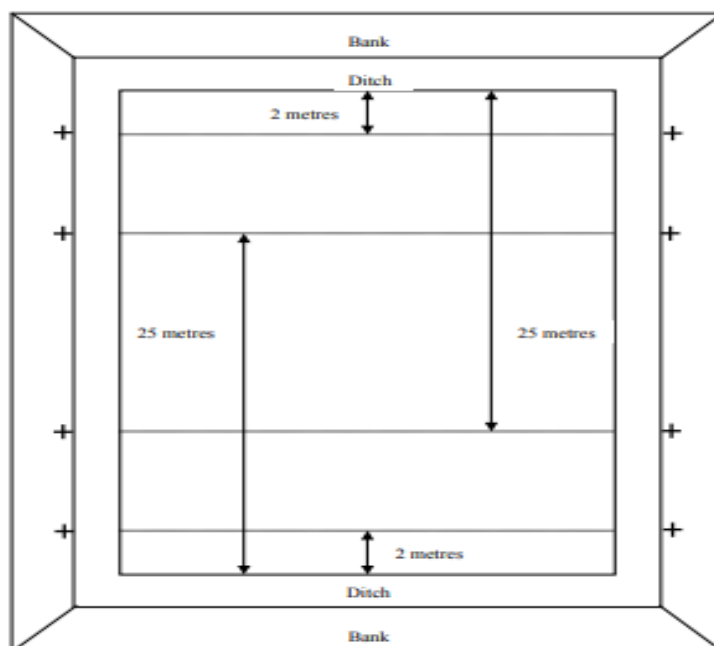


1. THE MAT THE JACK AND THE WHITE STICK (The role of the Lead)

B.4 Distance charts

B.4.1 Pegs, discs or other suitable markings fixed against the face of the side banks or on top of the side banks (illustrated by a '+')



PLACING THE MAT

Where can you place the mat?	The front of mat (the mat line) must be at least 2m at from back ditch (the ditch behind you). The mat line should be at least 25m from front ditch (the ditch at opposite end of rink)
Always watch and listen to the skip	The skip might want you to place the mat somewhere specific
Skip asked me to bring the mat up - what do I do?	Walk forward with the mat so that you can watch the skip. They will tell you when to stop and place the mat.
Centering the mat	The mat must be placed so that the centre of the mat is on the centre line of the rink. Make sure you understand your skips instructions. ie bring front end round, move two inches left etc
Skip asks you "is the mat up?" what do they mean?	This means that the skip thinks the opponent has cast the jack shorter than 23M from mat line. Get the white stick and place at the edge of the rink to measure out 2M, then you can estimate approximately how far the mat line is up from the 2m line and advise your skip. If it is close the skip will ask for it to be measured (see placing the jack section)
Who picks up the mat after last bowl?	Etiquette is to pick the mat up if your opponent is the last to bowl
Placing the mat on the side	Place the mat on the back ledge. Do not throw it or leave it hanging over the edge.

PLACING THE JACK

Pay attention to skip, where do they want the jack placed?	For example skip may have noticed opponent is not reaching the long jacks so may ask you to cast a long jack. Try to aim jack to land at skips feet when asked
How far must I cast the jack?	The jack must be cast at least 23M from the front of the mat.
The mat is up to the 25M line where should I cast the jack?	You must still cast the jack at least 23M from the front of the mat. Therefore you will now need to get the jack past the front 2M line (but not in the ditch!).
Opponent has cast incorrect jack and it is returned to me. Why has skip asked me to move the mat?	If opponent is consistently finding the line from this spot the skip might feel that a change to longer/shorter jack from a different place of delivery might upset their rhythm
What happens if both sides failed to correctly cast jack?	Jack is placed 2M from front end. The original player can re-place the mat
Centering the jack	Communicate to skip with clear hand signals that can be seen from distance. No finger rolling.
The opponents say the jack has not reached 23M and asked for a measure, what do I do?	First, centre the jack. Then get the tape measure from the umpires kit. Place the tape at centre of mat line and then measure to jack. The whole of the jack must be over 23M to be legal

THE LEAD

We lost that end, when can I collect up the woods with the trolley?	Never start collecting the woods until the number of shots has been agreed. Make sure you have checked for bowls on the bank and in the ditch.
After I collect the woods with trolley where should I put them?	Make sure they are placed well away from the mat line, at least 1 meter behind and 1 meter to the side of bowlers.
We won that end, when can I pick up the jack?	Wait until the number of shots have been agreed before you pick up the jack