

Tenterden Bowls Club Etiquette

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There are some basic etiquette rules which will enable you to enjoy your bowls and maintain respect for your fellow players:

1. Always acknowledge a good shot by an opponent and accept those 'wicks' with good grace whether played for or fortunate. Also, accept that no one bowls a 'bad' wood on purpose – we all have 'off days' – just accept it with a smile and get on with the game
2. Be aware that talking whilst a player is on the mat can be distracting.
3. When a player is on the mat preparing to bowl all other players should remain still.
4. When changing ends keep to the centre of the rink.
5. Do not leave the mat until the wood you have bowled has come to rest so that:
 - a) You can see how to adapt your line and/or length of your next bowl if necessary
 - b) Can receive any directions/instructions from other team members
6. Once all the woods have been bowled, none should be moved until the score for that end has been agreed.
7. When walking round the Green, avoid walking past a rink when someone is about to bowl.
8. When playing in any fixtures matches-
 - a) Please arrive at least 20 minutes before start of play at away matches and 30 minutes at home matches to help set up and welcome our visitors - if you are running late please call the match captain (it's a good idea to add the captains' numbers to your phone) to let them know your estimated time of arrival.
 - b) Club matches are a team event, therefore, please stay at the green until **ALL** the teams have completed their games. We also need to offer some refreshment to our opposite player once we have finished the **Weald League matches** – just as other clubs do when we are visitors to their club.
 - c) Setting up and closing the green and clubhouse for home matches is the shared responsibility for ALL playing members. Please make yourself available to help with these tasks before and/or after the matches have been completed. Thank you.

For more detailed information see "Constitution and Rules" on our website.