



The Marker's Duties – The 12 Commandments

1. Wear club or official BA uniform.
2. Make sure you are carrying a pen, chalk or spray-chalk and a measure
3. Do not become distracted. Always pay attention to the head, the players, and the adjacent rinks. Only converse with players if they initiate it.
4. Your main duties as a Marker are :
 - a. centre the jack,
 - b. Advise the players if you think the jack is short of the minimum length (21 metres). If they are unable to agree, call Umpire.
 - c. immediately mark any touchers,
 - d. put dead bowls on the bank,
 - e. mark the sand in the ditch to show resting position(s) of a live jack and any live bowls
 - f. Keep score on the scorecard and score board
5. During play, the ideal position is to stand approx. 2 metres behind the longest bowl in the head and 1 metre either side of the jack. If necessary stand on the bank. **Always stay out of the head unless a player requests information.**
6. Only answer a question from a player controlling the mat and do not offer any further details not specifically sought ie: **“Am I Holding?”** Response is a **YES** or **NO**. If it's too close to call, respond with **“it's a measure”**. Do not advise how many shots or which bowl is shot unless specifically asked the question.
7. Always let the bowl or jack fall into the ditch. Never stop or catch them. However, be prepared to return a displaced live bowl or jack in the ditch to its previous position, if necessary – *refer point 4(e) above*
8. You may however stop a bowl or jack from an adjacent rink if it is about to disturb the head on your rink.
9. Normally, the players should measure, however if they ask you to measure, make sure they clearly advise which bowls are in contention
10. Wait until both players mutually agree on the end score, then record it and announce the current game score to both players.
11. An umpire should be called when both players cannot agree on length of jack, shot(s), if a bowl/jack is dead or any other matter relating to the laws of the game.
YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ADJUDICATE.
12. At the end of each game (*first player to reach 31 shots*) make sure the scorecard is signed by both players and record the time the game was finished and return the signed card to the Match Committee in the Bowls Office.

There may be other situations or duties required of you during the game, if in doubt seek the advice of the Umpire. **Thank you and Good Luck**