

## **15 x Do's**

- Be ready – always be on time for the start of play and for the start of each game.
- Bowlers tend to start and finish a game with a handshake.
- Visitors are always made welcome.
- When ready to bowl check with the next rink to see if another player is ready to bowl, so that you don't bowl at the same time.
- First names are used on the scoreboard, club names if playing a visiting team.
- Make sure that the path of the bowl is clear to avoid hitting another bowl.
- Remember that your opponent has possession of the rink as soon as your bowl comes to rest, do not linger on the head and thereby obstruct the skips first bowl.
- Take an interest in the game; follow how the head is building up so you do not have to ask other team members.
- Do keep still and silent whilst your opponent or members of your team are on the mat, give consideration to adjacent rinks delivering their bowl?
- Help clear the head after the result has been determined.
- Show a good spirit – win or lose with good grace.
- Walk quickly when changing ends and walk within the confines of the rink you are playing on.
- All bowlers should know and understand the Laws of the game as laid down by Bowls New Zealand.
- Give full support to members of your team and skip.
- Play always for the team and not individual success.

## **15 x Do not's**

- Abuse the privileges offered by the club to you.
- Argue with the Skip on the shot to play.
- Interfere with the skip unless position has changed.
- Develop mannerisms which indicate displeasure at indifferent play or success.
- Do not encroach on an adjoining rink when delivering your bowl.
- Do not talk when another player is about to deliver a bowl.
- Do not walk around talking to bowlers participating in other games; allow them to concentrate on their own game.
- Do not pass or walk in front of the player who was last to play – they have the right to see how their bowl progresses.
- Dispute the Umpires Decision.
- Do not comment on a player's ability, style or anything else that may be disrespectful.
- Give advice to players from the bank (unless registered as coaching the team).
- Do not criticise bowls-either from your team or another.
- Do not rejoice or comment on an opposing bowl that unluckily promotes one of your teams' bowl to a winning position. Just say "bad luck" if anything.
- Do not make excuses for bad play and accept praise for success.
- Do not leave a bowl lifter or anything else on the green when you do not have possession of the mat.