



## Protective Groundsheet Positioning

Unless the notices beside the green indicate that Groundsheets are 'Not Required' then they must be used for all play. Please apply the following approach to protect our green.

To provide for a legal delivery (see Bowls Law 6) the 'Mat Line' (the front edge of the mat) needs to be set at least 2 metres from the back ditch. Under 'wet' conditions it is suggested that you choose to place the mat (line) and its associated groundsheet further up the green to be **between 2 metres and up to 4 metres** from the back ditch.

This 'advanced' mat position will provide more room for players 'behind' the playing delivery mat and will therefore help reduce localised compaction caused by players standing or damaging the green edge.

The front edge of the playing delivery mat should be placed so that it covers the groundsheet by a small amount - say 5cms.

Place the groundsheet with its longer side aligned down the rink although this may cause the nails to run across the rink. While not ideal it provides on balance the better protection to the green.

