



TO THE POINT

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1. VERSKIL TUSSEN 'N SKOF EN 'N KOP

Voor spel aanvang geneem het, het ek gehoor 'n speler sê ons gaan net 18 koppe speel. 'n Spreekbeurt is gevra en het die volgende aangehaal:

“Is daar is 'n verskil tussen 'n kop en 'n skof?”

Volgens die Reëls van die Spel Rolbal is die beskrywing van 'n kop en 'n skof as volg:.

C.13 Kop: die witte en enige balle wat tot rus kom binne die grense van die baan en wat nie dood is nie.

C.7 Skof: aflewering van die witte, aflewering van al die vereiste balle deur al die teenstanders in dieselfde rigting op die baan en **die bepaling van die getal skote aangeteken.**

Kom ons gebruik maar skofte wat gespeel gaan word!

My opregte dank aan Johan Gouws van Potchefstroom en Theo de Villiers van Ellisras met die proeflesing en regstelling van taal en spelfoute met vertaling van "Students Training Manual" na Afrikaans. Daar sal nou in al die "To the Point" uitgawes gepoog word om 'n tikkie Afrikaans te publiseer.

Indien jul bydraes of navrae het, stuur vir Don van Vuuren. My e.pos adres is by die komitee beskikbaar.

Geniet jul Rolbal

2. STOPPING A BOWL BEFORE IT ENTERS THE DITCH

Some players seem to think they are being helpful by stopping bowls which apparently will run into the ditch without disturbing the head but this is a bad habit to cultivate. Sometimes a bowl which looks like it will drop in the ditch can either hit a protruding ditch-board or

imperfection in the green and stop on the edge of the green. However if a player accidentally touches the bowl before it reaches the ditch the skips have the following options:

Law 37.1.1 Displacement of a bowl in its original course that has not disturbed the head before it is displaced

Law 37.1.1.1 If the bowl is displaced by a member of the team that delivered the bowl and it has not disturbed the head after it is displaced, the opposing skip must declare the bowl dead.

Law 37.1.1.3 If the bowl is displaced by an opponent and it has not disturbed the head after it is displaced, the skip of the team that played the bowl must choose whether to:

Law 37.1.1.3.1 have the bowl replayed;
Law 37.1.1.3.2 place the bowl where the skip believes it would have come to rest

It is also possible if you stop an opponent's bowl that their skip might claim that it would have not gone into the ditch so Law 37.1.1.3 would apply so; do not do it!

So the moral of this situation is not to be "helpful" by catching a bowl apparently running into the ditch but to let it finish and then if not a Toucher remove it to the bank. The ditch is usually filled with soft sand which is not injurious to a bowl and that is what the ditch is designed for.

3. NEW COURSE MATERIAL

The revised Technical Officials course material as developed by the National Technical Officials Standing Committee has been circulated to all Districts and several Districts have already done

courses using this material. Favourable feedback has been received from a few Districts

BGN presented a course a few weeks ago and they found that course was done much quicker as the candidates came prepared by doing pre course material.

They found the markers pre course material was a huge improvement as the candidates had to complete the questionnaires before the course started.

Fewer questions and explanations were needed and that saved a lot of time. Only 2 out of the 12 candidates had to write an extra paper and they both admitted they didn't pay attention by completing the pre course material.

The course as well as the practical was easy to finish as a one day course.

Eastern Province TOSC has also just completed a course for 25. 20 Candidates. did the Level 1 course while the other 5 opted to do the Markers Course.

In general the course went very well Although a few minor errors were found in the Answer Sheets. However taking the enormity of the undertaking to change the Course Material it can be understood that some gremlins would creep in. The pre-course questionnaires did improve the understanding of the Definitions and less time was needed to complete that Module.

Overall the candidates enjoyed the course and achieved remarkably high scores with only one paper having to be rewritten. The Measuring assessments were also completed once the candidates were ready to do them having practiced in their own time and were done in 4 sessions on days that were mutually accepted.

Districts are finding that there is more interest to do Courses. Difficulty to fit in courses because of a very heavy loaded year programme is common among Districts, however as in EP the course was run in the evenings on

dates that were agreed upon by the candidates and not pre decided by the TOSC hence the large number of participants. Other Districts could perhaps do the same in an effort to encourage working bowlers to do the course. It might mean spending 5 or 6 evenings out but it is totally worth it in the end.

Border Bowls and Kingfisher have also done courses using the new material so it appears there is a new interest in Umpiring which is great news.

DTOSC's also mentioned that coaches are training new coaches who have not done a Level 1 course. All DTOSC's are available to work with the Coaches Standing Committees in this regard and can be contacted through their District Offices

It has been suggested that all District players especially thirds and skips, should do a Level 1 course. and for front rankers to do at least a Markers course. Some Districts already enforce this and it is remarkably obvious when Umpiring how one can pick out which District Players have done the course and which have not.



4. FOOT FAULTING

I was recently approached by a District player to determine the foot fault rule. He had admonished a player in a District competition for walking or running on to the mat to deliver his bowl or drive. The affected player and others stated that they were allowed to do this and the Technical Officials agreed it was acceptable.

Without being specific here I beg to differ with those that said the action was correct. Law 7.1 refers to the player **standing** on the mat before delivery. This means that any motion that is unhindered in reaching the mat position

and effecting delivery is unacceptable in terms of the Laws.

Perhaps those players and officials should undertake a Level 1 Course or refresher.

5. MARKERS DUTIES

Player A in a singles match walks up to the head before playing the last bowl of the end. There were 2 bowls very close to the jack but player B was just lying shot. While walking back to the mat to play a shot, Player A's bowl fell in and was now lying shot but because of the position of the bowls this wasn't apparent from the mat.

Player A then played the last bowl thinking that his opponent lay shot but didn't change the head and was surprised when reaching the head that player B conceded the end and told player A that his bowl had fallen in. Obviously had he known that he was lying shot he would have played a different shot or even declared the head without playing a shot.

Should the marker or the opponent in the spirit of sportsmanship have told player A that the position had changed? It was very early in the game so not a match winning situation but might have been the difference between winning the game and losing it in the end.

The Marker should have made player A aware of the fact that his bowl had fallen over before he played his last bowl.

6. CHARLES LEVY

Charles Levy was our Representative on BSA but is no longer on the BSA Executive. We would like to express our appreciation for all the hard work and many hours he put in during his term of office. He not only attended all our meetings and workshops but was also present at all our Level 3 Courses and Train the Trainer Courses and was also always available for us. Thank you Charles. We will miss you!! We wish you a long and stress free retirement.

MEMBERS BSATOSC



Bob Standen was not yet on our Committee when this photo was taken but gladly we have an insert to be included in the next issue. Charles Levy is sadly not on the Executive anymore so clearly a new photo is required

Comments may be E-mailed to any of the Committee Members.

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