

Team Roles

Lead Position

- Keep involved in the game, and encourage your team mates.
- Correctly place the mat.
- Consistently deliver the jack to the length required by the Skipper.
- Set the foundation for winning each end by delivering two well positioned bowls close to the jack, or at least into the scoring zone.
- Draw effectively on either hand to all positions on the rink.

Second Position

- Add to the building of a favourable head begun by the lead.
- Play positional bowls to help protect the lead's good bowls.
- Get shot, or at least get bowls into the scoring zone, if the lead has not been successful in doing this.
- Keep involved in the game, and encourage your team mates.
- Record a neat score card and keep the scoreboard up to date.

Third Position

- Be a strong bowler capable of the full range of shots
- Be a capable measurer and know the laws of the game
- Show respect when the opposition has possession of the rink and avoid going near the head at that time.
- Measure close bowls.
- Communicate clearly and precisely with the skip and if the head changes advise the Skip accordingly.
- Call the Skip to the head if in doubt.

Skip Position

- Is a strong bowler capable of the full range of shots.
- Be the leadership player within the team who earns the team's respect and gets the best out of team mates.
- Be clear and firm with directions, do not show displeasure with bad shots, and quietly talk to players between ends.
- Show respect to team mates and the opposition.
- Display a supportive and encouraging approach.
- Know your players' strengths and weaknesses.
- Give clear calls when calling a shot and let the player know the outcome you want.
- The overall talent of the skip is knowledge of all these matters, and also includes rules, player's bowls, how to build a head, reading the green, knowing when to attack or block the head, game planning and game review.