



## **A QUESTION OF ETIQUETTE**

- Always shake hands with your opponent(s) before and after a game.
- Be respectful of the playing surface. Enter and leave the green by the steps/access provided and do not drop your bowls on the green or damage the surface with badly delivered bowls.
- Stand still behind the mat when a player is about to bowl and do not distract them while they are bowling.
- Stay on your rink and support your team. Concentrate on your own game - do not wander off or be distracted by other games.
- If you follow your bowl up the green, make sure you are standing still and well behind the head (the area with the live bowls in play) before the next player delivers their bowl. Be particularly alert when there is a heavy shot being played so that you do not interfere with any displaced bowls.
- Encourage your own players and 'shout on' your own team's bowls, but refrain from 'shouting through your opponents' bowls (willing them to miss) and from overtly revelling in any misfortune they may have. You may of course, gloat inwardly as much as you want!
- Do not remove any bowls from the head until the outcome of the head has been agreed. If an umpire is called to measure, retire well away from the head until they give their decision.
- Remember that when a bowler is on the mat it is their teammates who have control of the head. Do not stand between your opponents and the head when this is the case.
- Keep your shadow off the jack and do not stand in a position where you obscure the rink boundary markers, as bowlers use these as aiming points.

## **A WORD ON DRESS**

- Always dress correctly for all games. Tuesday and Saturday roll-ups are very relaxed but for weekday matches with other clubs, it's generally grey trousers/skirts with white attire above the waist and all white for weekends. There are some exceptions however, so always check the fixture list.
- For friendlies and competitions, club ties for men and colour flashes for ladies are to be worn.
- In all cases, including casual roll-ups, shoes must always be smooth-soled and heel-less. The most universally popular coloured shoe is white although grey and brown are both acceptable. To avoid contaminating or bringing debris onto the playing surface, please do not wear your bowling shoes on your way to the Club; only put them on once you are on the green.