



GUIDE FOR LAWN BOWLS ETIQUETTE

- Bowls is a game played by both sexes, young and old – avoid vulgarity.
- Show your opponent respect particularly old/disabled who may not be able to measure, kick bowls back etc.
- Shake hands with all players before and after the game, win or lose.
- Avoid moving around behind the head or talking loudly while a player is on the mat.
- If at the head, stand at least two metres behind the head and to the side of the jack.
- Be ready to bowl when it's your turn – it shows the Skipper you are concentrating.
- If you need an opponent to move, ask politely.
- Try to pick up jack for your opponent!
- Picking up bowls:
 - For a teammate – they might not want you to – consider that!
 - Opponent – Old and disabled – maybe; but not at expense of concentration.
- Avoid arguments with your opponent (even when you know you are right) – it can upset you and your team's concentration. **CALL THE UMPIRE.**
- All players should help kick bowls back when they can – except the Lead who has won the end – the Lead should get the mat and place it ASAP and then help.
- Do not show excessive emotion after lucky bowls, for or against. They will even up!
- Be a humble winner.
- Be a gracious loser without making excuses.
- Keep off occupied adjacent rinks.
- Keep away from the head when an umpire is measuring - let them do their job.
- Acknowledge opponents' good bowls but no need to be excessive!
- Always acknowledge your team's good bowls. Builds confidence.
- It is customary to pick up the mat in any game if your opponent has had the last bowl of the end.
- Abide by the dress rules of your club.
- Do not abuse club privileges and remember you are representing your club. Your behaviour, good or bad, reflects on your club.
- Avoid green damage by dropping bowls either during delivery or accidentally.
- If a marker is involved offer thanks and a drink when available after the game.
- As you leave the green, be proud of your demeanor on it.
- Do not sit on the banks.
- PBBC is a non-smoking facility, smokers must smoke outside of the grounds.

The first rule to apply in bowls should be common sense and do unto others as you would have others do to you.