.3 The skips or opponents in Singles must decide whether a bowl is dead or not as soon as they realise it is necessary. (If the players do not realise that a decision is necessary as soon as the bowl comes to rest, the decision can still be made even if a number of bowls have been played after the bowl in question came to rest.) If they cannot reach agreement, they must ask the umpire to make a decision.</i>
When should dead woods be removed?	<i>17.4 A dead bowl must be removed from the rink of play as soon as it has been declared dead</i>
When do I chalk a wood that has just hit the jack during delivery?	You should chalk the wood as soon as it comes to rest or up until the next wood delivered comes to rest.
A wood just hit the jack after rebounding off another wood - do I chalk it?	If the bowl was still on its original course and hits the jack even after rebounding off other bowls before it comes to rest it is a toucher. Any bowl that is not in its original course but later touches the jack is not a toucher
I cant chalk the wood without possibly disturbing the head, what do I do?	In this instance you would nominate it as a toucher to your opponent. If possible it is safer to use spray chalk so that you don't disturb the bowl
I forgot to chalk or nominate a wood and it has now been knocked into the ditch, does it still count?	No. If, before the next delivered bowl comes to rest a bowl is neither marked nor nominated, it is no longer a toucher. In this case the wood will be removed from the ditch
The jack and/or chalked wood has gone in the ditch - how do I place the markers?	The jack is marked with the white marker and the live woods marked with the coloured markers
Skip asked how short/long is last wood, what do I say?	Tell the skip how far in front/behind the jack line the bowl is, not how far the bowl is from the jack. They can already see how far to the left or right it is and just need to know how long/short they are. Give them an accurate estimate in feet or yards or by using hand signals.
We are holding shot and skip decides not to bowl their last wood - what do I do?	<i>25. 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 (as described in law 23.1). This decision is final .</i> So, once the skip declares they are not going to bowl you start the process of determining the number of shots as normal, measuring any bowls that the opponents dispute.
I started measuring before I realised the skips still had bowls to deliver, what happens now?	<i>23.3 No measuring will be allowed before the process of deciding the number of shots scored starts (as described in law 23.1). If a player measures before the process of deciding the number of shots scored starts, the defaulting team or opponent in Singles will lose the right to play any bowls remaining to be played in that end and the non-defaulting team or opponent in Singles will deliver their remaining bowls to complete the end</i>

Is it okay for the lead to do the measuring?	Rule 40 Players' duties - The rules don't say whether skip can (or can't) assign no.2 or 3's duties to the lead but it is usually accepted that the skip can assign any tasks. Best practise is for the skip to inform the opponent skip at the start of the game.
The bowl looks like it might topple over, when can I put in a wedge?	<i>23.1 The process of deciding the number of shots scored must not start until the last bowl required to be played in an end has come to rest, or 30 seconds after that if either skip or opponent in Singles asks for this 30-second period (for example, to see whether or not a bowl lying at an angle will fall of its own accord within that time).</i> <i>23.2 If either skip or opponent in Singles has asked for a 30-second period, no bowl which is likely to fall must be secured during that period</i>
What happens if I didn't wedge a possible scoring wood and it falls down after 30 second rule?	<i>23.6.3 if a bowl falls of its own accord, it must be left in its new position while deciding the number of shots scored continues, and all the shots agreed before the bowl fell will count;</i> In other words all the bowls that have been take out and counted already will stand but this bowl that has fallen in may be counted as next nearest wood.
Who puts the wedge in to secure a bowl?	There is no rule to say who should place the wedge but usually if you are holding shot the opponent does this. You need to be aware of what the result could be if a wedge is not placed in time. For example if the opponents bowl looks like it might fall in for shot you might want to wedged it quickly yourself.
The other team is claiming three shots but I only see two..	As you are the opponent you must now take out the shots you do agree and place on a cloth (or at somebody's feet). Then you measure any that you dispute. Place any more to be counted on the cloth and when you are finished declare how many shots you are conceding and wait their agreement before picking up the jack and telling your skip the outcome. Always measure if unsure - do not be bullied into conceding shots.
My team has shot, now what do I do?	Take your time to decide how many shots you have and include any bowls that may be borderline. DO NOT take out any woods - your opponent will do so if they agree and measure if they don't. As the bowls are taken out keep looking in case there are more to be claimed. Once agreed the opponent will pick up the jack.
I think my opponent is not measuring accurately what do I do?	Always watch your opponent when they are measuring - your opponent may not be competent at measuring or could even try to cheat! If you disagree you are entitled to measure it again yourself
We have both measured but cannot agree which bowl is nearer - what do we do?	Firstly advise the skips who will likely wish to measure themselves. If they too cannot agree then an umpire is called
What happens if an end is tied?	The end is counted as a played end but no score is recorded and the winners of the previous end will place the mat
What happens if an end is declared dead?	A dead end is not counted and must be replayed in the same direction unless both skips agree to play from the opposite direction
Who does the scoreboard.	The skip and the No. 2 are responsible for changing the scoreboard
Clearing the woods after end is scored	If the bowls are scattered, help the leads by kicking them into a line so they can be scooped up quickly with the trolley