

## Nunthorpe BC - Bowling Etiquette

As in many sports etiquette is important in bowling. Good or bad it reflects on both the player and the club.  
The following offers some guidelines on what we all, as players, should be mindful of.

### DO

- As a courtesy to all players be punctual for all games
- Come to a game correctly attired including regulation footwear
- Shake hands at the beginning and end of a game and, when relevant, greet and thank an umpire.
- Always show good sportsmanship by acknowledging a display of good skill by another bowler.
- Be a gracious winner and a good loser.
- When at the head or non-head end, whether as a player or spectator, stand still and keep quiet when a player is on the mat.
- When standing at the non-head end stand between the markers so the bowler can see and use the markers to aim.
- Keep up with and be ready to play at all times.
- As you approach the mat to bowl do so from the rear left. After bowling step off the mat to the right. This is a useful habit to avoid collisions!
- Do not play your bowl until the previous one has stopped.
- Wait for your skip to tell you which shot to play.
- Accept a lucky shot with good grace
- If following your bowl up the rink try to arrive at the head as your bowl stops.
- When changing ends walk up the centre of the rink with minimum delay
- Be alert to stop bowls from your rink crossing into an adjacent one, and to prevent bowls from adjacent rinks interfering with your head.
- When collecting woods ensure they are placed at least 1-2 metres behind the mat.

### DO NOT

- Criticize the playing surface.
- Criticize the performance of colleagues. No one plays a bad bowl on purpose.
- Applaud, complain about or say thanks for lucky shots.
- Drop bowls onto the surface when bowling.
- Trespass into neighbouring rinks when going to or from the clubhouse, moving to better see the jack, when watching your bowl, or when walking from one end of the green to the other
- Leave the rink without the knowledge of other players.
- Interfere with the head until the result of the end has been agreed upon by those responsible.
- Smoke (including e-cigarettes) drink alcohol, or use a mobile phone on the green
- Run on the green

## SOME BASIC RULES

### Nb Specific League Rules Take Precedence

- **Mat Placement:** The mat must be in the centre of the rink with the front at least 2 metres from the edge of the green.
- **Jack Position:** The Jack must be at least 2 metres from the edge of the green.
- **Jack/ Bowl Length:** A jack must travel 23 metres from the front of the mat to be legal while a bowl must travel 14 metres to be in play. A bowl not travelling 14m that was not dropped by accident should be removed from the green
- **Jack Delivery:** If the jack is improperly delivered the opposition may reposition the mat and deliver the jack but not play first. If the jack is delivered improperly by both leads the jack is placed at the 2 metre mark and the first to play may reposition the mat
- **Foot Faulting:** Before delivery a player must have one foot fully on the mat and at delivery all or part of one foot on or above the mat.
- **Touchers:** Only the delivered bowl may be a "toucher" even if it deflects off other bowls before touching the jack.
- **Position on Rink:** Players at the mat end who are not delivering a bowl should stand at least 1 metre behind the mat. Players at the head end who are not controlling play should stand at least 1m behind the jack.
- **Playing Wrong Bowl:** Replace with correct bowl
- **Playing out of Turn:** The opposition skip may; (a) stop the bowl, (b) leave it and have two bowls played to restore proper sequence, (c) reset the disturbed head and restore proper sequence, (d) leave a disturbed head and play two bowls, or (e) declare a dead end.

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