**Quiz Questions with Answers**

**Quiz One**

**Easy**

What is the minimum distance for a legally delivered jack?

23 metres

**Challenging**

After using one set of bowls for trial ends, a player decides to use another set. Is this allowed?

Yes. Trial ends are not part of the game.

**Difficult**

This arose in Canterbury recently.

An end had been completed.  Deciding the number of shots had commenced between the two number 3’s. The opposition no.3 got down to measure and they slightly moved the Jack.

What should happen next?

Two choices, one covers movement by hand or foot, the other if the measuring equipment moved the Jack.

Laws of the Sport of Bowls no. 38.4.1 – If the Jack is displaced by the equipment being used by a player during measuring, an opponent must put it back to its former position.

Laws of the Sport of Bowls no. 38.1.3 – If a Jack at rest within the rink of play is displaced by a player, the opposing skip or opponent in singles must put the jack back to its former position.

Both cases leave it to the opposite team to put the Jack back, no discussion or argument. That includes your own team!

Our sport relies on fair play so you will be unlikely to see a player move a jack back to a previous position that is much closer to their own bowls than it should be. If they do, there is a ‘Law’ for that too! Each changing room has a copy of The Laws of the Sport of Bowls pinned to the notice board.

**Quiz Two**

**Easy**

A skip places a water bottle on the far bank to remind the team of the line they should be bowling. Is this allowed?

No, it should be moved behind the rink marker line or otherwise out of sight.

**Challenging**

A bowl is driven with force and hits the back board above the ditch and rebounds onto the green. What happens to it?

It should be removed as it has left the playing surface (unless it is a toucher).

**Difficult**

A bowl which has been chalked as a toucher and the Jack are in the ditch. A player fires and knocks another toucher off the rink and into the ditch; it contacts the Jack in the ditch and moves it about 1 foot to the left of its original position.  
Does the Jack return to its original spot, or is it left in its new position?

Left in its new position and the previous markers must be moved.  
  
Law 18.3 and 18.3.1. The position of a Jack in the ditch will be validly altered if the jack is moved by a toucher in play.  
  
Law 14.4. The position of a toucher in the ditch must be marked etc….

**Quiz Three**

**Easy**

A player drops their bowl as they come to deliver it and it travels 5 metres up the green. Are they allowed to try again?

Yes, it is not a delivered bowl.

Delivery: deliberately releasing a Jack or a bowl from the hand or an

artificial device using an underarm movement. If the Jack or bowl accidentally

slips from a player’s hand or artificial device during delivery, the player can

pick it up and start the delivery again.

**Challenging**

A player bowls someone else’s bowl by mistake. It travels up the green and becomes a toucher. What happens?

The bowl should be replaced by their own bowl which is then marked as a toucher.

**Difficult**

In a Fours game, the skip is not happy with the No.3 and orders the No.2 to change places with the No.3. What are the consequences?

The skip’s team are disqualified and forfeit the game to the opposition.

Law 11.2.3 The position of the players within a team must not be changed after the first end has been completed unless a change is necessary because a substitute is introduced as described in Law 33 (illness or reasonable cause and this is not the case here).  
  
Law 11.2.4 If players in a team game change positions when Law 11.2.3 does not apply, the team will be disqualified and they will forfeit the game to their opponents.

**Quiz Four**

**Easy**

A jack is bowled and reaches within two metres of the ditch. A two metre stick is placed on the ground to ensure a legal jack has been bowled. The jack is then placed touching the top of the stick. Is this correct?

No, it is placed to the side of the top of the stick, so the tip of the jack is level with the top of the stick. We are creating a “flag” shape not a “lollipop shape”.

**Challenging**

A jack is driven off the rink, hits the back board and comes back on the rink. What happens?

Nothing, the jack is still live and stays where it is.

**Difficult**

Have a look at your own bowls. They will have four images stamped on to them. What do each of them mean? If the figure was (say) 22 or smaller what might be the consequences for a bowler?

The stamp records the fact that the bowl has been tested for having an approved amount of bias.

WB is noting that it is approved by World Bowls. The registration mark is just that. The letter is the mark of a particular approved bowls tester. The number represents the 31st December of the year when the bowls’ approval runs out and it ceases to be a legal bowl in certain competitions.

Bowls have 10 year’s use before retest.

The stamp shown in the question shows that this bowl will have to be retested after the end of this year (2023) if it is to be used in National competitions or representative matches at a County, National or International level in 2024 or later.

Don’t worry that the Bowls Police will be wanting to examine your woods at your roll-up or Club/League competitions.

**Quiz 5**

**Easy**

In a singles match the marker is walking up the rink to take their position when they are hit on their heel by the jack bowled by the winner of the last end, who is keen to get on with play. What should happen?

The jack is rolled back for the same player to try again as hitting a “neutral” person is ignored.

**Challenging**

In a fours match the lead sends up the jack but which strikes the heel of their skip who was still walking up the green. What should happen?

In this case, as the jack struck a team-mate, the mat is passed to the opposition who roll the jack from a mat position of their choosing. They would centre the jack and then pass possession of the rink back to the player whose turn it is to bowl.

**Difficult**

In a triples game, both leads have bowled their 3 bowls, then the wrong no.2 delivers their first bowl out of turn. What happens now?

The Laws of the Sport of Bowls states:

29.1 **Playing out of turn**

29.1.1  If a player plays out of turn, the opposing skip can stop the bowl and return it to the player to play it in the proper order.

29.1.2  If the bowl has come to rest and has not disturbed the head, the opposing skip must choose whether to:

29.1.2.1 leave the head as it is and have their team play two bowls one after the other to get back to the proper order of play; or

29.1.2.2 return the bowl and get back to the proper order of play.

29.1.3  If the bowl has disturbed the head, the opposing skip must choose whether to:

29.1.3.1 leave the disturbed head as it is and have their team play two bowls one after the other to get back to the proper order of play;

29.1.3.2 replace the head in its former position, return the bowl and go back to the proper order of play; or

29.1.3.3 declare the end dead

29.1.4 If a bowl has been played by each team or player in Singles before the players discover that one of them has played out of turn, play in that end must continue in that order.

**The End**