



MALDEN MANOR BOWLING CLUB

GREEN ETIQUETTE

Based on good manners and common courtesy.

- 1 Dress Code – appropriate to the game and remember that you are an ambassador for your club.
- 2 Side step on and off the green, protecting the green edges, do not drop bowls / jack onto the green from a height.
- 3 Greet your fellow players /marker / opposition.
- 4 Players' responsibilities – Losing lead collect bowls (make sure the process of agreeing shots is finished!) and push to a position well behind and to the side of the mat. Winning lead place the mat and cast the jack etc. In a rink the two may be asked to keep the scorecard (this can be delegated to any player but must be given to the same player position on both teams) and ensure the scoreboard is updated. Usually, the three in a rink or two in triples is responsible for agreeing the shots with the opposition, conducting any necessary measures and communicating any changes to the head and directing the skip. (Any change to this should be declared to the opposition at the start of the game).
- 5 Possession of the rink belongs to the team / player whose bowl is to be played. When the bowl comes to rest possession is transferred to the opposition.
- 6 When at the mat end and **not** in possession, you must stand at least a metre behind the mat. When at the head and **not** in possession, you must stand behind the head and remain still. You cannot ask or answer questions when you do not have possession of the rink – this has nothing to do with where you are positioned or whether you are on or off the mat!
- 7 Where possible walk down the centre of the rink when changing ends. Never walk through the head!
- 8 The team conceding the shots should remove the bowls from the head as they are agreed and should also conduct any necessary measures.
- 9 Pick the mat up for your opponent after the last bowl has been delivered.
- 10 On sunny days be aware of your shadow over the head or over the mat when others are bowling.
- 11 Avoid obscuring rink markers.
- 12 Warn other players when delivering drive shots so that they may be prepared.
- 13 Encourage and praise the rest of the team, avoid criticising – others, the green, the conditions and appear to be enjoying the game.
- 14 Compliment your opponent on a good shot, admit a fluke shot with good grace and be a gracious winner or a good loser.
- 15 At the end of the game thank the opposition and help with clearing the equipment.