

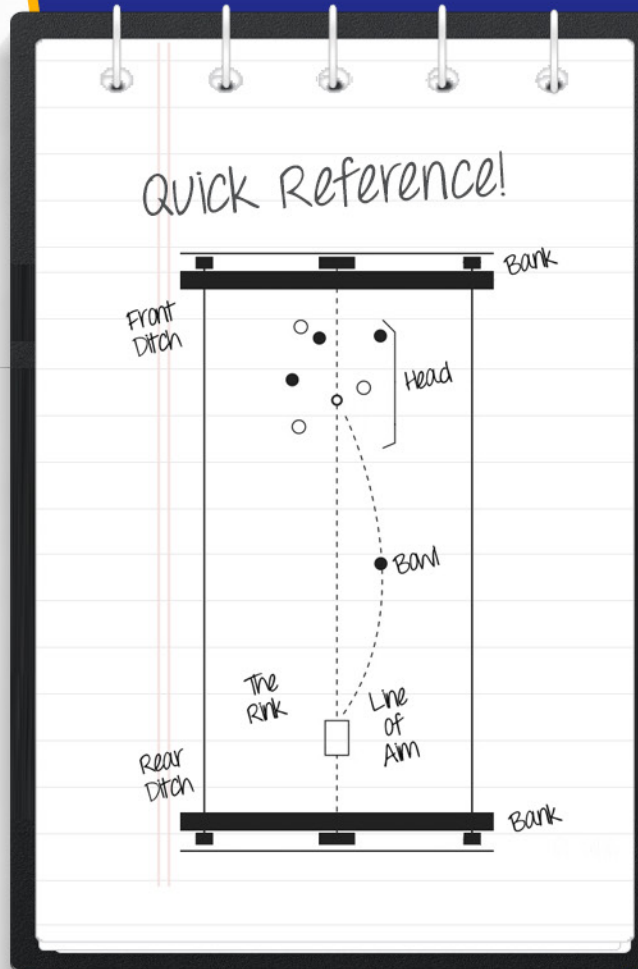


WHAT IS LAWN BOWLING?

Lawn bowling is played by 2 teams of 1-4 players who try to earn points by rolling their “bowls” up the green so that they land closest to a small round target called a “Jack.”

SO WHERE DO YOU PLAY?

The green is divided into sections called rinks. The rinks are between 4.3m and 5.8m wide. The rinks are numbered in order, with the centre of each rink marked on the bank at each end by a vertical peg that has the rink number on it. The four corners of the rinks are marked by white or brightly coloured vertical boundary pegs and located at least 600mm from the side ditch. The centre line of each rink is defined by a line on the green for a minimum distance of 4m starting 2m from each ditch.



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"It's great to meet you as I seem to always be the center of attention during a game. In Lawn Bowls, I'm rolled out at the beginning of every end, then each team tries to get close to me or knock me around. Depends on who is playing but most times I come out with a splitting headache. I'm a little different than those weird shaped Bowls as I'm round and roll straight across the Green."



THE GAME!

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GETTING STARTED

During the game, players must stand with at least one foot on a rubber mat when delivering their bowl. The mat is placed on the center line no less than 2m from the rear ditch and 25m from the front ditch. The player who throws the Jack determines where the mat is placed for that round, or "end."

The first player, the "lead," delivers the Jack. If the Jack doesn't travel at least 21m from the front edge of the mat or lands inbounds, it's then rolled by the other team. The Jack must be centered on the rink, which means it is moved to the center line while keeping it at the same distance it traveled. If it stops within 2m from the front edge of the rink, it has to be moved to the center line or to a spot that is called the "T."

- The Jack becomes the target for the bowlers.
- After the lead player rolls the Jack, he then rolls his first bowl. Then the other team rolls their bowl, and play continues in this manner until all of the bowls have been delivered.
- The bowl may travel outside the boundaries of the rink as long as it comes to rest within the boundaries.
- An end is complete when the Jack and all bowls by all players have been rolled.
- When all of the bowls have been played, the number of "shots" are counted.
- Players deliver their bowls from one end of the rink and then the other, alternating back and forth from end to end until the game is finished.



WHAT DO I NEED TO BEGIN?

Aside from a playing area, the following equipment is needed for lawn bowling:

There are a few things you need to begin. You will need a Jack, which will be your target, and a Lawn Bowl, not a ball, but a Bowl. These bowls come in different sizes that range from 00 to 6. They are available with a range from 2-3 pounds and at least 7 different types of grips to choose from. Over the years the colours have changed and you can specialize your own Bowls to suite your favourite colour and symbol. The symbol on the bowl is to show the heavier side that has the "bias". Most of the Lawn Bowls are made in either Scotland or Australia, by a few companies that provide the Bowls for people all around the World.