



ENGLISH BOWLING FEDERATION (EBF) AND ENGLISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION (EBA)

BASIC RULES OF PLAY

	Action	EBF	EBA
1	Placing mat	First end - front of mat 2 metres After - 2 to 4 metres.	Front of mat 2 metres to 25 metres.
2	Delivering the jack	Within side boundary and ditch.	Within side boundary and ditch.
3	Improper delivery of jack	Opposing lead to deliver within rule 1 continue alternately until correct. Original lead then bowls first wood.	Opposing lead to deliver within rule 1. Still incorrect, place jack 2 metres from ditch, mat as rule 1. Original lead then bowls first wood.
4	Delivering a live bowl	Min 14 metres, within boundaries (any part of bowl) and ditch. Bowl in the ditch is not live even if it touches the jack.	Min 14 metres within boundaries (whole bowl) and ditch. Touchers to be marked with chalk or nominated. Bowl in the ditch is live if it touches the jack before going in to the ditch.
5	Green marking	On side of green marks for 2 and 4 metres and minimum length with mat on 2 metres.	On side of green marks for 2 metres and minimum length with mat on 2 metres.
6	Counting shots	All bowls nearer jack than opposition if within 2 metres. (Use stick to measure)	All bowls nearer jack than opposition including touchers in ditch
7	Measuring	Number 2 in triples, 3 in rinks agrees shots; other players do not get involved. Note if any doubt, measure. Do not be put off by aggressive opposition. Use wedges if bowls being measured look like they may fall.	Number 2 in triples, 3 in rinks agrees shots; other players do not get involved. Note if any doubt, measure. Do not be put off by aggressive opposition Use wedges if bowls being measured look like they may fall.
8	Score card	Held by number 2.	Held by Skip.
9	Order of play	Can be changed during play between ends. If score is heavily against after 7 ends then consider change.	Fixed at start, cannot be changed.
10	Etiquette	During play all players at jack end should be well behind head and at least 1 metre behind the mat. When opposition has mat do not interfere or give instructions.	During play all players at jack end should be well behind head and at least 1 metre behind the mat. When opposition has mat do not interfere or give instructions.