

ETIQUETTE

Bowls is a game that should be played in the spirit of friendly competition. Etiquette is a code of behaviour whereby individuals treat one another the way they would like to be treated.

Whilst everyone wants to win, it should be remembered that, like all ball games, there is an element of luck. It is considered bad form to cheer when a mistake by your opponent results in you getting an advantage. On the other hand, if your opponent plays a particularly good shot, there is no harm in saying so.

The following basic rules apply, on the vast majority of Bowls Greens:

No smoking - Smoking/Vaping is not permitted on, or around, the green.

No phones - Mobile phones are not permitted on the green unless by prior arrangement with the Captain.

When waiting to bowl

- Don't talk when others are bowling.
- Stand still and well behind the mat.
- Don't let your shadow interfere with other bowlers.
- Don't stray on to the adjoining rinks.
- Don't upset or annoy bowlers on other rinks.
- Concentrate on all woods bowled.

When you are on the mat

- Pay attention to your skip & listen to his/her instructions.
- Don't turn your back on your bowl or leave the mat until your bowl has reached the head.

When walking from mat to the head

- Walk down the centre of your rink.
- However, on reaching the head, walk around the side to head avoid accidentally moving the jack or any bowl in the head.
- Be mindful of bowls being bowled on adjacent rinks.

When you are at the head

- Stand well behind and to one side of the head
- Do not obstruct the rink markers.
- Stand perfectly still when a bowler is on the mat
- Don't get involved in counting shots unless this is your responsibility.

When you leave the green

- Do not walk across the end of a rink when a bowler is about to deliver a bowl. Stand still until it has left their hand.