

### SESSION 3

## **RINKS (4's), TRIPLES, PAIRS, SINGLES**

### **Rinks**

Four players on each side; two bowls each; 21 ends.

- No.1 (Lead) – places the mat and delivers the jack in accordance with the Skip's instructions. The No.1 then delivers his bowls as close to the jack as possible.
- No.2 – at the direction of the Skip will fill in for the lead if his bowls were not close enough to the jack or place positional bowls. He will also do the score board as necessary.
- No.3 – should be a very experienced player who can advise the Skip of changes to the head (when it is the Skip's turn to bowl) and will recommend the shot for the Skip to play to play. The Skip is, however, in charge of the rink and is not obliged to follow the No.3's advice.
- The Skip – will have sole charge of the team and all players in the team should follow the Skip's instructions. The Skip is responsible for the score card. He will enter the names of the players on the card and will compare the score card with that of the opposing skip as each end is completed. He also ensures that the score board is correct.

### **Triples**

Three players on each side, three bowls each, 18 ends.

- No.1 – as per rinks.
- No.2 – as per rinks except that he also controls the head for the Skip when it is the Skip's turn to bowl.
- No.3 is the Skip and is in charge of the rink.

### **Two-wood Triples**

Three players on each side, two bowls each, 21 ends.

Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (Skip) as per three wood triples.

### **Pairs**

A Pairs game should be played by two opposing teams, each with two players. Players should play singly and in turn either two, three or four of a set of bowls. A game lasts 21 ends. The No.1 directs the Skip when it is the Skip's turn to play.

### **Four-wood Singles**

Four bowls each, first to reach 21 shots. A Marker is required. (See duties of a Marker printed separately).

### **Two-wood Singles**

Two bowls each, 21 ends. A Marker is required.

### **General Notes**

- All players should be good draw bowlers.
- In Rinks, Nos.1 and 2 will usually be asked to draw to the head or to cover an opponent's bowl. The No.1 must be able to deliver a jack accurately to the position indicated by the Skip.
- No.2 in Triples should be able to play a variety of shots and be able to read a head to advise the Skip.
- Players in singles must be able to deliver a jack to the length he wants it and must be able to play all the shots.

*For the sake of brevity the male gender has been used but the above applies equally to women bowlers.*