

## BOUNDARY ROPE PROCEDURES

1. Laying out the rope is a job for several people.
2. Both of the straight boundaries and the Barnes-side boundary need to be as big as possible, regardless of the strip upon which to be played.
3. The rope should go **behind** each sight-screen.

### Putting the rope out

The **square rope** becomes the boundary rope running from the bins near the large houses to our covers, parallel to Hallam Road. Do not lose the smaller piece: tie it to a post! Both pieces are marked with yellow and green electrical tape. Use the Yellow and Blue square posts to block the path and each end.

Walk the large rope spindle over to the covers where it will meet the boundary rope that was until recently around the square. There is enough rope on it to easily go all the way around to the bins !

Run the rope behind the sight screens, sometimes the knots get stuck under the wheels. Have someone there to keep it from getting caught and to keep the rope paying out.

**Pro Tip:** one needs plenty of slack when putting out the rope.

### Putting the rope away

Walk the end of the rope from the bins and the excess over to the gazebo area so that it is then lined up more or less straight with the spindle at the covers. This makes it easier to wind in. One person winds and another guides the rope with a little tension so it is spread evenly on the spindle. When it is all in, tie the end to the spindle frame.

The square posts go back in and the square rope back around. A simple reef knot secures.

**Pro Tip:** one needs plenty of tension when putting it away.

**Leave the boundary rope out** Saturday only if certain there'll be play Sunday. The square rope always goes back around on Saturday night.

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