



Ashtead Bowls Club Bowling as 'Rinks' Role of each position

If you're leading as No '1'

Place the mat – where your Skip wants it.

Deliver the jack – your Skip will indicate preferred length.

Deliver your bowls – find your best hand on the day; stick to it unless your Skip says otherwise.

Your task - deliver your bowls to finish as close to the jack as possible. After the end is complete, if you have lost the end you collected up the bowls and place to the side and behind the mat, while your opposite No '1' places the mat and sets the jack.

You are just so valuable! Your drawing skills lay the foundation for the head and success for the end in play.

When you've bowled: stand still behind the mat, ready to encourage your fellow team members and appreciate and learn from both team's bowling. After the number three's have bowled walk to the opposite end and stand still and quietly away from the head and well behind the jack – leave it to number three's to assess the head and communicate with your Skip.

If you're playing at No '2'

Deliver your bowls – either draw to the jack or carry on improving the head as directed by the 'Skip'.

Your task – play the draw shot or the positional shot as called by the Skip! (Also you may have the score card delegated to you if both Skips do the same on your rink).

You are just so valuable! You can be asked to play a variety of shots and with the third and fourth bowls on the rink you can either consolidate or provide opportunities for number three and Skip.

When you've bowled: stand still behind the mat, ready to encourage your fellow team members and appreciate and learn from both team's bowling. After the No '3's have bowled, walk to the opposite end and stand still and quietly away from the head, well behind the jack – leave it to No '3' to assess the head and communicate with your Skip.



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If you're playing at No '3'

Deliver your bowls – draw, cover, block, trail or drive as directed by your Skip! You can be asked to do any of these shots!

Your task – respond to instructions from the skip or agree with your Skip what shots are needed, backing up his decision. When it is your turn to bowl go and give it your best effort!

You are also responsible for marking touchers and measuring at the conclusion of the end.

You are just so valuable! You will be asked to play what the Skip wishes you to play which could be any shot in the book! However, if you are playing 'threes up' (as you would be in ESL matches for example) then you will be with the Skip at the head end already so will agree what is required.

Otherwise, when you have bowled walk to the opposite end, assess the head with the Skip as required so that you can advise him when he is on the mat. Stand still and quietly behind the jack, advising and indicating changes and positions in the head as to inform the Skip which shot to bowl.

When it comes to the Skip's turn to bowl, you will be in charge of the head.

If you're playing as Skip

You are in sole charge of the rink.

You will play every shot in the book on either hand with equal ability.

You will be a tactician with the ability to read the green, read the head, and decide the best shot for your team to play in the circumstances. You can ask for team advice if appropriate. You'll mark touchers if the No 3 is not at the head end with you. You may choose to do the scorecard (or you can delegate it to your No '2'.)

You will know your team's abilities and use them to best advantage. A knowledge of your team certainly helps!

You will be a good communicator, inspiring your team. Avoid any negative words, deeds or body language. No one means to make a mess of a shot!! Keep up the encouragement even when it is getting a bit tight!!