

HINTS AND ETIQUETTE

Bowls is a friendly game. Let the exercise of consideration for others, courtesy and good sportsmanship add charm to a skillful 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.
2. Do not stand on the edges of the Green.
3. Matches, Cigarette Ends, etc., should be placed in the litter baskets, **NOT IN THE DITCHES**. Do not smoke on or near the greens.
4. Bowls should not be moved until the shot has been decided.
5. After delivering a bowl, a player should retire at least two metres behind the mat.
6. Don't delay the game.
7. Don't 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.
8. Don't talk in a loud tone whilst a player is about to deliver a bowl.
9. When watching a match always observe strict neutrality. Advice or criticism must not be given. Barracking against an opponent's bowl is bad form.
10. All Bowlers should know and understand the Laws of the Game as laid down by the Australian Women's & Bowls Australia.

“DO”

1. Give full support to the members of your team and Skipper.
2. Advise your opponent if unable to keep an appointment for any game.
3. Always conform to the correct attire for play.
4. Applaud good shots and generally encourage all players.
5. Keep still and silent whilst your opponent and other members of the team are playing.
6. Always watch the play. Take an interest without interfering.
7. Avoid moving around behind the mat.
8. Play always for the side and not individual success.
9. Drink water before and during a match to avoid dehydration

“DON'T”

1. Argue with the Skipper on the shot to play.
2. Unless asked, offer comment to the Skipper what to do.
3. Develop mannerisms that indicate displeasure at indifferent play or success.
4. Follow the bowl further than the rules allow or stray on 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 bank.
8. Abuse the privileges of the Club.