



Club Notice 17/02 **Bowls Etiquette** *(repeat of previous notice)*

Bowling is one of the few sports where true sportsmanship still prevails. This is a position that should be jealously guarded. By following a few simple principles below you can help maintain the sportsmanship and courtesy that has characterised the game of bowls for years to come.

Before the game

- Check that you know the correct dress for the occasion and wear it.
- Make sure that you know the starting time of the game and be there in sufficient time to change your footwear and be on the green ready to start at the appointed time.
- In a team game, be there in time to welcome your guests.

During the Game

- Enter and leave the green by the steps provided.
- Do not drop bowls on the carpet or green
- Shake hands with your opponent before and after the game.
- Do not sit on the steps or the banks.
- Do not drop litter in the ditches, use receptacles provided.
- Stand still when your opponent is about to play.
- Do not infringe the laws of rink possession.
- Wait until results at end decided before kicking away the bowls.
- If responsible for keeping score, compare cards at regular intervals. If score boards in use make sure they agree with your card.
- Unless delegated to decide shots at the completion of an end, do not interfere in any way with this process.
- If an umpire has been called, stay well clear of the head until a decision has been made.
- If you have lost the game, remember to congratulate your opponent.
- Never be heard to criticise the carpet, the green or your opponent.
- Acknowledge a “fluke” and commend an opponents good bowl.

These basic principles are good for us all and if adhered to can only enhance our sport and give a good impression to those who as yet do not play.