

SECOND

1. Seconds are virtually leads and play a high percentage of their bowls as draw shots.
2. The position is played to perfection if all the bowls they play pass the jack by 30cm to 45cm (12" to 18").
3. Short bowls by a Second decrease your chances of winning dramatically.
4. A Second should never take their stance on the mat in anticipation of the shot they expect to be called to play.
5. Never anticipate what your Skipper is about to direct you to do.
6. Stand just behind the mat and wait for direction. Once you have understood the direction, play the shot to the best of your ability.
7. With your own shot selection in the back of your mind possibly conflicting with the Skipper's request, your chances of obtaining a good result for your team diminish.
8. As a Second you will be called upon to play many shots. Drawing around short bowls – running shots – promoting short bowls – the trail shot –the drive - and drawing on the wide windy side because the Lead has blocked the best side. Remember these are all shots you should be practicing during the week.
9. Good Seconds in a team are essential. Brilliant Seconds who play the game to perfection are rare. Such is the demand of the position, which requires during a game, every shot selection in the book and you don't know until you have approached the mat which of the shots you may be asked to play.
10. Never as a Second should you indicate to your Skipper the best shot you can see from the mat unless he asks you. Trust your Skipper, he is in charge and without your effort he cannot build a head or control the game.
11. Always be part of the completed end. Stand clear of the bowls as the Thirds determine the result and once declared assist in clearing the bowls in preparation for the next end.
12. To be a good team member don't wander around. Back up the Lead and Third. Applaud your teams good bowls and have very little to say. Let the Skips and Thirds run the show.