

Etobicoke Lawn Bowling Club



NEW BOWLER BOOKLET

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Welcome to the Etobicoke Lawn Bowling Club

This booklet is intended to provide you with general information about the Club, it's hours of operation, code of conduct and hints for playing the game.

Before you begin, group coaching sessions are required to explain the game, the role of the players, rolling the bowl and how the draw room works and to provide practice at rolling the bowl.

Please take advantage of as many coaching sessions as you are able. Individual coaching is also available if you find you still need coaching.

There will be skills Development sessions throughout the year which current and new bowlers may find useful.

We were all “newbies” at one time and felt apprehensive about bowling in a regular draw. The best way to feel comfortable is to get out and bowl. You will be welcomed. Do not hesitate to ask questions and remember there are no bad questions.

All Coaching enquiries should be directed to:

Doug Turner - 416-231-9334 or email – captain16@bell.net

All membership enquiries –

Mike Russell - mike_russell@me.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

For all scheduled Club events, name tags must be in TEN MINUTES before game time, earlier is recommended because helping with the rink set-up is expected.

TELEPHONE ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

SHOES: All bowlers **MUST** wear shoes with smooth flat soles and no heels. **STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

DRESS CODE: Members are requested to wear clothing that is appropriate to the activity and the occasion. White clothing is appropriate for tournaments, weekends and special days. Short shorts or revealing tops are not considered appropriate dress.

Notwithstanding the above, all members are asked to refrain from commenting to any other member about clothing. Complaints of this nature may be made to the Executive in writing.

Nylon protective mats should be used at all times. The only exceptions are when practicing for Provincial, District, Open or OPL competitions.

Any two members of the Greens Committee, or any one member of that Committee, plus a member of the Executive, shall be authorized to determine if greens are playable following rain or other just reason. If in doubt, call the Clubhouse – do not call the Executive members.

Any member wanting instructions – contact the Director of Coaching, Doug Turner.

Suggestions or complaints for the benefit of the Club are welcome in writing to the Executive.

PLEASE HELP BY CARRYING (IN AND OUT) MATS, RETRIEVERS AND JACKS.

'BOUNCED' bowls damage the grass. This must be avoided. No practice bowls to be delivered for a period of one half (1/2) hour before any game.

THE CLUB WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARTICLES LEFT IN LOCKERS, LOST OR STOLEN. PLEASE ADVISE ALICE HYND OF ANY SICK, HOSPITALIZED OR DECEASED MEMBERS.

WINTER ACTIVITIES - Bridge And Euchre

Code of Conduct for the General Membership of the

Etobicoke Lawn Bowling Club

The following Code of Conduct has been adapted from Bowls Canada, Boulingrin.

For the purpose of this document, the Etobicoke Lawn Bowling Club shall be known as the " Club."

All members associated with the Club through their Club Membership participating in Club activities or sanctioned events shall:

- (i) Strive at all times to work towards the goals and objectives of the Club and the sport of lawn bowls, and towards the betterment of its members;
- (i) attempt to maintain and improve the image and dignity of the Club and the sport of lawn bowling and **to refrain from any behavior which may discredit the club or the sport as a whole;**
- (ii) always be courteous and objective in any dealings with other members;
- (i) refrain from unfavorable comments and criticism of other members unless done through proper means;**
- (i) strive for excellence in all aspects of the sport while supporting the concepts of fair play and drug-free sport;
- (i) show respect for cultural, social and political values of all members of the sport of lawn bowling in the Province of Ontario and elsewhere;
- (i) as a guest in a club, province or foreign country, abide by the laws of the sport, host club or country and adhere to any social customs concerning conduct;
- (i) refrain from using their membership or office within the Club for personal and/or material gains;
- (i) not knowingly circulate, malicious or derogatory statements about or to any other members of the Club;
- (i) know and abide by all bylaws, policies and procedures of the Club;
- (i) not counsel others to disregard or break the bylaws, policies and procedures of the Club;
- (i) not act in a manner as to dishonor, embarrass or disgrace the Club or any of its members;
- (ii) refrain from the use of cell phones and smoking during a game to maintain the flow of play.**

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE (CCC)

The CCC under the Chairmanship of the Past President and consisting of two other members from the General Membership shall investigate complaints and decide upon any further actions which may include letters of warning or reprimand, fines or any payment of cost, suspension or expulsion from the Club. Any member whose conduct is in question shall have the opportunity to defend their actions and respond to the CCC's decisions. The President shall have the right to veto all or any or part of the decisions made by the CCC. The President shall be responsible for contacting the individual whose conduct is in question and to deliver the decision of the CCC to the individual.

May-2015

2024 REGULAR CLUB PROGRAM

MONDAY	10:00 AM Tags in	Open Draw
	7:00 PM	1st&2nd yr Bowlers (June and July)
	6:45 PM Tags in (May to August)	Open Draw
	6:30 PM Tags in (September and October)	Open Draw
TUESDAY	10:00 AM Tags in	Open Draw
	6:45 PM Tags in (May to August)	Open Draw
	6:30 PM Tags in (September and October)	Open Draw
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM Tags in	Open Draw
	6:45 PM Tags in (May to August)	Open Draw
	6:30 PM Tags in (September and October)	Open Draw
THURSDAY	10:00 AM Tags in	Open Draw
	6:45 PM Tags in (May to August)	Open Draw
	6:30 PM Tags in (September and October)	Open Draw
	7:00 PM	M-W In-House
Games		
FRIDAY	10:00 AM Tags in	Open Draw
	6:45 PM Tags in (May to August)	Open Draw
	6:30 PM Tags in (September and October)	Open Draw
SATURDAY	1:00 PM Tags in (opening Day, May 18)	Open Draw
	1:15 PM Tags in (in May)	Open Draw
	10:00 AM Tags in (starting in June)	Open Draw
	(except when a tournament is scheduled)	
	6:15 PM Tags in (from Canada Day)	Open Draw
SUNDAY	1:15 PM Tags in (May)	Open Draw
	10:00 AM Tags in (July to October)	Open Draw

NOTE 1: For special events, refer to the calendar on the ELBC website, notices in the Clubhouse and to the monthly calendar in the Clubhouse.

NOTE 2: All schedules run from May 18th at 1:00 PM to October 26th.

NOTE 3: INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS OR TEAMS MAY PRACTISE AT ANY REGULARLY SCHEDULED GAME TIME. PLEASE

INFORM THE DRAW MASTER THAT YOU ARE HERE FOR PRACTICE.

HINTS TO ASSIST YOUR LAWN BOWLING GAME

1. General Hints for All Players:

- a. Do not move around nor carry on a conversation while a bowl is being delivered.
- b. Congratulate your teammates and your opponents for a good shot.
- c. Avoid any criticism by of a poor shot. (Even the best player can make them.)
- d. Be interested in the game and watch its progress at all times.
- e. Learn to take your own grass. Each set of bowls has its own line and you should learn where to aim your bowls.
- f. After the game shake hands all around and congratulate the winners.

2. Hints for Leads and Seconds:

- a. Watch the result of the coin toss and you will know which side goes first. If its yours
- b. Place the mat and be ready to roll and centre the jack for your skip.
- c. After the vices have indicated that the end is over, be ready to rake in the bowls being careful to stay on your own rink.
- d. When you deliver your bowl, don't turn away until your bowl has come to rest.

3. Hints for Vices

- a. Watch all bowls played by leads and seconds so you will know their positions when it is your turn to bowl.
- b. Do not move around while skips are bowling. Stand far enough behind the jack so that your feet do not confuse.
- c. Do not presume to give the skip "the grass" and do not offer advice unless s/he requests it.
- d. Be sure to indicate to the skip any change in the head.
- e. Warn the skip if the other side has built up a pocket of bowls to which the jack might be moved.
- f. Keep out of the line of vision while the opposing skip is delivering a bowl.
- g. The vice-skip whose team has NOT scored removes the winning shot(s) and then does any necessary measuring.
- h. In measuring, do not touch the jack to hold it steady. If at the time of measure the jack is moved, rule 33.4 applies.
- i. Be sure to provide yourself with chalk and a measure. Mark all touchers and the position of the jack or a toucher delivered to the ditch.
- j. DO NOT let dead bowls remain in the ditch. Remove them and place them on the bank

ENJOY THE GAME

TRIPLE TEAM PLAY — A SIMPLE SYSTEM

For All Players

- Have a consistent pre-delivery routine
- Wait on mat for pre-delivery and post-delivery information from Skip
- Try for two in the head every end
- Encourage team mates, no negative comments or body language
- Be attentive, use information from previous bowls

For the Lead

- Roll the jack within a meter of Skip
- One bowl near Jack each end
- No short bowls
- Be ready to rake bowls or deliver the jack at the completion of each end

For the Vice

- Try for at least 2 bowls in head
- Wait for Skip's directions
- At head, communicate as Skip requests
- If necessary, call Skip to head

For the Skip

- Take Charge
- Composed, confident
- Ask for back bowls
- If shot, use last bowl to boost score – but don't get greedy
- Keep losing end to 2
- Drive / runner only in emergency

Use your hands to do the talking

Reasons for using hand signals:

1. Voices cannot be heard over the sounds of road and air traffic.
2. Shouting disturbs players on other rinks.
3. Your team will feel more in sync if you can read each others signals.
4. Signals will help communication and the flow of the game.
5. You can signal without drawing the attention of your opponents to certain situations.

Rule number 1 is remembering that you can communicate with your team when you have possession of the mat.

Rule number 2 especially for the vice skip, is give information only when asked for or unless agreed upon beforehand with your skip.

Good signals to know:	SignalsRink	End
Come on the forehand.	Extend your left arm to the side if bowler is right handed.	Hea
Come on the backhand.	Extend your right arm to the side if bowler is right handed.	Hea
This is our bowl.	Point closely to the bowl and tap your chest.	Hea
This is their bowl.	Point closely to the bowl and wave your arm away.	Hea
Shots for us.	Tap your shoulder or head.	Hea
Shots against us.	Tap your leg.	Hea
Your bowl (or their bowl) is this far in front of or behind the jack.	Spread your hands one above the other (for short distances); hold your arm out to the side for longer distances. Remember that accuracy is everything. You can also hold your arm out to the side or straight up with 1, 2, or 3 fingers extended to indicate distance in feet. (This should not be confused with the "shots for" signal which is taps.) Note: Always give the DEPTH distance. not the WIDTH.	Hea d
Chalk my toucher.	Cross your hands at your wrists and hold them out in front of	Mat
Watch the head. I'm going to throw a runner	Simulate fast delivery with your bowling arm.	Mat
Who owns the incoming bowls on my right?	Point to the right side followed by tap on chest. (Are they our bowls?)	Mat
Who owns the incoming bowls on my left?	Point to the left side following by tap on chest. (Are they our bowls?)	Mat
Stand where you want this bowl to finish	Stand with your feet in a "V" and point to your feet.	Hea d
Come around this bowl.	Go to the bowl in question and motion that the delivered bowl should come around it	Hea d
Come inside this bowl.	Go to the bowl in question and motion that the delivered bowl should come inside it	Hea d
Try to have your bowl stop here.	Put your foot where you want the bowl to finish and point to it. Or draw a circle over the general area where you would like a	Hea .
Bowls are touching.	Touch knuckles together.	Hea
Which bowl is shot?	Point to the bowl in your hand. Raise your finger. (Which is the No. 1 bowl?)	Mat
Where is the jack?	Bending down, hold your palm forward.	Mat
My last bowl is how far from the jack?	Tap your chest (to indicate my bowl or our bowls) and then spread your hands one above the other	Mat
Their last bowl is how far from the jack?	Point to the opponent behind you (to indicate his bowl) and then spread your hands one above the other	Mat

Keep your eye on the bowl -41

Lawn bowling has been played for thousands of years. Archaeologists have uncovered biased stone bowls

from 5,000 B.C. and ancient plaques show the game being played almost 4,000 years ago.

Bowling green

Approximately 120 square feet of smooth grass is still preferred. The surface is level with a smooth lawn

The game

Bring the ball out of play unless it hits the jack

Each hole must be three inches wide and three inches deep around the hole.

Points are equal by the distance and number of bowls to the hole

(9)
Bowl outside

MS is the starting point of a bowl

BOWLING

The bowls are made of a hard plastic material and should not weigh more than 35 pounds

bowls are shaped with a 25/10 hole in a curved path

bowling green

Lead bowler stands with feet and body in direction of bowl

After bowling, Peter's bowls to the right

Jack is a white ball used as a target

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Bowl

feet

Set

The delivery

One foot must be on or over the line at the point of delivery

Bring the arm back and a step forward, then release the bowl

Swing arm forward and release the bowl at ground level

As the bowl is released, the arm should follow through and end up in the direction that the bowl is going

Some bowls are made of wood

LAWN BOWLING TERMS, RINK DIAGRAM & HAND SIGNALS

