

THBC Etiquette and Safety

This is the perfect cheat sheet for all our new bowlers here at Tweed Heads learning the etiquette and safety of playing lawn bowls.

Safety

- Never stop speeding bowls with your hands or feet.
- Never step backwards to avoid stepping on bowls.
- Be careful when stepping on and off the green.
- Use the heel of your foot to kick bowls NOT the side.
- Make sure bowls are to one side - 1 meter behind the mat

Etiquette

- Be on time for any game that you have arranged
- Turn your phone off or to silent to avoid any distractions
- Always greet your opponent with a friendly handshake at the start of the game
- Look after the green, don't drop your bowls onto the green, you should place them instead.
- Commend good bowls and acknowledge your own fluky or lucky bowls. Sorry is a good word!
- Show respect for every opponent by not disturbing them while they are on the mat.
- When walking up the green don't walk in the line of your opponents bowl. They will want to see where it finishes
- At completion of the game the winner offers the loser a drink

- Always say good effort or well done to others that may have lost a game. Never say bad luck
- The lead lays the mat and rolls the jack
- The second should provide positive reinforcement to all team players
- The third looks after the head while the skip is on the mat, measures and considers all the bowls in the count. They should also carry toucher spray or chalk to mark the skips bowls
- The skip is the leader of the team and should provide positive comments and display positive body language to keep the team focused.
- All players should assist in kicking back the bowls at completion of an end
- Do not drink excessive amounts of alcohol, or use bad or offensive language
- Here at Tweed there is designated smoking areas please use them.
- Drinking on the green is not allowed at Tweed Heads
- Avoid disturbing other players on the other rinks by not walking onto their rink.
- Spectators should only clap and cheer at appropriate times. They shouldn't clap fluky or lucky bowls
- Show respect to the umpires and markers as they are volunteers
- Always clean up after yourself when leaving a rink after the days play

Most of all ENJOY yourself and have FUN! 😊