



Etiquette

While Woodford has a modern approach to the game, respect, courtesy and sportsmanship is something we hold in great value. The following, much of which is common sense, are a few guidelines to help you on your way.

- Dress appropriately and ensure that you know the dress code for each match in which you're participating. Remember, during a match you're not only representing yourself but you're also an ambassador for the club.
- Always arrive at a match on time, ensuring that you have sufficient time to change and prepare.
- Enter and leave the green by the steps provided. Don't walk across rinks that other people are using and do not stand or sit on the banks while waiting to play.
- Bowls should not be dropped on the green.
- Before play, always introduce yourself to your opponent and shake hands with your opponent(s). Likewise, after the match shake hands, thank them and congratulate/commiserate with them.
- During the game do not move around the head when your opponent is about to deliver his bowl. Stand well back from the head, keep quiet and do not do anything that would distract your opponent. Wait until the bowl has been delivered before moving.
- If you're at the same end of the player delivering a bowl you must stand behind the mat and out of the player's line of vision. After delivering a bowl, a player should either retire behind the mat or advance to the head. Don't delay the game.
- Bear in mind that some people like to see the rink boundary markers and the centre pin while playing, so make sure that you're not obscuring them. On sunny days you must also ensure that your shadow does not fall across the jack.
- Aside from those required to do so, other players should not comment or interfere unless invited to do so. Bowls should not be kicked in until the shot has been decided.
- Mobile phones should not be used on or around the green.
- After the game it is customary to buy your opposite number a drink if you've won the game. Where a marker has been involved in a singles match you should also offer them a drink.