

RINK ETIQUETTE

Information for new bowlers and perhaps a reminder for more experienced bowlers.

As a general rule please be courteous at all times and do not distract the attention of bowlers on the mat on any of the rinks.

DURING THE GAME

- When walking from one end to the other, please keep to the centre of your rink and do not distract the neighbouring players. Do not encroach on the adjoining rink.
- Possession of the rink shall belong to the team whose bowl is being played.
- When you are at the head:
 - Stand away from the head and behind the jack if you are not controlling play.
 - Do not stand directly behind the jack or in front of the side markers.
 - Keep still while the bowler is on the mat.
 - Do not start giving instructions to the next bowler until the previous bowl has come to rest.
- When at the mat end:
 - Stand at least one metre behind the mat and do not distract the bowler whilst the bowl is being delivered.
 - When bowling, vacate the mat as soon as your bow has stopped.
 - Do not take over the mat until the previous bowl has come to rest.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Ensure that all bowls waiting to be played are positioned 1 metre behind and to the side(s) of the mat. It is easy to step back from the mat and tread on a bowl if they are positioned directly behind the mat.
- Beware of inadvertently stepping into the ditch.

GENERAL NOTES FOR NEW BOWLERS

- Check that you know the correct dress code for the occasion and wear it.
- Make sure 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.
- Mobile telephones should be turned off (or silent in extenuating circumstances) whilst on rink side.
- If you are not involved in measuring, stand well clear of the head until a decision has been made.
- Get to know the laws of the game (Ref: World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls)