

BERKSHIRE BOWLS COACHING SCHEME

Using a Scorecard

Record every end accurately and keep a clear running total

WHY THIS MATTERS

The scorecard is the official record of the game. It should show the match details, the result of every end, the running totals and the final agreed score.

Who Completes the Scorecard?

Game	Normal responsibility	Important point
Team game	The Skip	The Skip may delegate the recording to another team member.
Singles	The Marker	The Marker records the game in accordance with the competition arrangements.

Before the Game Starts

- Enter the players' names.
- Enter the rink number and competition or match details.
- Record the start time where required.
- Check which side of the card belongs to each team or player.

Recording Each End

Step	What to record	Good practice
1	Shots scored for one side after the end is agreed.	Record only the agreed result.
2	A dash (-) for the side that did not score.	Do not normally enter zero.
3	The new running total for both sides.	Check the arithmetic before the next end.

Simple Example

End	Team A	A total	Team B	B total	Check	Initial
1	2	2	-	0	✓	
2	-	2	1	1	✓	
3	3	5	-	1	✓	
4	-	5	2	3	✓	

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At the End of the Game

Action	What to do
Final totals	Write the total score for and against in the boxes provided.
Check	Make sure the end scores and running totals agree.
Agreement	Confirm the final score with the opposing player or Skip.
Signatures	Sign the scorecard and obtain the opponent's signature where required.
Finish time	Record the finish time if the card or competition requires it.

Common Errors to Avoid

Error	Correction
Entering the score before it has been agreed.	Wait until the end result is settled.
Writing zero instead of a dash.	Use a dash for the side that did not score.
Forgetting the running total.	Update and check both totals after every end.
Recording the score in the wrong column.	Confirm team or player headings before play.
Leaving the card unsigned.	Complete the final agreement and signatures.

Player Practice

Use a blank scorecard during a short practice game. After each end, agree the shots, enter the score, add both running totals and ask another player to check the entry.

Player Self-Check

☐ Did I record the correct side's score?

☐ Did I use a dash for the side that did not score?

☐ Are both running totals correct?

☐ Has the final score been agreed and signed?

KEY POINT: Record the agreed result after every end, keep the running totals accurate and complete the card properly at the end of the game.