

BISHOPTHORPE BOWLING CLUB

ETIQUETTE

- Be aware of both the ‘Laws of the Game’ and ‘Club Rules’.
- Ensure you know the dress code – League matches and Club competitions must be played in Grey and White.
- Be punctual for all games to commence play on time.
- Shake hands with the opposing team members before play commences and again afterwards, thanking them for the game, regardless of whether you have won or lost.
- Remember everyone is there to enjoy the game.
- Stand behind the mat and remain quiet whilst your opponent bowls.
- Stand still at the head when a player is about to bowl, as movement can be very distracting.
- When changing ends, walk close to the centre of the rink, and with the minimum of delay, to avoid distracting players in the adjacent rinks.
- Never bowl before the previous bowl has come to rest.
- Keep track of play and be ready to bowl when it is your turn.
- Do not deliberately delay play.
- All players at the head end should assist in collecting the bowls when the end is over – don’t leave it to one person.
- Always pay your skip the respect of waiting for his/her decision. Do not step on to the mat and indicate which way you intend to play but wait for your skip’s instructions.
- Do not be disrespectful to other players – they are all trying their best.
- Never applaud ‘lucky’ bowls, but accept them graciously.
- Equally, never complain about your opponents’ ‘lucky’ bowls.
- Always inform your opponent if you wish to leave the rink.
- If you lose, be a good loser and do not blame your loss on people, the rink, the weather, the bowls, etc.
- Respect the rink surface at all times. Do not:
 - Drop bowls on to the surface of the rink
 - Stand on the edge of the rink
 - Walk in the ditches
 - Run on the rink

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