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# American Lawn Bowling Rules

## I. Bowling Greens

1. The green shall be divided into spaces called rinks, not less than 14 feet in width, numbered consecutively; the center of each rink being marked on the bank at each end by a pin or other device, and the four corners of the rink by pins driven into the ditch.

2. The side boundary of the rink shall stretch from bank to bank.

3. To prevent disputes, it is recommended that pins be placed at the opposite ends of the rink.

## II. Bank and Ditch

The ditch shall consist of a trench 9 inches wide and about 4 inches deep, having a bank immediately at the back thereof at least 18 inches high, with an angle to the green of not more than 120 degrees.

## III. Bowls: Size and Bias

No bowl shall exceed  $16\frac{1}{2}$  inches in circumference, nor  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. in weight, nor have a less bias than the standard No. 3 bias bowl adopted by the Association. Any bowl to which exception is taken shall be tested by comparison with a standard bowl bearing the American Bowling Association stamp. Any objection must be taken not later than the 6th end of the game.

## IV. Bowls Burned

The term "burned" is applied to a jack or bowl which has been interfered with, or displaced otherwise than with a bowl in play.

**A. While in Motion.** 1. When a bowl during its original course and before it has passed the jack is burned by any member of the rink to whom it belongs, it shall be counted dead. If by an opponent, the player's skip may have it played over again, or let it lie where it rests, or begin the end anew. If by a neutral person, it shall be played over again, and if after being burned in the manner, the bowl disturbs the shot bowl, the side lying shot may replace the bowls disturbed or play the end over again.

2. When a bowl which in its original course has passed the jack, and being still in motion is burned by any member of rink to whom it belongs, it shall be counted dead, whether it has touched the jack or not. If by an opponent, the player's skip may choose to let it lie where it comes to rest, or to have the end begun anew.

3. When a bowl which had come to rest is afterwards set in motion by a bowl in play, and while still moving is burned by any member of the rink to whom it belongs, it shall be counted dead. IF by an opponent, the party to whom it belongs may choose to let it lie where it comes to rest, or place it where he thinks it probably would have rested had it not been interfered with. If by a neutral person, it may be allowed to lie, or be placed to the mutual satisfaction of both skips. Where agreement cannot be attained, the end shall be played over again.