

ETIQUETTE IN BOWLS

**ETIQUETTE IN BOWLS IS SIMPLY GOOD MANNERS.
TREATING OTHERS WITH RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION ALWAYS.**

1. Always be on time and ready to start. Dress correct, shoes clean, measures, chalk, coin, etc.
 2. Always be ready to take your turn on the mat.
 3. Take an interest in the game – follow how the head is building up. Watch your skip for direction.
 4. Help gather the bowls at the completion of the end. Except the winning lead who should reach for the mat and get ready to deliver the jack.
 5. If your bowl goes to the side of the rink, Check it is inside your rink boundary line from behind rink peg.
 6. Do not talk or move about (if on the head) when a member of your team or the opposition is about to deliver a bowl. The rink belongs to the player on the mat.
 7. Never walk up green in front of third. She could be watching her bowl to see where it finishes.
 8. Stand well back while your opponent bowls, and do not deliver your bowl before the previous bowl has come to rest.
 9. Walk down the centre of your own rink when changing ends – do not stop. Consultations should be held at the head if necessary.
 10. Do not walk round talking to other players on the green. They may not be interested, especially if they are concentrating on their own game.
 11. Do not wander onto the next-door rink after you have played your bowl. This is encroaching and with footfaulting carry a penalty.
 12. Remember it is only a game and should be played in the best spirit of the game. This does not mean you should not have the determination to win.
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LEADS

- Place the mat on the centre line (Within the rules)
- Try to roll the Jack to your skip's feet. She usually stands where she wants it.
- Loser of mat – locate opponent's bowl and place beside mat.
- Watch your bowl until it comes to rest, the rink is yours until then.

****Coaching Tip: Once the game gets underway and you like a particular side: Keep to that side. Your second bowl and future bowls will have a likelier chance of a good correction.**

SECONDS

- In a match, the second keeps the scoreboard.
 - Seconds confer with each other to avoid mistakes.
 - As a second you practice all shots – draw, runs and position play. However in a fours game you maybe just backing up your lead's bowls. Watch your skip for direction.
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THIRDS

- Stand still at least 2 meters behind head.
 - Advise your skip clearly when asked, or when the head has been changed by the opposing skip's bowl.
 - Your skip should not need instructions as you cross over. Skip has just left the head and likely has own plans.
 - If your skip has the first bowl, put it on the mat for her before crossing over.
 - Do not speak to your skip after her bowl comes to rest – **not your mat unless it is the last bowl.**
 - Watch for bowls from the next rink – be ready to lift bowls on your rink to allow them through. If this is not possible, STOP the bowl from the next rink. This bowl is then replayable.
 - Never move onto the next rink to lift their bowls to allow passage for your bowls. They do the lifting or stopping of the bowl. (*Replayable*)
 - Signal the score clearly to your skip, and confirm it with your second.
 - If the umpire is called to determine a measure – stand well back.
 - Practice – a third must know all shots.
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SKIPS

- Skip is responsible for coin toss at beginning of game and keeping the scorecard.
- Don't talk to your player after the bowl has come to rest – not your mat.
- Watch for bowls from the next rink and be ready to lift bowls in your head to allow them through – or to stop an incoming bowl if needed. (*Replayable*)
- Never lift bowls on the next rink to allow passage for your bowls unless you have asked first.
- Remove dead bowls and also chalk marks from your team's bowls.
- Remove the mat if your opponent plays the last bowl.
- Keep 2 meters behind head at all times and further back if shadows.
- When the head belongs to opposing skip remain stationary.

- Be clear and positive when directing; try not to over-direct.
- Be encouraging and courteous to your team. Watch body language.
- Only the third is responsible for measuring. Make sure she knows her job and does not have others crowding her. (Nominated team member may measure on conferring with other skip prior to commencement)
- Remember it is not necessary to play your last bowl if it is the last bowl to be played.

PLAYING SINGLES

1. A marker changes some of the rules from other game formats. Players should be aware of the markers duties as listed in section 42 of the regulations
2. A marker must stop any bowl that is from a neighbouring rink that could move a bowl or jack on their head. Note not the player.
3. It is etiquette (Not a rule) to remove the mat for your opponent if they play the last bowl.

EVERYONE

KNOW YOUR LAWS AND The difference between Laws and etiquette and non sporting action. ENJOY YOUR BOWLS.