



THE HILLS CLUB

Lawn Bowls Player Code of Conduct

1. Application and Authority

This Code of Conduct applies to all visitors, members and players representing or playing at The Hills Club in any competition, event, or activity conducted under the authority of the Club.

It is to be read in conjunction with the policies, rules, and regulations of Bowls NSW and Bowls Australia. Compliance with this Code is a condition of participation in all Club-sanctioned activities.

2. General Standards of Behaviour

- Players must act honestly, fairly, and with integrity always.
- Conduct that brings the game of bowls, The Hills Club, Bowls NSW, or Bowls Australia into disrepute is prohibited.
- Players must comply with all reasonable directions from Club officials, umpires, and match officials.

3. Team Conduct and Club Culture

- Players are expected to support teammates positively and respectfully addressing any concerns constructively.
- All players represent The Hills Club equally, regardless of grade, gender, or division.
- Players must remain engaged in the game and stay with their team unless a brief absence is necessary.

4. Match Conduct, Performance, and Alcohol

- Players representing The Hills Club in Pennants, Regional, State, or National competitions must maintain high standards of professionalism and sportsmanship.
- Players are strongly encouraged to abstain from alcohol until the conclusion of play during representative matches.
- Water should be the primary source of hydration during matches.

5. Respect for Opponents and Officials

- Players must treat opponents, officials, and volunteers with courtesy and respect always.
- Sledging, harassment, dissent, offensive or insulting language or any form of unsporting behaviour is strictly prohibited.

6. On-Green Etiquette and Care of Facilities

- Players must observe possession of the rink requirements and position themselves appropriately during play.
- Players must protect Club greens and facilities by wearing approved footwear and avoiding any action that may damage playing surfaces or equipment.

7. Uniform and Presentation

- Players selected to represent The Hills Club must wear approved Club attire or Bowls Australia approved clothing.
- Players should always present themselves neatly and professionally.

8. Breaches and Disciplinary Action

- Breaches of this Code may result in warnings, suspension, or referral to the Club Disciplinary Committee.
- Serious or repeated breaches may be escalated under Bowls NSW or Bowls Australia disciplinary policies.

9. Acknowledgement

Participation in any Club sanctioned activity constitutes acceptance of this Code of Conduct and agreement to uphold the standards and expectations outlined above.