

AMERICAN LAWN BOWLING ASSOCIATION  
INSTRUCTIONS - SPECIFICATIONS  
HOW TO BUILD A GREEN

SIZE:

120 ft. by 120 ft. if possible, but not less than 110 ft. by 110 ft. from ditch to ditch.

PREPARATION:

The ground should be levelled to the level of its lowest point before being covered with loam, etc., so as to make a good foundation and prevent future settling.

Excavate sufficient to form bank, walks and borders 18 inches above finished surface of green, bringing all the ground to a true and uniform level for receiving loam. Do not attempt to get levels in any other way than by a surveyor's instrument. Use sufficient pegs so that straight-edge may be used without any fear of inaccuracy.

DRAINING:

Dig trenches for and supply 4-inch tile drains all around ditches of green, also ten lines of parallel drains through ground of 3-inch tiles. Drains to be not less than 30 inches deep.

It is most essential to have drains clear of frost line, to avoid any disarrangement during the winter season.

LOAM:

Provide and spread over area of green eight inches of good loam free from stones and hard substances. The whole lawn should then be made properly level and allowed to remain for a month or six weeks, so that any weed seeds in the loam would germinate and be destroyed before seeding is done.

DITCH:

Provide and place in position all around green and bottom of banks margin wood 6 inches by 1-1/2 inches, nailed to stobs 24 inches, by 4 by 6 every five feet. Provide a complete set of ditch slats made in the usual spar and space style, of 2-inch spars and 2-inch space, so that when ditch is complete, it will be 9 inches wide and 4 inches deep. Coarse sand or gravel may be used instead of wood-work, if preferred.

All wood-work to be dipped in creosote or other preservative.

BANKS, WALKS and BORDERS:

Form banks, walks, and borders all around green. Walks and borders to be each eight feet wide, or as near that as configuration of ground will permit.

SEEDING:

For a very close-matted turf sow 1 lb. to every 50 square feet Bowling Lawn Grass Seed, which must contain only the best fine-leaved, deep-rooting grasses, then add a light coat of the fine-screened loam enriched with well rotted cow manure.

Be careful to have top dressing free of weed seeds.

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