

- When holding shots, never be narrow.
- When down shots, never be wide.
- Avoid being short when not shot.

2.3 Singles and Team Tactics

- When being outplayed, try to make opponents change hand that is being played well (e.g. by blocking).
- Movement of mat can upset opponent's rhythm of delivery.
- Be aggressive when a conservative outlook is not working.
- Build each end to your own strength.
- A three quarter length jack gives a good indication of green speed.
- Drives and running shots should be exercised carefully when playing singles.
- Attacking shots are more successful in shorter ends.
- In singles your first and third shots are of greater importance tactically.
- If in doubt you should walk up to examine the head (if permitted) before rolling your bowl.
- Do not hurry delivery.
- If your opponent is a 'niggler' play full length jack.
- Play the shot offering more than one option of attaining your goal.
- Avoid wasting opportunities to add to the score.
- Drives should be played only if you have back bowls.
- Avoid playing "around the clock." Play the favourable side. Offer a player a second attempt if first failed.
- Change foot position on the mat to avoid blocks.
- Never block for a single, where the bowl is accessible.
- Never block a big head.
- Blocks are more effective on slow or medium paced greens.
- Play covering bowls before attempting blocks.
- Be aware of your opponent's tactics, preferences, strengths & weaknesses.
- Play your tactics so they do not suit your opponent.
- In a cross wind the narrow side is kinder.
- Play short ends with the wind and long ends against it.

3. JACK & BOWL LENGTHS

1. The front of the mat must be placed at least 2m from the ditch.
2. Measurements from the mat line are done for:
 - a. Jack length – the distance must be at least 21 m.
 - b. Legal bowl length is 14 m.
 - c. If a jack rebounds from a bowl during play, its distance must be at least 20 m.

4. MEASURING FOR SHOT

1. Measurement for shot shall be made between the nearest points of the Jack and Bowl.
Always measure from the Jack to the Bowl.