

6. **Position on Rink:** Players at the mat end who are not delivering a bowl should stand at least 1 metre behind the mat. Players at the head end who are not controlling play should stand behind the jack.
7. **Playing Wrong Bowl:** Replace with correct bowl
8. **Playing out of Turn:** Opposition skip has choice: a) may stop the bowl, b) leave it and have two bowls played to restore proper sequence, c) reset disturbed head and restore proper sequence, d) leave disturbed head and play two bowls or e) declare dead end.
9. **Bowl & Jack Displacement:** Numerous scenarios can arise. The opposition skip and skips have options. The options depend upon the cause and timing of the displacement.
10. **Rink Possession:** Possession of the rink belongs to the player or team whose bowl is being played.
11. **Determining score:** Bowls should not be moved until the number of shots has been agreed upon by the vice or skip.
12. **Objects on the green:** No objects should be placed on the bank, the green or in the ditch to help a player.
13. **Game stoppage:** If a game has been stop for a valid reason and all bowls have not been played, the end is declared dead.

## 2. BOWLS STRATEGY

**AIM:** “To secure the greatest possible advantage of shot numbers through low risk tactics, or failing that, to secure the least possible shot disadvantage”.

[SOURCES: **R. T Harrison**, “How To Become A Champion At Bowls”; **Rob Judson**, “Basic Tactics in Lawn Bowling Lawn Bowls International Coaching”]

### 2.1 Jack and Mat Tactics

There will always be debate as to whether the mat should be taken or given away.

- Taking the mat gives the lead a feel of the green speed.
- Taking the mat allows for control of jack length.
- If winning a certain length, keep that length. If not, change length.
- If you wish to change length then alter mat placement.
- Against an inexperienced player a full-length jack might be an advantage.
- Against an experienced firm shot bowler keep some distance between jack and ditch.
- Observe opposition length preference so you can alter when possible.
- Careless rolling of the jack can nullify strategy

### 2.2 Head Building Tactics (SWOT)

- Do not overbuild the head, but strategically place bowls.
- Never underestimate your opponent’s ability.
- Do not be greedy.
- Never be afraid to let opponent have one shot rather than risk giving several.