

Etiquette on the green

Green etiquette is a combination of good manners, sportsmanship and sociability...

1. Be conversant with the laws of the game and observe them.
2. Be punctual for matches and come correctly attired.
3. Keep quiet and refrain from moving when players are on the mat.
4. Stand behind the mat when opponents are bowling.
5. Always stand still in the head when a player is about to bowl.
6. Walk close to the centre of the rink with minimum delay when changing ends, as you could distract play on the next rink.
7. Keep track of play and be ready to bowl when it is your turn.
8. Never deliver your bowl before the previous bowl has come to rest.
9. Avoid interfering with the head until the result of the end has been agreed by the vices (number 2's in triples or number 3's in rinks).
10. Bowlers not pushing the woods back after an end should assist to make pushing them easier and faster.
11. Never complain about lucky bowls, they tend to equal each other out over a season.
12. Respect the green surface at all times. Never drop woods on the green.
13. Do not criticise the playing surface when playing away games.
14. Do not criticise the performance of other players. Nobody plays a bad bowl on purpose.
15. Inform your opponent and skip if you wish to leave the green.
16. If you lose, be a good loser. Don't blame other people, the green or the weather conditions.
17. All bowlers should remember to help clear the equipment from the rink after the game.
18. Always shake hands with and thank your opponents after the game.