

ETIQUETTE.....SOME DO'S AND DON'TS

DO always dress properly as a mark of respect for your captain and the opposition.

DO always be on time for a game. If delayed get a message to someone.

DO introduce yourself at the start of the game and shake hands with opponents.

DO become conversant with the LAWS OF THE SPORT & RULES of any particular competition that you are playing.

DO when playing lead give positive instructions when centering the jack.

DO hand your opponent lead the mat or jack.

DO stand still and quiet behind the mat or head when a player is about to bowl.

DO keep to your own rink at all times.

DO compliment your opponent on a good bowl.

DO pay attention to every bowl – study EVERY delivery and line.

DO acknowledge your skip's instructions.

DO ensure that when "firm" bowls are played you are well clear of any movement of jack or bowls.

DO praise and encourage your own team.

DO try to be a player that everyone enjoys having on the green.

DO keep out of the head when threes are deciding shots.

DON'T discuss who has shot, when in doubt measure.

DO remember your position and particular function on the green and leave others to perform theirs.

The conceding three does the measuring. DON'T move any bowls without her/his permission.

DON'T walk along the bank when a player is on the mat at the far end.

DON'T stand in front of back bowls or rink markers.

DON'T walk through the head when changing ends – it's easy to dislodge a bowl.

DON'T criticise other players on the green.

DON'T moan about 'lucky' wicks – we all get our share.

Be humble in victory and generous in defeat.

Nobody likes a 'moaner'. If you want to influence things, stand for office.

DON'T criticise the green, but it's OK to discuss with teammates solutions to challenges it creates.

At the end of the game shake hands with your opponents and be sociable.

Remember: you can't win them all and it's only a game!