

# SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS CLUB INC. – PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

## THE SPIRIT OF COMPETITION

1. THE COMPETITION IS PROVIDED FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL PLAYERS.
2. MATCH OFFICIALS ARE THERE TO PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE ALL PLAYERS CAN ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE.
3. ACCEPT THAT YOU WILL BE PLAYING WITH AND AGAINST SOME PLAYERS WITH GREATER ABILITY THAN YOU, AND SOME WITH LESSER ABILITY. TREAT THEM ALL WITH EQUAL RESPECT.
4. BE COMPETITIVE, BUT KEEP A SENSE OF HUMOUR AND A SENSE OF PERSPECTIVE.
5. TO A LARGE DEGREE, THE ENJOYMENT YOU DERIVE IS UP TO YOU.

## THE CODE

1. **BE PUNCTUAL AND CORRECTLY ATTIRED**
  - A. ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO PLAY COMMENCING.
  - B. HAVING NOMINATED TO PLAY, YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ADVISE THE CLUB OF NON-ATTENDANCE.
  - C. CORRECT DRESS MUST BE WORN, AS DEFINED BY BOWLS QUEENSLAND AND SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS CLUB INC.
2. **PLAY BY AND ADHERE TO THE RULES**
3. **VALUE SAFETY, FAIR PLAY AND THE WELFARE OF ALL PARTICIPANTS ABOVE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE**
  - A. REMEMBER – IT'S ONLY A GAME. ALL PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS MUST GIVE PRIORITY TO THE WELL-BEING OF ALL PARTICIPANTS, ESPECIALLY **NEW BOWLERS**.
4. **ACCEPT THE AUTHORITY OF MATCH OFFICIALS**
  - A. THE DECISIONS OF UMPIRES, SELECTORS, AND THE CONTROLLING BODY ARE FINAL.
5. **DO NOT USE ABUSIVE LANGUAGE.** THE FOLLOWING ARE **NOT** ACCEPTABLE:
  - A. USE OF FOUL LANGUAGE TOWARDS MATCH OFFICIALS, OTHER PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS.
  - B. "SLEDGING" OR ANY FORM OF DENIGRATING COMMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO RACIST, SEXIST, OR OTHER INSULTS.
  - C. DENIGRATING THE ABILITY OF OTHER PLAYERS.
  - D. USE OF AUDIBLE FOUL LANGUAGE IN ANY CONTEXT.
6. **CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS.** THE FOLLOWING ARE **NOT** ACCEPTABLE:
  - A. DANGEROUS OR OVERLY AGGRESSIVE PLAY.
  - B. INAPPROPRIATE BODY LANGUAGE.
7. **ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**
  - A. PERSONS AFFECTED BY ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS MUST NOT ENTER THE PLAYING AREA.
8. **PLAY FOR ENJOYMENT**
  - A. KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU ARE PLAYING FOR ENJOYMENT, AS ARE OTHERS. YOUR ACTIONS SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ENJOYMENT OF OTHERS, ESPECIALLY **NEW BOWLERS**.
9. **IN NOMINATING TO PLAY IN ANY SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS CLUB INC. EVENT OR FUTURE COMPETITION, YOU ARE AGREEING TO ABIDE BY THIS CODE OF CONDUCT. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION AND/OR SUSPENSION.**