

West End Bowls Club

Etiquette on the Green

- Players should proceed to the rear of the head as promptly as possible.
- Players should walk around and not through the head.
- Players on the rink and any person passing the end of a rink should stand still while a bowler is preparing to deliver or is delivering a bowl.
- While a bowler is preparing to deliver, or is delivering a bowl, skips (and in the case of rinks the 3rds and in triples the 2nds) should stand at least two metres behind the jack and one metre to the side. Other players should not stand between them and the jack and must keep to the side.
- All leads should familiarise themselves with the clubs accepted signalling regarding centring of the jack.
- All skips (and in the case of rinks the 3rds and in triples the 2nds) should familiarise themselves with the Club's accepted signalling including who is holding and how many, possible shots to play and any risky shots, length of previous bowl delivered.
- In the case of rinks the 3rds (and in triples the 2nds) should familiarise themselves with the correct method of measuring and agreement of shots before disturbing the bowls in contention. Either team can decide whether a bowl is to be wedged during the measuring process. If a bowl is displaced the rule varies according to the circumstances. In case of doubt consult Bowls England Rules.
- The lead who will not be delivering the jack on the next end will gather the bowls with the trolley.
- In friendlies it is normal for the hosting player to offer to purchase the opposing player in the same position a drink at the end of the game – this is usually reciprocated. In internal games it is normally the winning side that buys the first round.
- Spectators should be careful not to move behind the head when a player is about to bowl.

There is a link, to a short DVD explaining the signalling on the web site. Members who would like this in a different format should approach a committee member.