

Back End Role

Back End Game Plan:

The Third & the Skip are a 'Team' whose goal is to build on the head created by the Front-End Team to win the end, or to minimise the shots lost.

THIRDS:

- **Skills:** Able to play all shots, understand the Game Plan, read the head & communicate accurately & positively.
- **Your Goal:** Add to the head (if req'd) to ensure there are at least 2 bowls in the head every end.
- To play position bowls to add, reduce, attack or defend (as requested by Skip).

SKIPS:

- **Skills:** Able to play all shots, understand Club & Rink Game Plans. Apply tactical nous, read & build the head. Communicate accurately & positively with all players.
- Take responsibility for leading & encouraging your rink.

Your Goal (as a Bowler):

- On a winning end make full use of your final delivery to protect the head &/or to add shot/s to place pressure on the opposition.
- On a losing end, aim to get Shot or at least 2nd Shot.

Your Responsibilities (as a Skip):

- Implement the Club & Rink Game Plans.
- Inspire confidence through positive leadership (*By always encouraging and acknowledging others*).
- Engage regularly with all players in your rink to monitor progress (*e.g., A short chat every 5 ends*).
- Accountability: Give short, clear instructions. Measure & record each bowl (*e.g., Thumbs up*).
- As a Rink, evaluate overall performance and train improvement focus (*Division 1 – others optional*).
- Provide honest feedback to the Selectors as required.