

Etiquette on the Green

The Clubs aim is to provide a playing environment which is friendly, competitive and enjoyed by all. This list which is by no means exhaustive is a guide to good conduct on the green.

Remember bowling is a friendly game and all players should show courtesy and good sportsmanship. Shake hands before a match and at its conclusion. Be gracious whether you win or lose and compliment your opponent on a good shot.



Never criticise your opponents the green or your own team. If you cannot say something positive say nothing.

Encourage and praise the rest of your team. Bowls is a team game and everyone should be working together.



Don't applaud a team member who has outrageous luck and admit a fluke with grace. Refrain from talking opponents woods out of the head or ill-wishing an opponent's bowl (think it if you must, but never say it out loud).

Avoid dropping bowls onto the green, or delivering bowls from a height as this can damage the playing surface.

Do not start breaking up the head until the score for the end has been agreed.



Remember it's only **one** person's job to agree the score with his or her opposite number the rest of the team should stand well back.

Firing! if you are about to deliver a heavy wood, please ensure that the teams at the head on both **your rink** and **adjacent rinks** are aware so that they can take appropriate action to prevent **injury** to themselves and/or damage to the heads on other rinks.

At the mat end, when not occupying the mat, players should stand at least a metre behind the mat, being careful not to distract the player about to bowl, by moving about or talking. Always make sure that bowls are kept well behind the mat so that people cannot fall over them when stepping back off the map. When you have delivered your bowl and it has come to rest the possession of the mat passes to your opponent so move away quickly.