Effective Bowl Measures

Hi Lachlan:

I was interested in your thoughts about effective bowls, as often a mat length is used as the measure.

I on the other hand feel it should be weighted to the bowl that passes the jack.

I came up with a mat in front and 1.5 mats past to give a more accurate measure of the player who is giving their bowl a chance.

I realize that this would mean an increased percentage should be achieved compared to a mat length.

For division pennant 1 what do you consider an expected mark for each position?

Regards

Hi fellow coach:

Quite simply I use ML (mat length), like a par in golf, because it is a specific measure (2 feet or 60cm) from the jack or called position bowl, and is a measure from premier to division ten.

Your bowl 1.5ML behind is invaluable to the team. In fact, the player asked to deliver say one metre behind the head is, in my approach, given a ML (any direction) leeway from the one metre spot to earn the effective tick. Again the ML and the stats are intended to raise the bar on performance and to use the stats collected at intervals in the game.

So as you get the team to refocus at halftime, that is a good time for rinks to see who and what is doing well.

Some of the estimates of effective bowls may be a bit out, but one or two errors is no big deal. With back end players there is a bit more subjectivity in measuring them.

As coach you have to feel comfortable with your definition of acceptable deliveries and let the troops know what that is. Yesterday for example, our skip nominated that he was going to do these deliveries in 3 ends:
- one metre over, but glanced off the jack with the one metre delivery;
- three metres through, yet found the smallest of gaps to end up 3m thru and no change.
- drive the head and drive hit their shot bowl parked next to the jack still we were 2 down.

In each case I say that is an effective delivery, as it is the performance not always the result.

Sometimes when a player is asked to play just one metre over and they come 4-5m through, get a result and reckon that is a good bowl. I take the result, but I don't give them a tick for an effective delivery as it hides his incompetency especially had it missed.

We may all disagree on this definition.

Hope that helps and here is the report update too.

Oh! I add here my effective bowls expectations listed for all playing positions.

My Pennant Competition Expectation for 2016/17
FOURS TEAM RINK % Statistics standards (number bowls from total 42)

	LEAD	2nd	Third	Skip
ML Std accepted % Div.1.club level & objective	40 (17)	40 (17)	33 (14)	33 (14)
ML Std accepted % Div.2.club level & objective	36 (15)	36 (15)	30 (12)	30 (12)
ML Std accepted % Div.3.club level & objective	34 (14)	34 (14)	25 (11)	25 (11)
ML Std with first bowl - personal objective	12/21	same	same	same
ML Std with ends contributed target	14/21	same	same	same

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