

## Etiquette

Lawn bowling etiquette is about good sportsmanship, common sense and good manners. This guidance is for newcomers to the sport, but also acts as a reminder to bowlers of long experience who may have fallen into 'bad habits'.

We play the sport for enjoyment, for the pleasure of pitting our skills against others, in friendly competition, and our sport has a long tradition for its common courtesy and etiquette. Here are a few pointers:

1. Be punctual for your game and dress appropriately for the game you are going to play.
2. Introduce yourself to your opponents by first names and exchange handshakes before the game.
3. During the game, whilst at the mat end do not move about or make disturbing noises. Do not stand where you may be in your opponents line of vision.
4. During the game, whilst at the 'head end', when an opponent is on the mat to deliver a bowl, observe the following:
  1. Do not move about in or near the 'head'.
  2. Stand well behind the 'head', and if the jack is in the ditch, stand on the bank behind the 'head'.
  3. In sunny conditions avoid allowing your shadow to cover the jack.
  4. Avoid obscuring the rink centre or boundary markers.
5. At the conclusion of each end, unless you are responsible for measuring and agreeing score shots, keep well away from the 'head'.
6. Compliment your opponents, as well as team members, for a well delivered bowl.
7. Do not openly criticise the green, your own players, and more importantly your opponents.
8. Play attention to the game on your own rink.
9. Treat the green you are playing on with respect.
10. Be a gracious winner and good loser.