



TO THE POINT

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1. COVID

Another year is upon us and sadly Covid 19 is still with us. Many Districts have cancelled their District competitions which were due to be played during the first 3 months of 2021 because of the spike in the number of cases of Covid, and our condolences go out to all those who have lost loved ones to this terrible pandemic.

BSA have cancelled the S A Masters, the Inter Districts and the Junior Nationals. As sad as we all are to have to do this, it is for our own good so we need to accept it and move along.

Some Clubs are going ahead with the playing of their Club Competitions, which if they are sure they can comply fully with all the Covid protocols is entirely up to them.

I saw an article on line on the World indoor Singles that have recently been played and I thought it might be of some assistance to Clubs who are playing their singles to know how they are coping with the restrictions in the UK.

The procedure they have agreed to is to have 2 jacks and 4 mats
Mats and jacks are sanitised at the start of the game and each player has a mat at each end. The marker sanitises his hands before and after touching any object. The Marker lifts the jack at the declaration of the end and sanitises it while walking up the rink. The sanitised jack will be available for the winner of the end to deliver.

It may seem complicated but it seems to be a reasonably simple procedure that is probably very effective.

2. DIE MERKER

Met die uitbreek van Covid 19 word baie min groot kompetisies gespeel, in die tye is dit of enkels, pare of driespel. Kom ons konsentreer op die Merker in die uitgawe. Ja dit is vir baie spelers ou nuus en word gesê ek weet maar pas ons dit toe? Ons gaan net punte van belang behandel Die volgende is uittreksels van "Gids vir Merkers"

3. KLEREDRAG

Merker behoort behoorlik geklee te wees soos voorgeskryf deur die Rolbal reëls, of soos bepaal deur die sub-reëls van u klub of distrik.

4 VOORDAT SPEL BEGIN

Maak Seker dat elke speler aanmeld by die Toernooi beaampte of die assistent aan diens wat die Covid regulasies toepas. Koors neem, en alle persoonlike besonderhede moet geneem word.

* Sien toe dat matte en balle wat voorsien word gesaniteer is.

* Alle skeidsregters instrumente moet voor en na gebruik gesaniteer word.

* Gebruik 'n merkpen of spuitkryt om balle mee te merk.

* Sentreer die wit bal met jou voet.

* As die proefskofte gespeel word - verwyder die balle met jou VOET.

* Geen handskud of "virtual hugs" nie

* spelers mag slegs maskers afhaal indien die spel begin het.
*Probeer ten alle tye om die gegewe afstand te handhaaf

- 4.1 Maak seker dat jy 'n stukkie kryt by jou het, asook 'n geskikte tou meet instrument (bv. "Bullet", "Terry Measure" of "Club-Hawk") 'n horlosie met 'n sekondewyser, stutte vir die witte enballe, 'n pen of potlood. (Nou met Covid 19 raai ons Merkers aan om 'n blikkie spuit kryt te gebruik).
- 4.2 Kry die telkaart by die skeidsregter, toernooibeampte of kompetisiesekretaris.
- 4.3 Vind uit wie die skeidsregter aandiens op jou perk sal wees. Indien telling borde voorsien word. Stel jouself voor aan die tellinghouer wat diens doen op jou baan
- 3.6 Skryf die naam van die spelers op die telbord in dieselfde volgorde as op die telkaart

5. PROEFSKOFTE

- 5.2 Die **spelersmoet** loot met 'n **munstuk** en die wenner van die loting besluit wie eerste moetspeel.
- 5.3 Sentreer die witte op die lengte soos deur die speler versoek en maak seker dit is minstens 23 meter van die middel van die matlyn en minstens 2 meter vanaf die voorste sloot.
- 5.4 Moenie 'n bal tyden sproefskofte keer of jou voet op die wit te sit om te verhoed dat 'n afgelewerde bal, dit beweeg nie. Laat die witte of enigebal toe om tot stilstand te kom of tot in die sloot te rol indien nodig. Die speler is geregtig daarop om te sien waar die witte of sy afgelewerde bal tot stilstand

kom.

- 5.5 Dui vir die spelers die afstand aan, van hoe ver elke bal kort of verby die witte gerol het.
- 5.6 Verwyder elke bal met **jou hande**, nadat dit tot stilstand gekom het.

6. PLASING VAN DIE MAT

Wys die speler daarop wanneer die mat nie behoorlik gesentreer is nie

AFLEWERING VAN DIE WITTE

- 6.1 Laat die witte toe om tot stilstand te kom nadat dit afgelewer is, voordat jy dit sentreer. Wanneer jy dit doen, sorg dat jou skaduwee nie daarop val nie en moenie voor die nommerplaat staan nie.
- 6.2 Onthou, die witte moet eers gesentreer word voordat sy afstand vanaf die mat gemeet kan word. (Onthou, ook in hierdie opsig dat die gekleurde penne slegs as 'n gerieflike hulp middel gebruik moet word.)
- 6.3 Indien jy, voordat die eerste bal gespeel is, twyfel of die witte, nadat dit gesentreer is, minstens 23 meter van die matlyn af is, beraadslaag eers met die spelers en roep dan die skeidsregter. Indien enigeen van die spelers dit versoek, moet jy die skeidsregterroep.
- 6.4 Niemand sal toegelaat word om die wettigheid van die oorspronklike posisie van die witte te bevraagteken nadat die spele wat eerste speel die **eerste bal** afgelewer het nie.

7. GEDURENDE SPEL

- 7.2 Nadat jy die witte gesentreer het, neem 'n tree eenkant toe en twee tree terug en staan doodstil.
- 7.3 Maakseker dat jou aandag deuretyd by die speli s.
- 7.4 Beantwoord spesifieke vrae van 'n speler wat in besit is van die baan.
- 7.5 Handhaaf streng onpartydigheid, gee hoegenaamd geen raad aan enigeen van die spelers of enige inligting waarvoor nie spesifiek gevra is nie.
- 7.6 Gee jou volle aandag aan die spel. Moenie betrokke raak in 'n gesprek met toeskouers, 'n ander merker of spelers op die aangrensende baan nie

8. RAAKBALLE

- 8.1 Merk 'n raakbal netjies op die loopvlak (nie oor die ringe, kuiltjies of embleem nie) sodra dit tot stilstand gekom het en voordat die volgende bal afgelewer word, al is die volgende speler reeds op die mat gereed om sy bal af te lewer (hy is nog nie in besit van die baan nie). Onthou, 'n bal is 'n raakbal as dit, nadat dit tot stilstand gekom het, omval en die witte raak voordat die volgende bal afgelewer is. Dan merk jy dit sodra die volgende bal afgelewer is.
- 8.2 Dui vir die spelers aan dat 'n bal 'n raakbal is, maar dat dit nie gemerk word nie uitvrees dat dit versteur mag word. Net so word 'n nie-raakbal wat nog 'n vorige kryt merk op het, aangedui as 'n nie-raakbal om dieselfde rede.
- 8.4 Merk die posisie van raakballe en die witte in die sloot deur lyne

noord,suid,oos en wes van hulle in die sloot af te trek.

Genoeg vir die uitgawe ons behandel die Merker verder in die volgende uitgawe.

8. QUESTION

In a game of bowls, a bowl in its course hits the jack. The jack goes in the ditch. The toucher then hits a non toucher into the ditch and the toucher now hits the non toucher which is in the ditch and the toucher ends up close to the jack. What should happen to the jack or bowl? The non toucher and the toucher?

Is the non toucher a neutral object as the players did not have time to take it out of the ditch.

9. ETIQUETTE IN BOWLS

Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot. Good manners are expected when we interface with opponents on the bowling green. The problem is that good manners differ from one social group to the next and this is where etiquette comes in. Etiquette is a set of rules governing socially acceptable behaviour. As in all other sports, bowls has a written and a stated etiquette.

These basic rules are essential and are used by both serious and recreational bowlers. These rules provide a basic understanding amongst all bowlers and ensure that everyone has fun at an afternoon of bowls. We can usually identify those bowlers who are too serious. A few very serious bowlers use the rules of etiquette to restrict, discourage and exclude others. They resent anyone who threatens them in any way. The primary objective of etiquette is to ensure that every one is treated courteously and with respect. Good bowling requires concentration. Have fun but keep in mind that excessive movement or noise could be

distracting when others are ready to deliver their bowl. Refrain from using abusive language; this is not the image that we wish to present.

Play the game to win but be a gracious loser. Good sportsmanship is always the key to a successful game. Be a good sport. No one wants to share time with a sore loser or someone who is angry, irritable or speaks badly of others.

The problem of poor etiquette and bad manners on a bowling green should be sorted out at club level and clubs should also see to the adherence of the laws when social bowls is played. Sadly this is something that has been allowed to fall by the wayside in many clubs.

The Laws Committee has received a request to provide clarity relating to the laws regarding leaving the green during the course of play, and any implications in relation to the Disability Discrimination and The Equality Act 2010.

Firstly, it is not the intent of any Law of the Sport of Bowls to discriminate against any individual, and this is indeed the case with Law 33.7. Instead, we would allow some flexibility in the time allowed for legitimate medical needs or refer to a different Law to manage your described scenario.

Law 33.7 states – *If a player has to leave the green during the course of a Singles game due to illness or some other reasonable cause, and they cannot return within 10 minutes, the defaulting player will forfeit the game to their opponent.*

An alternative solution can be found in Law 33.2:

Law 33.2 states If a player has to leave the green during the course of a team or side game due to illness or some other reasonable cause, and they cannot return within 10 minutes, the umpire or the Controlling Body can approve the introduction of a substitute.

We understand that a Substitute may not always be available and so this may not be applicable in those circumstances. It

is understood that not all medical issues can be managed in a short period of time as described above. In these instances, we could then refer to Law 32:

*Law 32.1 states If a game is stopped because of darkness, weather conditions or any **other valid reason** by:*

32.1.1 the Controlling Body;

32.1.2 the umpire after an appeal has been made by the players; or

32.1.3 agreement between the players when an umpire or a representative of the Controlling Body is not present;

*the game must be continued either on the **same day** or on a different day. The scores will be as they were when the game was stopped.*

The areas in bold and underlined would be applicable in such situations that you describe where 10 minutes is not sufficient time to deal with a medical emergency.

We hope this will reassure you that any player that requires medical intervention to allow them to continue to play, may do so without fear of forfeiture.

What this ruling tells umpires and tournament officials is do not confine yourself to one Law to find an answer to a difficult problem. In this example the Laws Committee came up with three Laws which can be applied to this situation depending on the circumstances e.g. if this was a knock-out competition and we are playing round 1 in the morning and the next round had to be played the same afternoon, then we may have to apply Law 33.7, if a substitute is not available. But if the next round of the competition is next week then we could apply Law 32.1 and continue the game on the same day (later in the day) or another day.

ANSWER TO QUESTION

1. Is the non-toucher in the ditch a neutral object ? The definition states : a neutral object is a dead bowl that is at rest and has not been removed from the rink of play

Are all requirements fulfilled ?

a. "at rest" : In this situation we can't be sure that the dead bowl was at rest when the toucher hits it

b. "has not been removed" : this suggests a failure from the players to remove the bowl, in this case no blame can be put onto the players for not removing the bowl

So in my opinion : no the dead bowl is not a neutral object

2. Is the toucher been displaced by a Dead bowl in the ditch

The definition states : a displaced bowl is a bowl which is moved in a way that is not approved within the laws of the sport of bowls

In my opinion : none of the movements that happened in this situation are the result of an action that is not approved by the laws and therefore the toucher is not displaced

3. Based on the above the following Must happen
- a. Dead bowl : to be removed from the ditch
 - b. Toucher : to remain where it has come to rest
 - c. Jack : to remain where it is

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



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