

## **Etiquette and Conduct MANNERS**

### **Player behaviour courtesy and manners reflect not just on them but their teammates and the reputation of their Club**

#### **Rules relevant to etiquette**

Control of the head. Skippers and 3's lose control of the head once the team's bowl stops. Similarly, they gain control once the opposition bowl stops.

Don't dilly dally at the head when not in control of the rink. Once the opposition skipper is on the mat, they have the right to bowl.

Remain on the bank if the jack is in the ditch.

Skippers do not call thirds to the head until after their second bowl unless in exceptional circumstances. On the rare occasion of calling the third it is appropriate to ask the opposition skipper first.

Whilst a team has possession of the rink opposing players must be behind the jack and away from the head.

Do not walk down adjacent rinks even if they are not in play or the bank of a ditch rink while an opponent is delivering or about to deliver a bowl.

If on the rink at the mat end and not delivering the bowl you must be at least a metre behind the mat.

Do not go into a neighbouring rink.

#### **General etiquette**

Introduce /shake hands

Acknowledge(clap) good play acknowledge displays of exceptional skill.

Never clap lucky outcomes. (wicks) Comments like "that's bowls" "we were lucky" may be appropriate or better still make no comment.

Don't ride bowls. ie don't talk to, shout at, wave arms at the bowl as it is travelling down the rink. The bowl is an inanimate object and will not change its line regardless of any cajoling by you. Once it leaves your hand you have lost control. We have all used a bit of body language at times but overt riding of bowls especially in pennant games can be embarrassing to the club.

Be humble in victory gracious in defeat.

Share the task of kicking bowls after completion of an end. Two's are not obliged to but it helps if they do.

Leader's hand the mat and jack to each other. Have the mat ready to go, anything to speed up play.

Bowlers hand bowls to one another when convenient if opponent is amenable to it. Sort out in your team who prefers to pick up their own bowls, likes to have their bowl handed to them or doesn't care.

Skippers who bowl first should pick up the mat after their opponent has played their last bowl.

Avoid distracting your opponent who is on the mat (eg. excessive noise, loud conversation moving around)

If you need to leave the rink advise your opponent. Avoid delay in play.

Don't shift bowls out of the head until the result of the end has been agreed by thirds.

Shake hands at the end of a game.

Buy your opponent a drink after game Winners would normally offer first.

If unable to stay after the game give an apology /explanation at the start of the game.

After singles matches buy the marker a drink.

Avoid straying on to neighbouring rinks when changing ends.

Do unto others.

Spectators at Club championship rounds, or pennant competitions should not barrack boisterously nor give advice or criticism to any player.

If you are playing as a 2 then you need a pencil, 3 a measure and chalk, skipper chalk and in tournament pairs all of the above.