

This document on Etiquette has been handed to me and I think it is worthwhile handing it on to you as I am sure there is always something we can learn .

## **Etiquette**

Etiquette is about the customs and rules that govern social interaction within any specific environment. For bowlers it is about behavior on the green and in and around the club.

*A dictionary definition of etiquette is :*

**The unwritten or conventional laws of courtesy between players.**

Some of the unwritten guidelines are

1. Be ready - always be on time for the start of play and for the start of each game
2. Bowlers tend to start and finish a game with a handshake.
3. Visitors are always welcome
4. When ready to bowl check with the next rink to see if another player is ready to bowl, so that you do not bowl at the same time .
5. First names are used on the scoreboard, club names if playing a visiting team.
6. Make sure that the path of the bowl is clear to avoid hitting another bowl.
7. Do not encroach on an adjoining rink when delivering your bowl.
- 8. Do not talk when another player is about to bowl.**
9. Do not criticize bowls - either from your own team or the other  
Remember that your opponent has possession of the rink as soon as your bowls comes to rest, do not linger on the head and thereby obstruct the skips first bowl
- 10. Take an interest in the game, follow how the head is building up so you do not have to ask other team members.**
- 11. Do not walk around talking to other bowlers participating in other games, allow them to concentrate on their game.**
12. Do not pass or walk in front of the player who was last to play - they have the right to see how their bowl in progresses.
13. Help clear the head after the result has been determined.
14. Show a good spirit - win and lose with good grace
15. Walk quickly when changing ends and walk within the confines of the rink you are playing on

**❖ For me etiquette sounds like having good manners !!**

