

Maiden Erlegh Bowling Club

BOWLS ETIQUETTE

Bowls etiquette is based on the principal of courtesy and good sportsmanship.

Please note that smoking is not allowed and mobile phones should be turned off.

Before the game:

- ⤴ Check you know the correct dress for the occasion - and wear it;
- ⤴ Make sure you know the starting time of the game and arrive in sufficient time to be ready to play;
- ⤴ In a home game always arrive in time to welcome your guests and to help put out the equipment (at least 30 mins before the start of the match).
- ⤴ On arrival report promptly to your captain or event organizer;

At any time please do not:

- ⤴ Drop your bowls on the green;
- ⤴ Sit on the banking nor rest your feet on the edge of the green;
- ⤴ Drop litter in the ditches, please use the receptacles provided;

During the game:

- ⤴ Shake hands with your opponents before and after the game (kissing is not necessarily appreciated!);
- ⤴ Stand still while the player is delivering his/her bowl and avoid making distracting sounds;
- ⤴ Avoid sideways movements across the rink, which may distract players on adjoining rinks;
- ⤴ Do not allow your shadow to distract a player who is about to bowl;
- ⤴ When changing ends always keep to the centre of the rink;
- ⤴ Stand well back from the developing 'head' and leave all instructions to the designated player;
- ⤴ Do not interfere in any way with the process of deciding shots unless delegated to do so;
- ⤴ Wait until the result of an end has been declared before removing any bowls;
- ⤴ If an umpire has been called, stay well clear of the 'head' until a decision has been made;
- ⤴ If you are responsible for keeping the score compare your card with your opponent at regular intervals;
- ⤴ Always inform your opponent and/or skip if you require to leave the green;
- ⤴ Never be heard to criticise the state of the green or other players;
- ⤴ Commend good play at all times and acknowledge your "flukes";
- ⤴ If you lose the game remember to congratulate your opponent;
- ⤴ Be courteous at all times and refrain from using abusive or inappropriate language.

Duties of each member of the team for Rinks (4 players) and Triples (3 players):

All players on the Green fall under the control of their 'Skip';

Rinks (4 players)

- ⤴ The Skip is in charge of the rink;
- ⤴ The Lead (No 1) of the team that wins the toss or the previous End will place the mat and deliver the Jack;
- ⤴ The Lead (No 1) of the team that lost the toss or the previous End, will gather the bowls when the end has finished if there is a pusher available; otherwise everyone helps.
- ⤴ The skip will keep the card in all games.
- ⤴ The No 3 will give guidance to the Skip, if asked, when the Skip is bowling and carry out any measuring if necessary when the End has finished. If there is a tight measure the skips should be asked to measure first and the skip will call the umpire if necessary.

In some competitions the Skip and the No 3 will stand at the Head end, this is known as 'Threes up'; the leads and twos come up to the head when the No. 3 goes to bowl.

Triples (3 players)

- ⤴ As for rinks except that the No.2 takes the place of the No.3 in a rink.

In a serious competition it is possible to have "2s up" in which case the lead comes to the head as the No.2 goes to bowl.