Rules on Approaching the Head

Restricting the movement of players during the course of play will be enforced in accordance with Appendix 4 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Prior to the start of each end, the following players will take their position at the mat end of the green:

- Pairs game: the leads.
- Triples game: the leads and seconds.
- Fours game: the leads and seconds (the third may elect to stand with the skip at the head).

Players will only be allowed to follow their bowls up the green or walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

Singles (each player playing four bowls)

• the opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.

Pairs (each player playing three bowls)

- the leads: after delivery of their third bowl
- the skips: after delivery of their second and third bowls

Pairs (each player playing four bowls crossover)

- the leads: after delivery of their second bowl;
- the skips: after delivery of their second bowl.
- the leads: after delivery of their fourth bowl and;
- the skips: after delivery of each of their third and fourth bowls.

Triples (each player playing two bowls)

- the leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl;
- the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.
- the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

Fours (each player playing two bowls)

- the leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl;
- the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.
- the thirds: after delivery of their second bowl and;
- the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head, or a player to the marker in singles, earlier than described above. If a player does not meet these terms, law 13 will apply.