

CODE OF CONDUCT

Bowls Etiquette

1. Dress correctly for all games.
2. Greet your own team members and opponents at the start of the game and congratulate and compliment them at the end of play. Shaking hands before a match and at its conclusion is part of the fine tradition of the game.
3. Compliment your opponent on a good shot.
4. Stand still when a player is on the mat.
5. Do not move around or make a noise behind the mat when a player is about to bowl.
6. Remain behind the mat or behind the head when it is not your turn to play. Always remember as soon as your bowl has come to rest, possession of the rink passes to your opponent.
7. Keep to your own rink. Do not become a wanderer and distract other bowlers. Walk down the centre of the rink when changing ends.
8. On sunny days, be aware of your shadow. Do not let it mask the jack, or permit it to fall in front of the mat when a player is about to bowl.
9. Try to avoid *obscuring rink numbers and markers*.
10. Never criticise your opponent, the Green, or your own team members. If you cannot say something positive – don't say anything.
11. Pay attention to the game. Nothing is more frustrating to your team mates than to have them feel you are not giving your full attention and best efforts to the game, by your lack of concentration. Save your socialising until after the game.
12. Always appear to be enjoying the game.
13. Stand well back from the head when drive shots (firing) are being played and warn others on adjacent rinks of the fact.
14. Learn the laws of the game and abide by them.
15. Be a gracious winner and a good loser.
16. **Above all, USE GOOD MANNERS AT ALL TIMES and treat your fellow bowlers as you yourself would wish to be treated!**