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Restriction of player movement

The Zone Umpires committee wish to remind players of Condition of Play 2.23.

Restricting Movement of Players (taken from the conditions of play page 16 and 17)

At the commencement of each end, Singles Players, Leads and Seconds shall be at the mat end of the green. **In fours, a Third may move to the head end of the green before the commencement of the end.** (before delivery of the jack to commence that end.)

A skip may appoint a team member to direct the head should they need to leave the green until they return to the green.

Walking to the Head

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances.

Singles Game

After delivery of their third and fourth bowls.

Pairs game

Leads: after delivery of their second and fourth bowls.

Skips: after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls.

Triples Game (2 bowls)

Leads: after delivery of their second bowl.

Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.

Skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

Fours Game

Leads: after delivery of their second bowl.

Seconds: after delivery of their second bowl.

Thirds: after delivery of their second bowl

Skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.

Players Remaining at Head End

Pairs

a) Both leads must cross to the mat end at the same time (when it is the turn of the Leads to play their third bowls)

b) Both Skips must cross to the mat end at the same time (when it is the turn of the Skips to play)

c) If a skip has followed their third bowl to the head (as per 2.23.1.2), they must remain at the head until it is their turn to play their next bowl.

Triples

- a) If both Seconds have been appointed to direct the head in the absence of the skip, they must both cross to the mat end at the same time (when it is the Seconds turn to play).
- b) If only one of the Seconds has been appointed to direct the head in the absence of the skip, they must cross to the mat end when it is their turn to play.
- c) Both Skips must cross to the mat end at the same time (when it is the turn of the Skips to play).
- d) If a skip has followed their first bowl to the head (as per 2.23.1.3), they must remain at the head until it is their turn to play their next bowl.

Fours

- a) If both Thirds have moved to the head at the commencement of the end, they both must cross to the mat end at the same time (when it is the turn of the thirds to play).
- b) If only one of the Thirds has moved to the head, they must move to the mat end immediately when it is their turn to play.
- c) Both Skips must cross to the mat end at the same time (when it is the turn of the Skips to play).
- d) If a skip has followed their first bowl to the head (as per 2.23.1.4), they must remain at the head until it is their turn to play their next bowl.

Please note the following is a brief explanation to help players obey the Conditions of Play and try and clear up some confusions.

Pennant Matches (or club fours matches)

- 1) leads can follow their 2nd bowl to the head if they wish (but only their 2nd bowl)
- 2) seconds can follow their 2nd bowl to the head if they wish (but only their 2nd bowl)
- 3) thirds can follow their 2nd bowl to the head (but only their 2nd bowl)
- 4) At the start of an end thirds can choose to go and stand with skip or remain at mat end.
- 5) if both thirds are standing with Skips they must go to mat end together when it is the thirds turn to play regardless of which team is to play first
- 6) should only one third be standing with their skip from the start of an end, they must go to the mat when it is **their turn to play**. Which means, if the other team is 1st to play, they may wait at the head while the opposing third plays his 1st bowl before going to the mat end.
- 7) The Skips **MUST** go to the mat end together regardless of which skip is to play 1st.
- 8) Skips **cannot call any player** to inspect the head at any time
- 9) The Skips can go back to the Head at **ANY TIME AFTER THEY HAVE PLAYED THEIR 1ST BOWL** but not before.
- 10) **Any player following a bowl to the head MUST be behind the Head before their bowl has came to rest.**

Can Bowls Coordinators and Pennant Managers please reinforce these rules as the penalties in a Pennant match are 1st a warning, then 8 shots, then disqualification of that player.

Regardless of is players agree with the rules or not, blatant disregard for them will not be tolerated and umpires will enforce the rules if required.

