

# **HOW TO USE PROTECTOR MATS**

**Mats are used when the ground is soft due to rain and play could potentially cause damage to the Green. Please check beforehand with your match Captain, or the Green whiteboard, whether protector mats are to be used. They can also be used at any time if any bowler is liable to make divots.**

**You will find the protector mats, delivery mats, large black plastic corner pegs, smaller anchor pegs, and 2 metre measuring sticks in the equipment shed.**

**Please see the example pictures below which illustrate how to use them.**

- 1. Place the 2 metre stick and delivery mat on the Green as shown**
- 2. Unfold the protector mat and place it square and centred in front of the delivery mat front edge as shown.**
- 3. The leading edge of the protector mat is not pegged down, and should be the unhemmed side.**
- 4. Peg down the 4 corners of the protector mat with the black pegs stretching it as taut as possible, especially the open front leading edge.**
- 5. Then place 3 smaller pegs down each side of the protector mat as shown.**
- 6. Fix smaller pegs to the back end of the protector mat for safety reasons. Larger black pegs can be used instead if needed (eg) there are no eyelets and /or the holes have become enlarged.**
- 7. Position a protector mat at each end of the rink.**
- 8. Bowls should be delivered so they are hitting the protector mat. If you find that a bowler is missing the mat with their delivery, then move it forward so that their bowl is delivered on the mat.**
- 9. Jacks delivered can come to rest on a protector mat – they do not have to be off the mat as it is still deemed to be part of the usual playing surface.**
- 10. After play, return all the equipment tidily to the equipment shed, making sure no pegs are left on the Green, as they will damage the mowers.  
Thank you for your help in keeping our Green in top condition.**

