

**Welcome
to the
Game of Bowls**

**Woodilee
Bowling Club
Merkland
Kirkintilloch**

This little book
is full of handy tips to help
you enjoy your Game of
Bowls



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Players and their duties

The Lead

The lead sets the mat, delivers the jack, making sure that it is properly centred before playing his first bowl.

The Second

The second player marks the score card, keeps a record of all shots for and against his team.

The card should be kept in his possession at all times.

He shall enter the names of the players on the scorecard and shall compare his card with his opponent as each end is declared.

At the close of play he shall hand his card to his skip.

The Third

The third player is under the instruction of his skip and may have the duty of measuring some or all of the shots in question.

The Skip

The skip has sole charge of his team, and his

instructions are to be observed by his players.

If any shots are in question he shall discuss this with the opposing skip and their decision is final.

Should both skips be unable to agree then an umpire shall be called to settle the dispute?

When an umpire is called to the green, all players should stay well back to allow for measuring. No one is allowed to question an umpire's decision.

If a skip wishes to delegate duties to another member of his team i.e. marking the card he should notify the opposing skip.

Etiquette

Before the game

- Check that you know the correct dress for the occasion, and wear it.
- Make sure you know the starting time of the game and be there in sufficient time to change your footwear and be on the green ready to start at the appointed time.

In a team game, be there in time to welcome your guests.

During the game

Enter and leave the green by the steps/ramps provided

- Do not drop bowls on the green.
- Shake hands with your opponent before and after the game.
- Do not sit on the steps or the surrounding Banking if possible
- Do not drop litter in the ditches, use the receptacles provided.
- Stand still while your opponent is about to play.
- Stay approx. 1 metre behind
- Do not infringe on the laws of rink possession.

Always

- Wait until the result of an end has been decided before removing any bowls the third should do this.
- If you are responsible for keeping the score, compare your card with your opponent at regular intervals. If score boards are in use, make sure they agree with your card and the card of your opponent.
- Unless you have been delegated to decide the shots at the completion of an end, do not interfere in any way with this process.
- If an umpire has been called, stay well clear of the head until a decision has been made.
- If you have lost the game, remember to congratulate your opponent.
- Never be heard to criticise the green or your opponent.

Acknowledge a "fluke" and commend an opponent's good bowl

Please respect your fellow bowlers and refrain from using Foul or Abusive Language on the green or in the clubhouse.

Don't be put off -- you will soon pick up these points.



LAWS TO REMEMBER

Foot faulting

If a player is found to be foot faulting, the umpire shall

after having given a warning have the bowl stopped
And declared dead

**Part of one foot must be on or over the mat at the
Point of delivery**

If the bowl has disturbed the head

The opponent shall have the option of –

- 1 Resetting the head.
- 2 Leaving the head as altered.
- 3 Declaring the end dead.

Rink Possession

Possession of the rink

Possession of the rink shall belong to the team or person whose bowl is being played. As soon as their bowl comes to rest the rink shall be transferred to the other person or team,

(time being allowed to mark a toucher.)

Be behind the head or behind the mat when your bowl comes to rest.

Should a person infringe on the law of rink possession the umpire shall, after giving a warning, have the last bowl declared dead.

If the bowl has disturbed the head the opponent has the option of:

- Resetting the head.
- Leaving the head as altered.
- Declaring the end dead.

Useful Information Ladies Games

Singles 21 shots

Pairs 17 ends

Triples 15 ends

Fours 17 ends

Sen Fours 17 ends

2Bowl Pairs 21 ends

Mixed Pairs 17 ends

Except for Singles the above will play an extra end to determine winner

Handicap Allocated depending on previous Wins and Experience

Ladies West of Scotland

All games follow same rules as
Bowls Scotland

Except

Margaret Townsend Memorial Trophy

To qualify for entry you
cannot have won any of the main
competitions for 3 years.

Ladies K&D

Triples

9 ends

11 ends if adverse weather

Skips decision

Ladies Kelvin Valley

Triples

13 ends

11 ends if adverse weather

Useful Information Gents Games

Championship / Sen Championship & Presidents

All of the above Singles Competitions will be played to the first player to reach 21 shots, both players start at Zero and a coin will be tossed to see who delivers Jack in first end.

Gents Handicap

This is a handicap competition and all players must start at their designated handicap, the winner will be the first player to reach 21 shots. A coin will be tossed to see who delivers Jack in first end.

Example:- **Player 1** Handicap + 5

Player 2 Handicap -- 5

Player 1 will start at + 5 shots

Player 2 will start at — 5 shots

Player 1 will need 16 shots to reach 21

Player 2 will need 26 shots to reach 21

Gents Games

Two Bowl Singles

The above singles competition is played with 2 bowls and in the early rounds will be played to the best of 3 sets with each set won when a player achieves 7 shots

A coin will be tossed to determine who delivers the Jack at the first end of set one, the jack will then be delivered alternatively

If it is a draw going into the last set a coin will be tossed again to see who delivers the Jack in the last end

Final and Semi-Final stages will be played to the best of 5 sets with the above rules not changed

Things to remember

Greens – Playing Surface 34 – 40mts

Rinks

Outdoor – 4.3 – 5.8mtrs

The Mat – 360mm wide x 600mm.

The Jack – white or coloured

Bowls

Must come as a set of four

Same make / colour / size/ weight / grip/stamp.

They come in 2 weights -- medium & heavy

9 sizes – 0000 – 5

Various colours

Date stamp & Serial no need to be legible on all
four bowls

Min distance of live bowl from mat line – 14mts

Min distance of jack from mat line – 23mts

**Min distance of rebounding jack from mat line – 20
mts**



The one time you want to be positive

If you think you are beaten ,you are.

If you think you dare not, you don't.

If you like to win but think you can't, you won't.

If you think you'll lose, your lost.

For out in the world we find success
Begins with a person's will

It's all a state of mind.

If you think you are outclassed ,you are

You've got to think high to rise.

You've got to be sure of yourself before you ever win a prize

Life's battles don't always go to the stranger or
to the faster person

But sooner or later the person who wins is the
person who thinks that they can.

The game is not over until

The last bowl has been

Played

Woodilee Bowling Club

Coaches

**Anne Stewart
Willie Brown
Ray Tennant
Jim Burgess
Peter Barber
Fiona Green
Mhairi Green**

**All of the above are Disclosure
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**We are here to help with your game
Please,**

Just Ask!