

Bowling Green Etiquette

The etiquette of the game of bowls is a combination of good manners, sportsmanship and sociability, these courtesies are best described as the unwritten Laws of the Game.

- Always respect the greens. Do not throw or drop your bowls onto the green and please use provided access to the greens.
- Shake hands with your opponent(s) and introduce yourself before a match. Always shake hands at the end congratulate/comiserate the opponent(s).
- Stand still when a bowler is on the mat and about to bowl, movement, especially at the head, is very distracting.
- Do not stand directly behind the jack or in front of a marker.
- Do not speak loudly or comment when a bowler is about to bowl.
- Never deliver your bowl before the previous bowl has come to rest.
- Do not comment adversely about an opponent's green.
- Stand at least two meters behind the mat or head.
- Be aware of others playing; DO NOT trespass over neighbouring rinks.
- Do show good sportsmanship by acknowledging a display of good skill by another bowler.
- Always pay your skip the respect of waiting for their decision- wait for the skip's instruction.
- Avoid interfering with the head until the result of the end has been agreed.
- In pairs the second player is responsible for agreeing the score, with the opponent, and undertake any measuring. In triple it is the second players responsibility and in fours the third player. Other players should stand away from the haed until the score is agreed.
- Do not clap or say "thank you" when an opponent's bowl gives the shot away, just say "bad luck", and KEEP QUIET if your opponent gets a good result from a fluke shot.
- Every player at the mat end should assist in kicking up the bowls when the end is completed. The Bowls should be well behind the mat and put together to reduce the potential for someone falling over a bowl.
- In Club Competitions, when you have a marker, be sure to thank them and offer them a drink. Remember they have given their time to assist in your game.