

# SORRENTO BOWLS CLUB COACHING COMMITTEE

## ETIQUETTE ON THE GREEN

It is universally recognised the Etiquette in Bowls is made up of those many little extra services and consideration one extends to one's opponents and one's team mates, and that in their totality gives this sport its wonderful charm and its unique ability for making warm lasting friendships.

The following are just a few of the courtesies that you can use which will create a harmonious atmosphere that will be pleasant and enjoyable for all who play the sport.

- Do not walk across rinks when play is in progress.
- If late – walk around the bank to join your rink.
- It is good manners to inform your opponent if you wish to leave the green.
- Do not play before your opponent's bowl has come to rest.
- Leave the mat immediately your bowl has come to rest.
- Taking up the mat and handing it to your opponent creates a friendly atmosphere.
- Never talk to a player about to deliver a bowl or talk to any of the other players whilst a bowl is being delivered.
- Do not walk about or cast shadows when a player is on the mat.
- Remember that when a person has delivered their bowl they should have an unrestricted view of the green, do not obstruct their view whilst their bowl is still running.
- Keep your mind on the game and be ready with bowl in hand when it is your turn to bowl.
- Do not let you shadow rest over the jack.
- Always stand behind the head, not beside or in front of the Skip.
- Give your Skip credit for having an object in mind when building a head, even though you may not understand his/her reason in asking for the shot.
- Pay your Skip the respect of waiting for directions, don't make up your mind what shot to play.
- Do not claim for a shot, when obviously it was a fluke.
- Do not sit on the bank with your feet in the ditch.
- Consider it an honour to be selected in any position in a game.
- Avoid conversation with spectators, especially during a game.
- It is an insult to an experienced player to tell him/her what grass to take.
- Never be greedy, if you can score one an end you will seldom fail to win.
- Remember that no player is so good that he/she cannot be defeated.
- Play as a team when not playing singles.
- Learn the limitations of your duties and never try to exceed them.
- If you lose be a good loser.
- After a game, invite your opponents to the clubhouse for refreshments.

### **A thought to remember:**

In all branches of sports there are written laws and unwritten laws that govern play.

The former are obvious and are there for all to read. It is the implementation of the latter that the best spirit of sportsmanship is manifested, and this applies particularly to Bowls