



Bowls Tasmania South

Opposite gender players and a rink playing one short

Due to this query arising regularly, BTS Match and Officiating Committees believe it prudent to remind Side Captains and Players how to handle the circumstance of a rink playing one short when it also includes an opposite gender player.

The Conditions of Play allows only 1 opposite gender player per rink (team) in a Club's lowest grade in the single gender competitions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. BTS Match Committee and/or the BTS Board will not grant an exemption to play more than 1 opposite gender player in any rink as there is sufficient scope within the Conditions of Play for Clubs to borrow same gender players from other clubs as substitutes.

Should a Club find itself in the position of needing to play one short in a rink with an opposite gender player, **then the opposite gender player fills the Lead position**, the Second position is unfilled with the usual gendered players playing Third and Skip.

The rules for playing one short are covered in the Law Book under Domestic Regulation 2.6 on pages 117/118. The Second position is simply missing in the incomplete team and all players play in their usual order which means the complete team's Second will always play 2 consecutive bowls.

There is a tendency as an end progresses for Thirds and/or Skips to get confused as to whose turn it is. **REMEMBER: The team that won the prior end always has their Lead, Third and Skip play before their opponents regardless of whether they are complete or incomplete.**

Hence the complete team third bowls immediately following their second when they won the previous end, but when lost, the Second's first bowl immediately follows their lead's second bowl.

Table – Order of Bowls when Complete Team wins prior end and rolls jack

	Leads		Seconds		Thirds		Skips	
Complete Team	First Bowl	Third Bowl	Fifth Bowl	Sixth Bowl	Seventh Bowl	Ninth Bowl	11 th Bowl	13 th Bowl
Incomplete Team	Second Bowl	Fourth Bowl			Eighth Bowl	Tenth Bowl	12 th Bowl	14 th Bowl

Table – Order of Bowls when Incomplete Team wins prior end and rolls jack

	Leads		Seconds		Thirds		Skips	
Incomplete Team	First Bowl	Third Bowl			Seventh Bowl	Ninth Bowl	11 th Bowl	13 th Bowl
Complete Team	Second Bowl	Fourth Bowl	Fifth Bowl	Sixth Bowl	Eighth Bowl	Tenth Bowl	12 th Bowl	14 th Bowl

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