



# IRISH LONG BULLETS ROAD BOWLING RULES

Teams shall consist of two, three or four members. Only one bowl is used per team with players throwing in rotation.

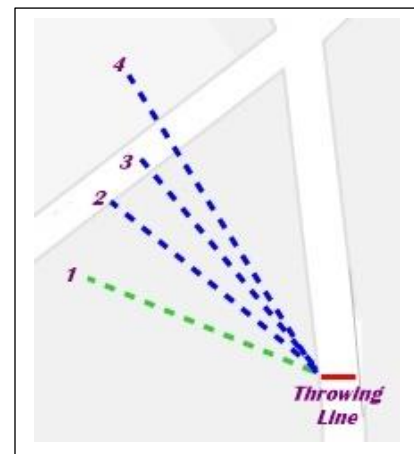
A start line is drawn across the road. The thrower stands behind the line with a second teammate at least 20-30 yards down the road to mark the desired path of the throw. The teammate stands like a human wicket with their legs apart giving the thrower the “perfect path” for the throw.

The bowler should back up 5 to 10 yards and take a running start to gain momentum to the throwing line. When approaching the line, they extend their arm behind and snaps it forward, releasing the bowl before the line. The bowl should fly through the air for a few yards before hitting the road. Stepping over the line is a fault and counts as a shot. The bowl returns to the line and the next thrower makes the throw. Before throwing the bowl, the participant should make sure the road is clear and announce “**Rolling**” or “**Clear the Way**” for all spectator’s safety.

From wherever the bowl stops, not where it leaves the road surface, the bowl is taken directly to the nearest point on the road. A chalk mark is made at that point and the next throw is taken by the next teammate in rotation, and so on to the finish.

On sharp curves or corners, the bowl may be thrown through the air over the corner rather than rolled around it. The loft must reach the road or it is considered a “dead bowl”. It counts as one shot and the next teammate must throw from behind the throwing line. Before lofting over a curve, all participants must be assured that all spectators and other participants are clear of the landing area for safety. In the diagram to the right, throw #1 is a “dead bowl”, but throws #2, #3 and #4 are good.

If a throw hits an obstacle or object in the road, the next throw must be made from the location of the object.



The final shot to the finish line should be thrown as far as possible past the line. If two or more teams have an equal number of shots crossing the finish line, the winner is decided by which shot goes the **farthest** distance past the finish line.

Questions can be directed to the Road Master Mel Weith at 618-781-0936.