Touchers

A toucher is a bowl which in **its original course** on the green touches the Jack, even though such a bowl passes into the ditch within the boundaries of the rink. This Bowl shall be counted as a **"live"** bowl and shall be called a "**Toucher"**. If having come to rest a bowl falls over and touches the Jack before the succeeding bowl is delivered, or in the case of the last bowl of an end it falls and touches the Jack within thirty seconds, such a bowl shall be deemed a Toucher.

No bowl shall be accounted a toucher by playing on to or by coming into contact with the Jack while the Jack is in the ditch.

If a toucher in the ditch cannot be seen from the mat, its position shall be marked by a distinctively coloured indicator.

Touchers are marked with a chalk mark by a member of the player's team or the marker in a singles game.

If in the opinion of either skip or opponent or the marker, a toucher or a wrongly chalked bowl comes to rest in a position that the act of making a chalk mark or of erasing it, is likely to move the bowl or alter the head, the bowl shall not be marked or have its mark erased but shall be indicated as a toucher or non-toucher.

If a bowl is not so marked or not so indicated before the succeeding bowl comes to rest, or in the case of the last bowl of an end before a period of thirty seconds it ceases to be a toucher.

Should there be subsequent movement of the bowl which would eliminate the necessity for continuation of the indicated provision, the bowl shall be marked or have its chalk mark removed as the case may be.

Care should be taken to remove all chalk marks before the bowls are replayed in the next end.