

ETIQUETTE

Good etiquette and manners make for a pleasant game and cost nothing

Courtesy

- Greet team members and opponents at the start of the game and congratulate or compliment them at the end of play.
- Shake hands at the start of the game and at its conclusion ~ if allowed.
- Dress correctly for all games, and arrive in good time
- Encourage and praise the rest of the team, including the skip. Bowls is a team game; everyone should be working together.
- Remember to thank the marker at the end of a singles game for sparing his/her time and offer a drink to your marker as well as to your opponent.
- Take care of team members, and the head, when drive shots are being played, and warn others on adjacent rinks of the intended shot. One of the 3s could be ready to go in front of the head in order to see if the delivered bowl is a toucher
- No smoking on the Green or in the Clubhouse. Only use the Club's designated smoking areas.

Sportsmanship

- Learn the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and play in accordance with them.
- Be gracious whether you win or lose.
- Always appear to be enjoying the game.
- Compliment your opponent on a good shot.
- Pick up the mat for your opponent after the last bowl has been delivered.
- Don't
 - applaud a team member who has outrageous luck but admit a fluke with grace.
 - wave opponents' bowls through the head.
 - criticize your opponents, the green, or your own team. If you cannot say something positive, don't say anything at all.

Good behaviour during the game

- Do not talk, make a noise behind the mat or move at the head end when a player is preparing to bowl.
- Remain behind the mat or behind the head when it is not your turn to play.
- Avoid obscuring the rink number, rink markers or the jack.
- Outdoors, on sunny days, be aware of your shadow. Don't let it fall across the jack or head or allow it to fall in front of the mat when a player is about to bowl.
- Be ready to bowl when it's your turn.
- Concentrate fully on the game and on all bowls as they are being delivered
- Always remember that, as soon as your bowl has come to rest, possession of the rink (at both ends) passes to your opponent.
- Never move the bowls in a head until the result of an end has been agreed.
- Once the score on an end has been agreed, the winning Lead put down the mat ready to deliver the Jack. Everyone at the Head-end should help to push the bowls behind the Mat. 2s agree on who will alter scoreboard. Skips, indoors and out, fill in the scorecard, unless they agree to delegate that task to another team member of their Rink.
- Mobile phones should be switched off during play and used with discretion while in the vicinity of the green.

Unwritten rules

- Be aware of players on the mat on the next rink especially indoors
- Step onto and off the green carefully and always avoid standing on the edge of the green /bank
- Walk down the centre of your rink when you are changing ends.
- Keep to your own rink and don't become a wanderer and distract other bowlers.
- Don't
 - walk past the end of a rink when a player is about to bowl towards you
 - walk through the head.