

Duties of Team Members

Playing Your Part as the **SECOND**

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Official Duties:

The second's official duties are not described in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, but should be!

General Duties:

The second must be a versatile player for defence, attack or recovery with the ability to:

- Draw on either hand to the jack or to ANY position designated by the skip;
- Be able to play on-shots to trail the jack to designated lengths;
- Rest on or wrest out bowls from the head, this being said unless specifically requested by a skip a seconds "on-shot" should **never** have weight to reach the ditch;
- When the lead has failed, re-establish the leads obligation at the head;
- Where applicable adjust the score board and if needed complete the score card (this is actually a skip's duty which is normally automatically delegated to the second in Australia);
- Assist in moving the bowls back behind the mat at the conclusion of each end.

Disposition of the Head:

The disposition of the seconds bowls within the head plays an important part in the building of the head which involve both teams to consider the employment of the tactical skills of defence, attack and recovery.

Bowl Placement:

Without giving any tactical solution to any particular problem, the diagrams below give examples of where bowls may be placed. This is indicated by the symbol @; where **X** is an opposition bowl and # is a Jack.

Diagram 1

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@           @
      X
      #
@   X   @
  
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Diagram 3

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@           @

X   #   X

@           @
  
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Diagram 2

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X           @
      #
  
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Diagram 4

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@           @

X
#

@           @
  
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