

ETIQUETTE MAY BE DEFINED VERY SIMPLY AS... "GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP".

Etiquette is separate from the Rules. Some elements include:-

- Begin each game with a friendly handshake, and end the game with the same.
- Be a gracious winner and more importantly a good loser.
- Wait quietly behind the mat and be prepared to take your turn.
- A bowler delivering his/her bowl should not be distracted by loud noise or movement.
- Remain quiet and still on the green **behind the head** and away from rink markers until the score has been agreed upon by both teams.
- You are a team member! Stay in the game! Sitting down is only for the infirm/unwell, **and never on the bank**
- Never openly criticize the condition of a green, unless it is your own. You must adjust your bowling to the conditions.
- Never criticize a team member for a poorly-played bowl. **No-one bowls badly on purpose!**
- Criticism should always be constructive and given privately, if at all, and not during play.
- Be sure to compliment a good shot from either your team or an opponent. It is considered bad manners to celebrate a lucky wick.
- Do not stand / walk up on an adjacent rink.
- It is customary to pick up the mat in any game whenever your opponent has delivered the last bowl of the end.

You must not be in the opponents area of play after your bowl comes to rest (this is the head or the mat area). The rule states that the possession of the rink is in the control of your opponent once your bowl has come to rest.



Above all, Do not behave in any way that would bring you, your club or the game into disrepute.

Enjoy your bowling