



MEMORANDUM

TO: STA CEOs, STA Umpire Chairs

CC: NOAG Committee, Chris Evans

FROM: John Roberts, Chairman, National Officiating Advisory Group (NOAG)

DATE: 22 February 2024

RE: Chocking the Jack

Dear all,

Further reminder to all STAs and State and Territory Umpire Chairs that in Australia we do not allow the jack to be chocked under any circumstance. Please inform your relevant National Umpires.

NOAG does not condone – chocking the jack and this must remain in practice. NOAG considers that in all situations umpires and players should avoid any unnecessary contact with the jack.

The Laws of the Sport are quite clear and are based on “defined events” and if the Laws are silent on an issue then you cannot assume that you can do it.

The practice of chocking the jack during the process of determining the shot is not permitted under any circumstances in Australia.

This is now also in print, page 44, *BA Officiating Manual: Marker, Measurer and National Umpire*, November 2023.

This memo was first distributed in August 2011 and remains in application.

Please distribute this memo to all relevant members.

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Kind regards

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