

KELOWNA LAWN BOWLING CLUB

BASIC OF LAWN BOWLS

The basics of lawn bowls

Rink: area in which play takes place, usually a flat, grassed area, bounded by boundary white markers

Centre line: the line down the center of the rink

Jack: small white ball, rolled out along the centerline, the idea is to get bowls as close as possible to it

Bowls: the balls used by the player, up to four each, weighted on one side causing it to curve as it rolls

Mat: placed on the center line, players stand on it to bowl

The bowling

- Stand on the mat, feet together, knees and waist bent slightly
- Take bowl in your preferred hand (right or left)
- Step out with your opposite foot (left or right)
- Take a small back swing
- Bend down and roll bowl along the ground
- Roll it out at an angle, so the bowl curves back towards jack (see basics)
- Avoid dropping or bouncing bowl so as not to damage green

Strategy

Draw shot: A slow, measured, finessed bowl trying to end closest to the jack

Drive shot: A harder, faster bowl used to try to knock other players' bowls away

Scoring

- The player who has their bowl or bowls closest to the jack wins
- Points are awarded according to the number of bowls closest
- Players judge the distance and number by eye
- If in dispute, a measuring tape is employed
- If still in dispute, an umpire called in to resolve