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ACTIVITY 1		LAW NO.	PAGE	✓
1.	What is the penalty for a player who continually wanders into a neighbouring rink?			
2.	What happens if an extra end is played in a knockout competition and the scores are still level?			
3.	Who can make the decision to enforce a stoppage in play?			
4.	What happens if a delivered jack comes to rest less than 2 metres from the front ditch?			
5.	In a knockout round of 'Sets Play', do all ends of a set need to be played?			
6.	Who is responsible for making sure that all names of all players are entered correctly on the scorecard?			
7.	Can a dead end be replayed in the opposite direction?			
8.	Can stickers or adhesive markings cover the world bowls stamp or serial number on bowls?			
9.	One of the thirds accidentally displaces a bowl when marking it as a toucher. What happens?			
10.	Can the mat be placed sideways on the centre line of the rink, by the first person to play?			
11.	A bowl in its original course is displaced by a team member of the player who delivered the bowl and does not disturb the head. What happens?			
12.	How wide does a ditch surrounding a green need to be?			

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ACTIVITY 2		LAW NO.	PAGE	✓
1.	If during 'the course of play', a jack is badly chipped, who decides whether the jack is replaced?			
2.	How many bowls can be used in a triples game?			
3.	On what grounds can a challenge be made to a set of bowls?			
4.	Can a player kneel on the green to deliver the jack or bowl?			
5.	One of the thirds accidentally displaces a bowl when marking it as a toucher. What happens?			
6.	If a bowl from a neighbouring rink is going to 'come into contact' with the mat, can the mat be lifted to allow the bowl to pass.			
7.	In 'Sets Play', who plays first in the second set?			
8.	Do the rinks on a green need to be numbered in order?			
9.	What are the three ways you can play a Pairs game using four bowls?			
10.	A bowl in its original course is displaced by an opponent and disturbs the head. What should happen?			
11.	What happens if during the trial ends, a player uses more than the number of bowls being used in a game?			
12.	Can a player walk along a neighbouring rink while an opponent is delivering a bowl?			

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ACTIVITY 3		LAW NO.	PAGE	✓
1.	What is the penalty incurred when a player uses a cloth to measure the distance of a bowl from the jack during an end?			
2.	If a player plays out of turn and his skip stops the bowl in course, is this legal?			
3.	An end has commenced in a fours game and the last bowl to be played has been delivered when a stoppage in play is called. What happens?			
4.	Before the start of play in a game, how many trial ends must be played?			
5.	For an outside rink, how far should the boundary peg be from the side ditch for outdoor play?			
6.	In 'Sets Play' what happens if any of the respot positions are partly or completely covered by a bowl?			
7.	What happens if the jack is improperly delivered by both teams and the end declared dead?			
8.	A bowl in its original course, hits a non-toucher at rest on the rink. The non-toucher rebounds from the face of the bank and displaces the bowl in its original course again. What happens?			
9.	A bowl has been delivered by one team before a player realises that the wrong person has delivered the jack. What happens?			
10.	Can a player dispute an umpire's interpretation of a law?			
11.	If a player neglects to mark a toucher, and the next delivered bowl comes to rest, is it a toucher if it hasn't been nominated?			
12.	If a set of bowls is challenged, what happens if the user or owner of the set of bowls, refuses to hand them over to the umpire?			

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ACTIVITY 4		LAW NO.	PAGE	✓
1.	If a player leaves the green due to illness, how long can the player delay play before he must return?			
2.	When can the process of deciding the number of shots commence?			
3.	Who can challenge a set of bowls?			
4.	If a coach is breaking a law, what should the umpire do?			
5.	Who can make an appeal for a foot-fault?			
6.	What happens if during an end, a player finds a boundary peg in the wrong position?			
7.	What happens if the umpire moves the jack with his measuring tape while trying to determine shot bowl?			
8.	A bowl at rest on the rink is displaced by a non-toucher rebounding from the face of the bank. What happens?			
9.	Who allocates the rinks for practice?			
10.	During an end, is it legal for a player to measure by placing their foot between the jack and a bowl?			
11.	Who decides the 'Conditions of Play' for a competition?			
12.	Is a bowl dead if it is carried by a player up the rink while inspecting the head?			

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ACTIVITY 5		LAW NO.	PAGE	✓
1.	A bowl has been delivered by both teams before a player notices that the wrong team has delivered the jack. What happens?			
2.	A running shot hits the jack. The jack is then displaced by a player from a neighbouring rink who has stepped onto the rink. What happens?			
3.	Is a tied end counted and recorded on the scorecard?			
4.	Both thirds have agreed and taken the shot bowl out of the head before the skip to play last, tells them that he still has a bowl to play. What happens?			
5.	If a Licensed Tester tests a challenged set of bowls and finds that they do not meet the requirements of the laws, what happens?			
6.	What happens if before the start of play on the day of a competition, a player plays on the same rink that he or she is drawn to play on that day?			
7.	Can a marker question a short-delivered jack?			
8.	Can the marker stop a bowl from a neighbouring rink which could make contact with a bowl on the rink he is marking?			
9.	If there is a time limit on play for a domestic tournament, what constitutes the end of a game?			
10.	If there is a toucher in the ditch, can it be moved by a jack in play?			
11.	If a jack at rest on the rink is driven against the face of the bank and rebounds back onto the rink, is it still live?			
12.	At what distance should the pegs, discs or other markings be placed on the side ditches?			

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ACTIVITY 6		LAW NO.	PAGE	✓
1.	The skips cannot reach agreement on a disputed point. What must they do?			
2.	If a toucher rebounds from the bank onto the rink of play, is it dead?			
3.	What happens if a bowl in its original course displaces a jack at rest in the ditch?			
4.	When the jack is delivered, it rebounds from the face of the bank onto the rink of play. What happens?			
5.	What happens if there is no eligible substitute in a team game?			
6.	Can players in the same team use stickers which differ in size?			
7.	If a second extra end is required in a knockout competition, does the player who won the toss in the first extra end play first in the second extra end?			
8.	In a 'tiebreaker' in 'Sets Play', what happens if the shot scores are tied after the third end is completed?			
9.	A toucher at rest in the ditch is displaced by a non-toucher rebounding from the face of the bank. What happens?			
10.	In a televised tournament there is temporary seating on the green. How far should the seating be from the outside boundary of the nearest rink?			
11.	What is considered the 'start of play' in a game?			
12.	What happens if a toucher in the ditch is moved by a non-toucher entering the ditch?			

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ACTIVITY 7		LAW NO.	PAGE	✓
1.	How wide must a rink be for outdoor play?			
2.	A player places a cloth on the green to show his team player the green he must take when delivering the bowl. Is this allowed?			
3.	If a bowl falls and touches the jack after the next bowl is delivered, is it a toucher?			
4.	Does the marker have to mark the position of the jack and any touchers in the ditch?			
5.	Does a player require his whole foot on the mat before delivering a bowl?			
6.	What happens if a bowl falls of its own accord during the process of deciding the number of shots scored?			
7.	What happens if a player accidentally displaces a stationary bowl on the rink and this bowl then disturbs other bowls before coming to rest?			
8.	What is the format of play for fours in the Commonwealth Games?			
9.	When the jack is delivered in a trial end, can the distance of the jack from the matline be changed during the end?			
10.	What are the requirements for lodging a challenge to bowls?			
11.	A team commences play in a tournament with a player who doesn't satisfy the entry requirements in the Conditions of Play. What happens?			
12.	What happens if players in a team game change their playing positions during a game?			

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ACTIVITY 8		LAW NO.	PAGE	✓
1.	If a non-toucher in its original course, rebounds from the bank onto the rink of play and touches the jack, is it a toucher?			
2.	A bowl at rest on the rink is displaced by the marker and the bowl does not disturb the head after it is displaced. What happens?			
3.	Without telling anyone, a player decides to leave the rink to buy a drink at the bar when it is his turn to play. Is this allowed?			
4.	If an extra end is required in a knockout competition when all ends have been completed, who decides who will play first?			
5.	If a boundary peg is fixed on top of the bank, how far should it be from the face of the bank?			
6.	For State Events, can Controlling Bodies decide on 'Conditions of Play' which include aspects of play different from those described in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls?			
7.	A jack at rest, close to the boundary is displaced by a cloth belonging to a player on a neighbouring rink. What should happen?			
8.	What happens if a player has been given a warning for foot-faulting and then foot faults when they deliver the jack?			
9.	When does possession of the rink transfer to the opposing player or team?			
10.	Can a decision be made by an umpire on a disputed shot without using measuring equipment?			
11.	Who decides whether a player or team can practise or not?			
12.	What must bowls be made of?			

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ACTIVITY 9		LAW NO.	PAGE	✓
1.	A player delivers a bowl, and it comes to rest disturbing the head. The players suddenly realise that the player has played out of turn. What happens?			
2.	What do the codes on a registered 'World Bowls Stamp' mean?			
3.	Who decides how many bowls can be used in a practice?			
4.	What course of action can an umpire take if there are unruly spectators?			
5.	Is a bowl a toucher if it 'comes into contact' with the jack when it is in the ditch?			
6.	If, during 'the course of play', a jack is lodged in a hollow in the face of the bank, is it still in play?			
7.	A stoppage is called. If all the bowls in an end have been delivered and the thirds have not yet decided the number of shots, what should happen?			
8.	A player plays a running shot hitting the jack. The jack then is displaced by the foot of an opponent. What happens?			
9.	Can the distance of the matline from the rear and front ditches be challenged after the first bowl has been delivered?			
10.	In 'Sectional Play' of 'Sets Play', do all ends of a set need to be played?			
11.	What should the dimensions of a boundary peg be if the boundary peg is fixed to the face of the bank of an indoor green?			
12.	Where are players at the head end of the rink who are not controlling play required to stand?			

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1.	In 'Sets Play', if a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, is the end declared dead?			
2.	If a player picks up the mat before the end is complete, who must replace the mat in its original position?			
3.	A skip accidentally failed to play a bowl and the thirds had started measuring for shot. Can the skip still play his bowl?			
4.	Who marks a toucher?			
5.	What is the minimum height required for a bank surrounding the green?			
6.	A bowl in its original course is displaced by a team member of the player who delivered the bowl and does disturb the head. What happens?			
7.	Does the final bowl of an end have to be played?			
8.	Should stickers or adhesive markings be placed on both sides of every bowl?			
9.	A bowl is accidentally displaced by the umpire's measure when the umpire is measuring for shot. What happens?			
10.	How many bowls can be used in a triples game?			
11.	If a jack in the ditch is moved by a non-toucher which takes it back onto the rink, is the jack still live?			
12.	Is it necessary to sign scorecards and record the time the game finished?			

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