

POLICY- ETIQUETTE GUIDELINES



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POLICY- LAWN BOWLS ETIQUETTE

This Policy is to be

- prominently displayed on the Club Notice Board; and,
- brought to the notice of members regularly.

Part 1 Introduction

1) The Game

- a) Lawn bowls is a game built on respect, courtesy, fairness and good sportsmanship. Every player has a responsibility to uphold the traditions of the game and help create an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Part 2 Club Policy

2) On the Green

- a) Treat the green with care – never “dump”, drop or throw your bowls.
- b) Do not step into the ditch or stand on the plinth.
- c) Remain still and quiet while another player is delivering a bowl.
- d) Avoid casting a shadow over the jack or obstructing the bowler's view.
- e) Bowl promptly when it is your turn, then step off the mat.
- f) Walk up the centre of your rink and avoid disturbing neighbouring rinks.
- g) Once your bowl has come to rest, possession of the rink passes to your opponents.

3) Courtesy & Sportsmanship

- a) Greet your opponents with a friendly handshake before play and wish them well afterwards.
- b) Arrive on time wearing the correct attire and approved flat-soled footwear.
- c) Turn mobile phones off or to silent.
- d) Applaud good bowls from both teammates and opponents.
- e) Never criticise "lucky" shots or celebrate an opponent's misfortune.
- f) Respect all players regardless of age, ability, gender or experience.

4) Be Considerate

- a) Do not walk across other rinks or make unnecessary noise.
- b) Observe club rules regarding smoking and alcohol.
- c) Assist by kicking back bowls at the completion of each end.
- d) Place the Skip's bowl on the mat as a courtesy.
- e) Only Thirds should be in the head during measurements.
- f) Watch the game, be ready to bowl promptly, and follow your Skip's instructions.
- g) Players waiting to bowl should stand at least 2 metres behind the mat. At the head end, stand behind the jack and remain still until the bowl comes to rest.

5) Respect Officials

- a) Treat Umpires, Markers and Club Officials with courtesy and respect.

- b) If an Umpire is measuring, step away from the head and allow them to work without interference.
- c) Accept decisions graciously.
- d) In a Singles Game, it is customary for both players to thank the Marker, often by offering that person a drink after the game.

6) After the Game

- a) Win, lose or draw, shake hands with your opponents and thank them for the game.
- b) Enjoy the fellowship of lawn bowls by sharing a drink or conversation in the clubhouse afterwards.

Remember: Good etiquette is just as important as good bowling. Respect for the game, the green, your teammates, opponents and officials helps ensure that lawn bowls remains a welcoming and enjoyable sport for everyone.

Part 3 Administrative Details

- a) First issued:
- b) Current Version: 01
- c) Approved/Issued
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