



GREENS PROTECTION GUIDELINES – ALL BOWLERS

There are certain things that bowlers can do to help us protect our most valuable asset, **our greens**. Whilst the following may not all be bowls rules, they are certainly things that will help our Greenkeeper maintain our greens to a high standard.

BOWLS SHOES

Always wear authorized bowls shoes whilst on the green. The reason for this is simple, bowls shoes are specifically design to reduce wear on the green. This is accomplished by having a smoother and softer sole than normal joggers. They also have a softer and rounder edge which helps prevent scuffing of the green's surface.

DUMPING OF BOWLS

This is always a delicate subject but one which can do extensive damage to the greens. A good delivery is one where you roll the bowl out of your hand along the ground. If your bowl bounces, even a little, after it first hits the ground, then it is considered DUMPING. As we get older we all will have trouble bending down to deliver the bowl so it is a common problem. We ask that if you have any doubts about your delivery, then see one of our coaches to determine if there is an issue and what possible solutions are available to remedy the issue.

BOWLS MAT POSITIONING

Please make every effort not to place the bowls mat in the same position every end. This will help spread the wear on the green.

WHEN NOT BOWLING

If you do not have a reason (like your turn to bowl or directing the head) to be on the green, please move to the bank. The less traffic on the green the better for reducing wear and tear.

GOING DOWN ON YOUR KNEE

Most of us go down on our knee to measure, and some go down on their knee to bowl. It is very important to have a soft landing of your knee on the green because a heavy landing does cause damage to the green.

ROLL-UPS

The Greenkeeper sets the direction and which green to be used for roll-ups with protection of the green in mind, so it is essential that the directions on the Roll-Up noticeboard above the mat box are adhered to for **both morning and afternoon** roll-ups.

If we can all make an effort in addressing these items, then it will make a huge difference especially when playing on a ditch rink when bowling the other direction.