

BOWLS ETIQUETTE

Be on time and have correct money, NO \$20.00 or \$50.00 bills.

If unable to play please inform me as quickly as possible (preferably before 11AM) so a sub can be arranged.

Courtesy at all times even when people are difficult. Our club is on show.

Possession of the rink belongs to the team whose bowl is being played.

When bowl has come to rest, possession transfers to the other team, having allowed time for a toucher to be marked. **Failure to observe this has consequences.**

Do not flap about in the head even if rink is in your possession.

When you are on the mat look to your skip for instructions; then watch your bowl to see where it finishes.

Do not encroach on another rink. Each rink should look after bowls that could displace their head.

When walking to the head go directly to the bank. Don't dawdle and stop and critique the head and discuss what the skip has to do. Remember the skip has just left the head and no doubt has a plan.

If a bowl is on the correct bias, and is stopped by a player, it can have a penalty; even if you are sure it will not return to the rink of play.

Do not stop a bowl. Doing so can cause a penalty; let it run to the ditch, and then remove it instantly. **Lift the mat, if a bowl on correct bias, is going to hit it.**

Always be ready to bowl; be aware of where the bowls are. Do not enter into conversations. It can be interesting but very distracting.

Thirds and skips get your communication right in advance. If you have to ask make it concise. Not involve pointing to every bowl. Skip and third should know positions unless something has changed.

Counting shots; do not kick bowls. Place shots on cloth. Measure at once and if in doubt, call umpire. When called, umpire must measure. Clear bowls not involved, and stand back from head onto the bank.

You may chock your bowl, after the last bowl to be played has stopped, if it falling will disadvantage you. Be aware of the 30 second rule.

You can also chock an opposition bowl.

Above all do not be intimidated. Take your time, but don't go back and forth; call the umpire.

Other things like bowling out of turn, and displacing bowls, can have penalties.

Moving the mat, jack on the wrong line; I will answer those if you like later.

Please work as a team support each other and your skip.

Do not criticise your team, particularly to your opposition.

Having done all this and won the game go in and have a social time with the lovely opposition.

Pennant is a positive experience, enjoy it.