

ETIQUETTE OF BOWLS

Always arrive in plenty of time for the game or competition.

Be courteous and polite at all times, remember that Bowls is primarily played for pleasure, so enjoy it and allow others that privilege.

Acts of courtesy during the game, such as introducing opponents to each other, handing the Jack to the opposing lead who has the mat. It is small gestures such as these that make all the difference to an enjoyable match.

Always dress according to the current Regulations of the Club.

The skip has authority over his rink, it is his duty to encourage and obtain the best result from his players, at the same time make the game enjoyable for the opposing side, he will advise his players which hand to bowl, and what type of delivery to make throughout the game.

When playing Triples or Rinks, keep clear of the head, allow the number threes to make their decision, only assist if you are requested to do so. Stand well behind the mat if you are not delivering a bowl, when you are at the head stand at the back in a position where your shadow will not be cast on the Jack, always remain quiet and still whilst bowls are being delivered, so as not to cause a distraction.

Competitions at whatever level are important to the people playing them. In the interest of fair play spectators are requested to refrain from offering coaching advice or from making comments that can be heard by participants during play. Applause for a good bowl delivered or a game well played is on the other hand very much encouraged.

By using these guidelines and obeying the Laws of the game players will not only gain respect but will also set an example for others to emulate.

Good luck with your Bowls and enjoy it.