

Bowls Victoria

Check sheet – Green, Banks & Ditches



1	The Green Law 46	Law 46.1 Law 46.2	The green must be either rectangular or square. The length of the green in the direction of play must be between 31 metres and 40 metres.			
2 (a), (b)	The Ditch Law 47	Width Law 47.2.1	Between 200mm and 380mm wide	Depth Law 47.2.2	Between 50mm and 200mm deep	
3		Holding Surface Law 47.3	The ditch must have a holding surface which is free from obstacles and made of a material which will not damage the jack or bowls. (Specify type, i.e. whether (S) sand, (C) 35mm pile carpet, (E) egg-shell, or (O) other – provide full description on front of report)			→
4	The Bank Law 48	Top of the Bank Law 48.2	The top of the bank must be at least 230mm above the surface level of the green.			
5		Face of Bank Law 48.3	Must be vertical and set at a right angle (90°) to the surface of the green or sloped at an angle of not more than 35° from the vertical.			
6		Face of Bank Law 48.4	The surface of the face of the bank must be made of, or be covered with, a material which will not damage the jack or bowls. Specify: rubber (R), carpet (C) - mm pile			→
7		Steps Law 48.5	There must be no steps that could interfere with play either cut into or positioned against the face of the bank.			
8		Advertising Banners Law 48.6	If advertising banners are fixed to the face of the bank, they must be made of a material which will not damage the jack or the bowls. Also, they must be fixed in a way that makes sure the specifications for the ditch and the bank, as described in laws 47 and 48 , still apply. The banners will be considered to be part of the face of the bank for all purposes within the laws.			
9	Division of the green Rinks Law 49	Rink width Law 49.1.1 Law 49.1.2	Rinks must be between 4.3 metres and 5.8 metres wide for outdoor play. (N.B. Must be between 4.6m & 5.8m for indoor play – Law 49.1.2) (Wherever possible all rinks on a green must be the same width) Insert width of rinks & if differ in N/S or E/W direction make note on front of report.			→
10		Rink Numbers Law 49.2	Rinks must be numbered in order, with the centre of each rink being marked on the bank at each end by a peg, a disc or other suitable device that has the rink number on it and is fixed vertically: Law 49.2.1 to the face of the bank and flat against it; or Law 49.2.2 on top of the bank not more than 100mm back from its face Law 49.2.3 on the wall behind the bank (for indoor play only) Insert distance pegs are situated back from the face of the bank - mm			→
11		Four Corners of the Rinks Law 49.3	The four corners of the rinks must be marked by white or brightly coloured boundary pegs that are fixed vertically: Law 49.3.1 to the face of the bank and flat against it; or Law 49.3.2 on the top of the bank not more than 100mm back from its face of an indoor green.			
12		Boundary pegs (Rink) Law 49.4	Law 49.4.1 Boundary pegs must be not more than 50mm wide and not more than 430mm high if fixed to the face of an outdoor green; or			
13			Law 49.4.2 Boundary pegs must be not more than 50mm wide and not more than 600mm high if fixed on the top of the bank of either an outdoor green or an indoor green (although this height limitation does not apply to flexible boundary pegs containing a spring or similar mechanism in their base that allows them to bend on contact with an object or person); Insert distance pegs are situated back from the face of the bank - mm			→
14			Law 49.4.3 Boundary pegs must be not more than 25mm wide and the centre of the peg must be clearly marked by a thin black vertical line if they are fixed to the face of the bank of an indoor green.			
15		Boundary Pegs (Side boundary) Law 49.6	The boundary pegs of an outside rink must be: Law 49.6.1 at least 600mm from the side ditch for outdoor play; and Law 49.6.2 at least 460mm from the side ditch for indoor play		Insert distance from each side boundary. N/S = , E/W = ,	
16		Pegs, discs & markers Law 49.11	Pegs, discs and other types of markers used to mark the centre and corners of the rinks must be made of a material which will not damage the jack or bowls.			
17		Distance Markers Law 49.12 & Appendix B.4.1	White or brightly coloured pegs or discs must be fixed vertically against the face of the side banks or on top of the side banks in the direction of play to mark distances of 2 metres and 23 metres from the end ditches. (Appendix B.4.1). (Wherever possible these must be the only pegs or discs visible on the side banks).			
18		Centre line Law 49.13 & Appendix B.2.1	The centre line can be marked along the surface of the green starting 2 metres from each end ditch and finishing at any point up to, but not less than 23 metres from the opposite end ditch. (Appendix B.2.1). (Whilst the centre line is now optional, it is preferred that it should be marked to assist players place the mat).			
19	Centre line Law 49.14	The centre line can be marked at a distance of 2 metres from each end ditch. The mark can be: Law 49.14.1 Lines drawn in the form of a “T” or Law 49.14.2 a small piece of suitable material inserted immediately below the surface of the green (for outdoor play only). E.g. “The Flat Top Bowling Green Marker”.		Insert whether “T”, golf tee type peg (BGM) or describe other mark.	→	
20 (a), (b),(c)	Runs? (Yes / No)	Other Irregularities? (Yes / No)			Bank/Ditch Rebound? (Yes / No)	
21 (a), (b),(c)	Pace of Green (Guidelines = 13-17 seconds) Ramp or Stopwatch? (Seconds)	Entry into ditch? (Yes / No) Please circle	Bowls used	Minimum Bias e.g. Classic II, Greenmaster etc Standard Bias e.g. Drakes Pride International		