

SANDRINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

ETIQUETTE

Bowls is a friendly game. Let the exercise of consideration for others, courtesy and good sportsmanship add charm to a skilful and rewarding sport. Here are a few tips that may help:

Hints for beginners (and others)

1. Bowls should not be dropped on the Green, and avoid the 'dumping' of bowls during play as it can damage the surface of the Green.
2. Do not stand on the edges of the Green.
3. Smoking is not permitted on the Greens. Smokers are required to dispose of matches, butts, etc, in the smoker's bins.
4. Bowls should not be kicked or raked in until the end has been decided.
5. After delivering a bowl a player should retire at least 2 metres behind the mat. He should not take up a position at or in front of the mat.
6. Do not delay the games or leave the rink for long periods of time.
7. Do not wander around or move about the head when a player is about to deliver a bowl and particularly do not stand in line with the boundary pegs. Avoid straying on to neighbouring rinks.
8. Avoid distracting players whilst a player is on the mat preparing for delivery.
9. Spectators watching a match should always observe strict neutrality. Advice or criticism must not be given. Barracking is bad form.
10. If you are not sure about a rule or regulation, please ask your Selection Committee or check the Bowls Australia Rule Book.

Please DO

1. Give full support to your Skipper and members of your team.
2. Advise your opponent if unable to keep an appointment for any game.
3. Always conform to the designated attire for play and wear flat-soled shoes.
4. Applaud good shots and generally encourage all players.
5. Keep still and silent while your opponent and other members of the team are playing.
6. Always watch the play. Take an interest without interfering.
7. Play always for the side and not for individual success.

Please DON'T

1. Argue with the Skipper on the shot to play.
2. Interfere with the Skipper unless the position has changed.
3. Develop mannerisms which indicate displeasure at indifferent play or success.
4. Follow the bowl further than the rules allow or encroach on to the adjoining rink.
5. Have excuses for bad play and readily accept praise for success.
6. Dispute the Umpire's decision.
7. Give advice to players from the rink.

Pennant Bowls

1. Wear the official club uniform – you are representing your club.
2. Shake hands at the start and end of the game.
3. Refrain from interfering with the head until the result of the end has been agreed. Do not make comments while 3rds are measuring.
4. Collect mats and jacks and return to the usual distribution point.
5. Always invite your opposition team into the clubhouse for refreshments after the game has finished.