

Hills Club Pennant Roles & Culture



Pennant Roles —

Lead -

Place the mat as guided by the skip
Deliver the jack to a distance determined by the skip
Play draw shots within 1 ML (mat length) of the jack, to "build the head" for the team
Ignore self-pressure to beat the opposition bowls; just "build the head"
Maintain the same hand for both bowls each end, unless directed by the skip
Practice the art of delivering the jack & perfecting the draw shot

Second -

On the hand directed by the skip, play draw shots within 1 ML of the jack or target
Should be a capable "on shot" player
Await skip's call before stepping onto the mat
Accept/trust the skip's instruction call
Tick the scorecard for ends when PFE (Pennant Front End) are holding shot (from skip's indication, for post-game review)
Complete the scorecard & update the Team scoreboard with the opposing second

PFE (Pennant Front End) -

Lead & second are a team & 1 goal is to have 2/4 bowls within 1 ML of the jack
Another goal for the PFE is to have a bowl beyond the head each end
PFE team to support each other & the third

Third -

Be a competent player for all shots (eg draw, weighted, running, drive)
As guided by the skip, provide effective deliveries to "build the head"
Await skip's call before stepping onto the mat
Accept/trust the skip's instruction call
Only talk to the skip when asked
Be director for the time spent at the head
Have a sound knowledge of tactics & be able to read the head
Be the team leader for the FE team
Be a competent measurer
Have a good knowledge of the rules

Skip -

Have a game plan & communicate it
Work at getting the best out of the team
Be a competent player for all shots (eg draw, weighted, running, drive)
Direct the players to ensure their bowls "build the head"
Give simple, clear instructions on tactics
Maintain good body language
Minimise information that will benefit/encourage the opposition
Know the characteristics of the bowls used by your team
Have a good knowledge of the rules
"Change Up" when needed; **think PAL** (Pace, Aggression, Length)

Pennant Team Culture —

Pre-game practice as one team, same order of play (2 bowls preferably, due to limited time)

Learn from the green & weather conditions during the pre-game practice

Perfect your PSR (pre-shot routine) & ASH (after shot habit); stay focused

Reinforce/maintain POSITIVE verbal & body language

Watch for flaws in opposition play & tactics; be ready to take advantage

Encourage & support your team mates continuously

Be aware of the main board & ensure it is accurate

Remember that your bowl delivery time is only 10% of game time; maintain focus/energy

Be confident, respect your team & enjoy