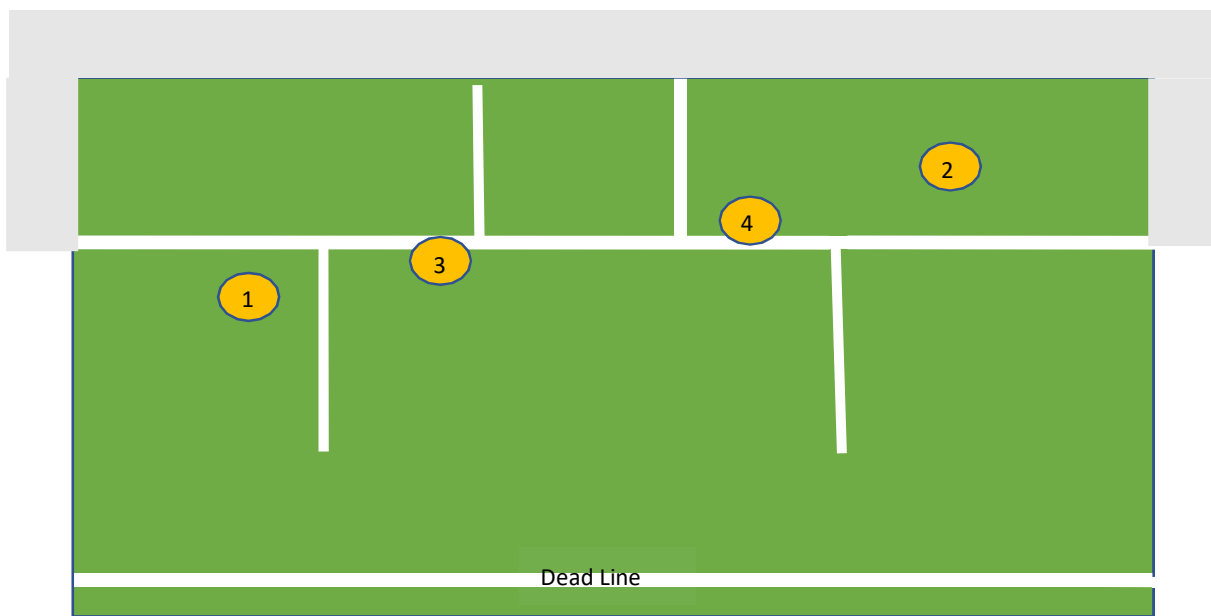


This was sent in by Alan Spicer—Thank you very much. There are often disputes about jack position so I am sure this will prove useful.

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I'll start with jack positions as I always get different answers to the question "is the jack live or dead?" Please note that the drawing is not to scale or complete in every detail.



**Jack 1** - I'm sure that you recognise that Jack number 1 is still live and so can be played as normal.

**Jack 2** - I'm also sure that you recognise that Jack number 2 is a dead jack and its position should be marked with chalk. If jack 2 is disturbed by a toucher then its new position should be marked.

What's not always clear is that if a toucher in the ditch is moved by another toucher and then it disturbs the jack, its new position should be marked.

Of course if a non-toucher disturbs the dead jack then the jack should be returned to its marked position and the bowl removed.

## Jack 3 – What do you think is the status of this jack?

How many of you thought that it was dead?

The rules state that if any part of the jack is still in the live area then it is still a live jack. The definition of the live area is - the section of the rink mat between the dead line and the ditch, **delineated by the inside edge of the half inch marking.**

So, in this case jack 3 is still live and can be played as normal.