

BOWLS ETIQUETTE

Acts of courtesy between and among players both on and off the green, contribute greatly to the enjoyment of our wonderful sport. A player's consideration for his opponent and others is reflected in his reputation and standing in the Club.

You will discover the players at the very top are frequently those who are most courteous in their approach to the game and who are gracious in both victory and defeat.

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT POINTERS

- Dress in accordance with Club rules for proper attire.
- Be punctual and introduce yourself to fellow team members with a smile.
- Show hospitality to visitors when you are playing at your home Club.
- Compliment your opponent when he plays a good shot and admit good fortune when you fluke a shot - "We all get 'em don't we? But they're welcome when our luck's in." Hand your opponent the jack or mat when it is his turn to lead.
- Pay attention to keeping the score as required.
- Do not encroach on any adjoining rink when delivering your bowl. Remember always your opponent has possession of the rink as soon as the bowl you have delivered comes to rest.
- Do not interfere with or distract your opponent - you should be 2 metres behind the mat when he has the mat.
- Watch your shadow does not fall across the line your opponent wishes to take. If you are standing on the head, do not allow your shadow to shade the jack.
- Pay close attention to your skip as you step to the mat so that you are prepared for his directions.
- Support and encourage your fellow team members especially when they are having a bad day Don't demean your team or criticise any team member. Be positive.
- Help to clear the head AFTER the result has been determined,
- Do not precede the player who played the last bowl at crossover - allow him to follow the path of his bowl.. Do not waste time in a time limit game. Give the opposition a **fair go**.

At crossover do not linger on the head thereby obstructing the skips first bowl.

. Observe the laws regarding following your bowl up the rink **and do not be** in the way when your opponent has possession of the rink.

Scoreboards should be cleaned at the end of each game.

At the end of a day's play help to return scrimms, mats, jacks and cleaned scoreboards to storage.