

Etiquette.

Off the green

Don't walk / move about behind the head when a player is on the mat and about to bowl.

Don't distract players, or the marker, who are playing a competition by trying to start a conversation with them. Talk to them after the game.

Arrive in good time for a match and wearing the right attire. You could even be early and help set up the equipment for the game!

On the green

Always take care when stepping onto the green and keep off the edges of the green to prevent wear.

Do not drop bowls onto the green.

Do not walk across other player's rinks to get to your rink.

Be conversant with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and observe them.

Mobile phones should not be used on or in the vicinity of the green.

Do not smoke on or near the green. [Including E cigarettes]

Introduce yourself and shake hands. Wish your opponent(s) well.

Keep track of play, be ready to bowl when it is your turn. Wait a moment to see if your skip wants to give you instructions or information.

Always pay your skip the respect of waiting for their decision. Don't step onto the mat and indicate which way you intend playing - wait for the skip's instruction.

When at the mat end stand 1m behind the mat when not bowling. Do nothing to put the player on the mat off his/her concentration. Shadows, noise, jingling coins, kicking bowls, excessive talking.

When at the head stand still behind and to one side of the head.

Try to avoid obscuring rink numbers, boundary pegs and ditch markers.

On sunny days be aware of your shadow. Keep it from covering the jack or falling in front of or within the peripheral vision of the player on the mat.

If directing play retire behind the head after your skip has bowled.

When changing ends walk quickly down the centre of the rink, and around the head, not through it, as you could inadvertently move a bowl or the jack.

When changing ends do not obstruct the view of the player who has just delivered a bowl. They may like to see where it goes.

Agree the score with your opponent before destroying the head.

Once the score has been agreed assist with kicking / pushing the bowls back.

Do not criticise the green, team members, poor play, 'fluke bowls, lucky wicks etc. but compliment well played bowls of either team.

At the end of the game assist with clearing the rink of equipment.

After the game

When the game is over, congratulate or commiserate with your opponents, compliment them on their play, shake hands all round.

Be a gracious winner or a cheerful loser.

Enjoy your game for the pleasure and friendship it provides.

Offer your opponent a drink. Home player normally buys the first drink. If away always offer your opponent a drink before you leave.

Sit with your rink.

Simple Laws.

Minimum distance of front of mat from ditch 2m

Minimum jack length 23m [from centre of front of mat]

Bowls Stamp 1985 or later

 National Finals current year or later

All bowls used by a player MUST be from the same set.