

The Etiquette of Bowls. - 1

- 1 If you wish to earn respect of your opponents and your team, you in turn must extend respect.
- 2 While play is in progress, refrain from having conversations with someone on the bank or with players on adjoining rinks and keep still in the head when a player is on the mat, nor obscuring the number or the boundary pegs.
- 3 Players not in the act of playing or controlling play must stand 2 meters behind the head or 1 meter behind the mat and ensure that their shadow- does not fall on the jack or across the player's delivery line. When a long end has been set, or the jack falls into the ditch, stand on the bank.
- 4 Players at both ends of the rink should refrain from unnecessary movement and talking.
- 5 Never argue with the skip about the shot you have been asked to play.
- 6 Do not comment on any bad bowl delivered by the opponents, rather acknowledge good play.
- 7 Do not make excuses for bad play, if a green happens to be bad; play it, same for both teams.
- 8 Never criticize the performance of your teammates during or after play.
- 9 AFTER directing the player on the mat, the skip must retire at least 2 meters behind the jack.
- 10 When the bowl has come to rest the possession of the rink is then transferred to the opponent.
- 11 ONCE THE BOWL HAS COME TO REST NO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS MAY BE GIVEN, SKIPS MAY ONLY TALK TO THEIR PLAYER AT THE MAT WHILE THEIR TEAM IS IN POSSESSION OF THE RINK.
- 12 Remember that the players in your team are as anxious to win as you are. It is poor etiquette to show annoyance or disappointment.
- 13 IT IS THE DUTY OF THE SKIP WHO WINS THE TOSS TO KEEP CONTROL OF THE SCOREBOARD. THE OPPOSING SKIP IS REQUIRED TO KEEP THE SCORECARD.
- 14 Bad "Sportsmanship" using unsporting terms or making unsporting comments that could upset an opponent, talking in a loud voice to someone else when your opponent is in the act of playing, moving in the head, or do anything intended to distract a player in an attempt to destroy their concentration, are examples of poor etiquette and bad sportsmanship and unacceptable.
- 15 Etiquette requires that you behave in a polite and friendly manner at all times. It is in this spirit and feeling of fellowship that every player loves and enjoy.
- 16 Every game, no matter how competitive, is conducted in a sporting and friendly manner.