

ETIQUETTE FOR LAWN BOWLERS

1. Dress correctly for all games.
2. Greet your opponents and your own team members before the game and congratulate or compliment them at the end of play. Shaking hands before and after a match is part of the fine tradition of the game. However if you are ill or don't feel well, please refrain from hand shaking and offer apologies.
3. Before play begins, know the marking of your team's bowls.
4. Compliment your opponent on a good shot.
5. Admit a fluke shot with grace.
6. Stand still and be quiet when a player is on the mat.
7. Remain at least 6 feet behind the mat while waiting your turn to bowl. Remember that as soon as your bowl has come to rest, possession of the mat and rink passes to your opponents.
8. Stay in your own rink. Do not wander and distract other bowlers. Walk down the center of your rink when changing ends.
9. Be aware of your shadow. Do not let it cover the jack or permit it to fall in front of the mat when a player is about to bowl.
10. Allow the player on the mat to have full view of the centerline and boundary markers.
11. Never criticize your opponent, your own team members or the green.
12. Pay attention to the game. Save socializing for after the game.
13. Even on an off day, try to appear to be enjoying the game.
14. For safety purposes any player about to deliver a firing shot should warn the players at the head who should stand well back and warn adjacent rinks..
15. Learn and abide by the Rules of the Game. Everyone should read their rules book.
16. Be a gracious winner and a good loser.
17. Do not move or remove any bowl until the score has been agreed upon by the vices.
18. The losing Vice or Skip should mark the scoreboard.
19. The team not in possession of the mat should rake the bowls but all front end players should help 'kick" them into the center line. The bowls should be placed at least one yard behind and to the right of the mat when facing the jack. This will help to avoid tripping over the bowls when leaving the mat.
20. Always leave the mat to your left.
21. Do not drop your bowls or the jack onto the green.
22. Wear proper shoes at all times. ie no visible heel - running shoes are okay.
23. ABOVE ALL ELSE HAVE FUN!!!!