

GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB



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ETIQUETTE

First of all we need to know what etiquette is.... In normal terms we would call it good manners....

Always treat your fellow bowlers the way you would want them to treat you.

The following are some things to be aware of whilst playing your games.

- 1) Be conversant with the Laws of the Game and observe them
- 2) Always dress correctly for all games
- 3) Always turn up at least 10 minutes before your game is due to start
- 4) Always start and finish a game by shaking hands with your fellow players on your rink
- 5) Never make comments about who you may be playing with or against
- 6) Never complain or make derogatory comments about how people are playing or a decision of the skip
- 7) Do not make too much noise behind the mat when a player is about to bowl
- 8) Always appear you are enjoying the game and don't give up just because you may be losing
- 9) Don't become over confident just because you are winning, a game can change in a few ends
- 10) Keep to your own rink, don't become a wanderer or distract other bowlers
- 11) Always stand still in the head while someone is bowling, by moving about whilst an opponent or even a member of your own side is on the mat can be very off putting
- 12) You must not be in an opponents area of play after your bowl comes to rest (this is on the mat or at the head) possession of the rink passes to the opposition once your bowl comes to a stop
- 13) Try not to run on the green, this can also distract bowlers on an adjacent rink
- 14) Always stay away from the head when decisions are being made, there is only one number 3 on each rink. Keep out of their way so they can decide the score
- 15) When deciding shots the person holding shot should ask for "X" amount of shots but he/she must not touch or move them, it is up to their opposite number to give the shots, measuring if necessary
- 16) On a dead end, if there are woods to be returned to the other end, please carry them back, do not bowl or throw them as they could encroach upon another rink and may affect their game
- 17) Do not talk or wave an opposing wood through the head. No amount of waving or cursing will change the course of the bowl
- 18) If your opponents bowl knocks one of your woods into the head, do not clap, thank or otherwise congratulate them, as it was obviously unintentional
- 19) Sometimes a badly delivered wood becomes good via a lucky wick, you should have the grace to acknowledge that this was luck and not skill