



FUNCTION OF A PENNANTS TEAM

The ultimate lawn bowls competition at club level is “pennants”. It’s the only time of the year when a player steps onto a green to represent their club and not themselves. Players need to work together as a team for the benefit of your club.

Players for each pennant team should have:

- 1. COMMITMENT**
- 2. COMPATIBILITY**
- 3. ABILITY IN THEIR SELECTED POSITION**

Role of individual players:

LEADS – To roll the jack to the point required by the skip and then to roll two bowls close. The lead is the foundation of the skip’s strategy and the only true specialist in the side. As a specialist, a lot more is demanded of the lead than any other member of the team. While others may depend on some luck, you have only your skill and ability to rely on. Others may hide their errors, but your mistakes will be plainly visible. Never say “only a lead”. Have a confident approach and remember, you are the ace of the team.

SECONDS – Jack of all trades. Must be capable of playing every shot in the book. The second is the pivot of the side possessing a good draw shot, an accurate trail shot and be capable of disturbing the head when asked. You are also the team’s motivator from the bank.

THIRDS – Must be a good all-round player with a wide range of shots and experienced at building and disturbing a head. Must have more than a working knowledge of the game and able to measure accurately. The capacity to work well with the skip and only direct if required. Know that “silence is golden” and be forever positive and confident – never indecisive. A third is the anchor and steadying influence on the team.

SKIPS – Must possess obvious leadership qualities and be able to give clear, simple directions. A skip needs to be an astute thinker, have a profound knowledge of the sport, generate enthusiasm and inspire your team. Have the ability to cope with pressure, be self-assured and confident. Be aware of the team’s strengths and weaknesses and analyse the opposition. Have an excellent temperament and readily assist team members where necessary.

Above all...Enjoy the game!