

# HEMEL HEMPSTEAD BOWLS CLUB

## Gadebridge Park, Hemel Hempstead, Herts



### ETIQUETTE OF BOWLS

**Etiquette** is part and parcel of the game of bowls and acts of courtesy are the unwritten laws of the game e.g

- Introducing and shaking hands with opponents, using first names, at the start of a game
- Handing the jack to an opposing lead when he/she has the jack
- Not disturbing a player on the mat by talking or moving
- Being considerate in actions on the Green and being aware of not allowing your shadow to fall across the jack
- Keeping out of the way, while those responsible are measuring
- Not complaining when luck is against you
- Avoiding unseemly language and doing your best to ensure all on the rink enjoy the game

**The Skip** has full authority over the team and is responsible for keeping the scoreboard card completed. He/she should observe rules of etiquette including:

- not showing displeasure when a team member falls short of requirement, after all he/she is trying his/her best
- set an example of encouragement

**Other members** of the team have similar responsibilities. Remember the skip is human and cannot always get you out of trouble. Adhere to the duties of your position in the team:

- Lead – placing the mat and casting the jack
- No. 2 – keeping the scoreboard.
- No. 3 – measuring and taking charge of the head when the skip is bowling (when measuring, place a towel or duster at the side of head and place the counting bowls on the towel/duster. Do not kick the bowls out of the head).

**Remember the Green keeper** and his work. Use any steps provided or the ditch to step onto the Green. Never step on the edge of the Green, breaking it down. Don't throw or drop bowls on the Green. Always accept the decision of the Green keeper or official if it is decided to close the Green to play.

It is illegal to practice on a rink on the same day before a competition or league.

**Respect your Club** by wearing proper clothing on the Green, including roll-ups, as specified under "Dress Code" in the Club's General Rules (copy available in Club House).

Look smart and feel good.

#### Visitors

If you wish to sign a visitor into the Clubhouse the signing-in book is located by the Rink Book, just inside the Clubhouse by the door.

Visitors having a roll-up will also need to sign in and there is a "Green Fee" of £2 to be paid.

#### Green Etiquette

The length of the jack must only be discussed by the two Skips and No.1's and not by any other player.

At the finish of each end it is up to the "Three's" to decide the score for the end, leads and two's should remain at a distance until the score has been agreed.

Avoid straying onto another person's rink and try to walk near the middle of the rink when walking to the head.

When players are involved in Competitions/Finals – do NOT disturb them by speaking to them from either end of the rink or, if you are playing from a neighbouring rink. This also applies to the marker.

***By carrying out their duties, by observing the laws of the game and rules of etiquette, players will not only be a credit to their Club but will set an example for others to follow.***

### HAPPY BOWLING