

bowl RULES FOR TWO-HOUR MATCHES

1. Matches shall be of 18 ends or two hours' duration, whichever is the earlier.
2. The jack shall be delivered in the normal manner, but if delivered out of the rink shall be placed by the opposing skip. The lead may also reposition the mat but this must be completed before the jack is set by the skip. In singles matches the jack will be delivered in the normal manner by the opposing player.
3. If, during play, the jack is put out of the confines of the rink, the end shall be replayed, except if this occurs after the five minute bell has rung. In RIBC League games ONLY, should the jack leave the confines of the rink, the jack shall be re-spotted on the appropriate side of the rink and play shall continue until the end is completed. If the re-spot is covered by a bowl in play, the jack should be placed on the inside of that bowl, without touching it, and in line with the 'T'. Re-spotting positions will be on the 'T' Line, 1.5 metres from the centre of the rink. The re-spot markings will be added to the rink before the season starts.
4. Players are not allowed to:
 - a) remain at the head while their opposite number bowls
 - b) follow a bowl down the rink
 - c) visit the head
5. Skips shall leave the head as soon as it is their turn to bowl, and shall not hold long discussions with any member of their team before they bowl. Other members of the team shall not go to the head until all the players, other than the skips, have delivered their bowls. If a skip has to temporarily leave the green, they will not be replaced at the head.
6. Bells will be rung at the time of start and at five minutes before the end of a session. The jack must be in place when the bell is rung to signal the final five minutes. If it is, then the last end will be played to a finish.
7. If a bowl, on its original course down the Green, is deemed to be on a collision course with a static bowl on a neighbouring rink, the latter shall be lifted to allow the moving bowl to pass and shall then be replaced as near as possible to its original position. If more than one static bowl is involved, and it is deemed not to be possible to carry out the above procedure with all these bowls, the moving bowl shall be stopped and replayed. However, in the event that the game on the neighbouring rink is to the full rules of bowls, in particular National or County competitions, the procedure laid down by those rules shall be applied.