



GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR MEASURING

1. Positioning/ non-playing measurer/umpire – be alert and anticipate being called.
2. Make sure you are asked for your judgement before stepping in.
3. Select the equipment you require for the measure. (A MEASURER/UMPIRE MUST ALWAYS USE EQUIPMENT).
4. Ascertain the rink on which the measure is to be conducted.
5. Walk briskly – without running and only walk on the rink concerned – NOT across the rinks.
6. Ask players what bowls are required to be measured and have players remove any bowls not involved in the measure.
7. Secure any leaning bowl or bowls that are on their running surface using wedges.
8. If assistance is required, the best option is to use another neutral person such as another measurer or an umpire. A player can be used however, neutrality should be maintained where possible.
9. Measures requiring assistance should be conducted by extending the tape or string measure from behind the jack and the bowl. The umpire must always take the decision end and give clear instructions.
10. Work on the open side of the measure for close measures and at right angles to the bowl and jack being measured. Make yourself comfortable and steady.
11. Measure the flat bowl first.
12. Estimate distance for feeler gauge or callipers and use white strips on the green when using feeler gauges.
13. Always measure from the top down.
14. Always adjust the equipment away from the measure.
15. Move to the other bowl(s) – walking around not through measuring zone.
16. Return to the first bowl to reaffirm measure except when using a laser measure.
17. Make your decision and roll out shot bowl.
18. Communicate your decision to the players.
19. If using a laser measure with target plates, seek assistance from another umpire, the Marker or a player. The assistant places the target plates against the bowl and the umpire operates the laser.