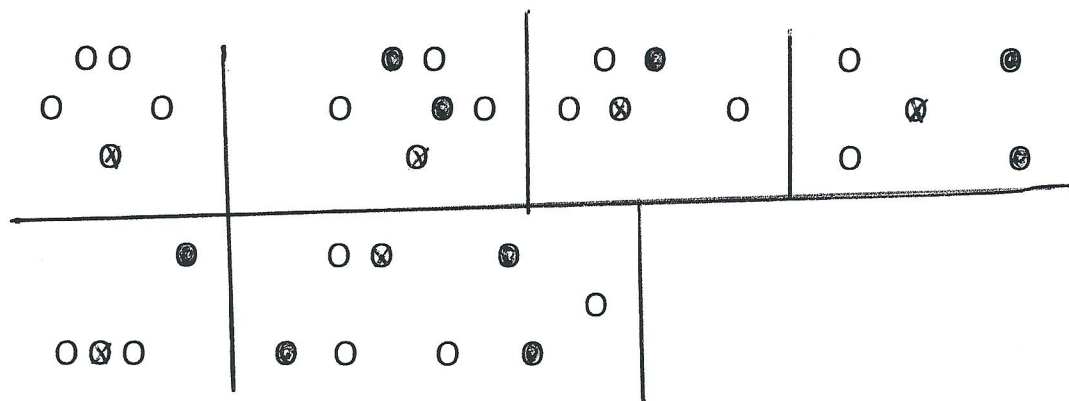


How to become a Lawn Bowls Skipper.

1. Find out in your own mind what shots can I play Consistently on call. EX. (draw to jack, draw to beat the closest bowl, the on shot, the upshot, controlled drive, drive or drive to kill the end). Once you have decided your good shots what can be done to achieve a good outcome for the other shots. There's only one way and it's called PRACTISE, by setting up heads for you to play the shot required and become more consistent with them.
2. The next thing is when you have got better with these types of shots is to know when to use them in the game. (it's called more Experience) The best way I feel of learning is to play as a third and watch what the skip does in those situation or if asked you make the call on what to play and then watch the result ("ok" your call was the right call and the skip played the shot well or "not so good" could I have called him on any other shot or the skip didn't play the shot so well) this is your decision on what or how the shot was called or played.
3. It's a thinking game, how good is the opposition skip playing, what is his best hand, what line is playing, what's a good length to play, is he calling his team with confidence, then how is his team playing, who's the opposition player giving you the most grieve, can I change the length to put him off, these are just a few things to think about. Then you look at your team and go through all the same questions and with experience you can some up all this information in about 4 ends. All this is for you to then think up of a plan to beat the opposition.
4. This is just a few things a skip has to work on to become a good skip. "Remember" (it's not waiting for something to happen you have got to make it happen) O opposition bowl. X jack. ● your bowls.



To Play the Shot.

All those practise heads are there to give you a choice of what Shot to Play. Remember all shots played have certain consequences to them, (I'm 2 shots down in my game with 3 ends to play, but we are 4 shots up in the aggregate. Do I or do I not play the shot?) I could drop 4 shots if it all goes wrong. I'm 2 down on my game, aggregate is the same do I play to win my game and risk losing the aggregate if all goes wrong? I'm 2 shots down and the aggregate is 14 shots up. Do I play the shot to try and win my game?

5. Call The Shot.

When you are looking at a head try to be at least 2 moves in front so that when it's your turn to call a player to play a shot you are very Clear, Confident and Precise. If you have to look at the head and take time, remember the longer you take to call the shot the harder it seems to the player waiting on the call. Some times you will have to take time so if it looks hard call the player down to have a look at what your looking for, the same if your player has a problem trying to work out how to play the shot call him down. "DON'T" "DON'T" give a player a choice on what hand he can play, because you're the one building the head not him, because what normally happens is the player will have a practise shot on the wide hand. Remember a good skipper has to look and weigh up all the options that is on his call and deal with the consequences after woods. I have copied the coaching manual on skippers for you to read for it explains in more detail of "How to Become a Good SKIPPER".

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