

ROLES OF PLAYERS WITHIN A TEAM

LEAD

Jack length control

Quickly settles on the best side of the rink (for them)

Creates early advantage – 2 bowls close (one on the Jack & one behind)

Puts immediate pressure on the opposition

SECOND

Has mastery of all shots

Ever mindful of reaching the head (never short)

Comfortable on either hand

Prepared to play as directed

Adds to the head or plays positional bowls – secures or protects)

THIRD

The Vice Captain of the team

The anchor and steadying influence of the team

Knowledgeable in all areas of the game

A master of all shots

Secures head (positional bowls)

Get second shot or saves

Adds a second bowl to head

SKIP

Possesses leadership qualities - positive and communicates well

Knows the team members and their strengths and weaknesses (if any)

Awareness of changing conditions in all areas

Give appropriate directions for each player

Astute thinker – reads head, sets up head well, follows game plan

Knowledge of the game

All players should decide on their positional duties and practise appropriate skills