

A FEW 'DO'S' AND 'DO-NOT'S' WHEN MARKING

A FEW 'DO'S'

- Perform your duties in a manner which causes the players the minimum of distraction and delay
- Be polite
- Be familiar with the rules of the competition
- Concentrate on the game and be attentive at all times
- Have on hand the equipment that you will need during the game
- Make sure that you can remember the players' names and that you can identify their bowls
- Remain close enough to the head to be able to mark touchers, answer questions or determine who is shot
- Keep perfectly still and quiet while a player is standing on the mat to deliver
- Adopt a position on the rink which does not obscure a player's line of sight to the rink boundary markers and rink numbers
- Stand on the side of the rink away from the sun so that your shadow is not cast across the head
- Be decisive but do not guess
- Allow the game to flow at the players' speed
- Advise a player immediately if a bowl falls over and alters the position of the head after answering a question or after a player has inspected the head

A FEW 'DO-NOT'S'

- DO NOT move around when a player is on the mat
- DO NOT stand among the bowls in the head
- DO NOT touch the jack before it stops rolling
- DO NOT move in to see who has the shot unless asked by the player in possession of the rink
- DO NOT answer questions asked on an adjoining rink
- DO NOT invite the players to inspect the head
- DO NOT watch the game on the adjoining rink
- DO NOT talk to officials, scoreboard markers or spectators on the bank
- DO NOT applaud either player
- DO NOT give advice to the players
- DO NOT remove shot bowls or disturb the head in any way
- DO NOT tell the players who has the shot when they arrive at the head – it is their game
- DO NOT record the score ahead of time
- DO NOT initiate any prolonged conversation with either player
- DO NOT use your foot to center the jack
- DO NOT prevent a jack or bowl from entering the ditch
- DO NOT enter a score on the scorecard that is higher than the maximum score required to win the game
- DO NOT signify when the jack is placed at the 2-meter mark unless asked
- DO NOT say a shot is doubtful if it is not really so
- DO NOT say you favour one bowl over another
- DO NOT bring the rake onto the green

The less the marker is noticed during the game the better the job that has been done.