A bowl shall be accounted dead if:-

1) Not being a Toucher it comes to rest in the ditch or rebounds onto the playing surface of the rink after contact with the bank or with the Jack or a Toucher in the ditch.

2) After completing its original course it comes to rest wholly outside the boundaries of the playing surface of the rink.

3) At a distance of less than 14 metres, measured in a direct line from the centre of the mat.

4) It passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play after being moved as a result of play.

5) In its original course, it passes beyond a side boundary of the rink on a bias which would prevent it re-entering the rink.

Skips or the opponents in a singles shall agree on the question as to whether or not a bowl is “dead”. Any member of either team may request a decision from the skips, but no member shall remove any bowl prior to agreement by the skips. In singles, both opponents must agree as to whether or not a bowl is “dead”. If the skips or opponents in singles are unable to make a decision or reach agreement, the umpire has the final word.

Only “Touchers” rebounding from the face of the bank to the ditch or the rink shall remain in play.

A dead bowl must be removed from the rink of play as soon as it has been declared dead.