



Flemington & Kensington Bowling Club

Code of Behaviour

This Code aims to set out the minimum standards for anyone who represents, supports or visits Flemington Kensington Bowling Club. It applies when playing, training, volunteering or taking part in Club-sanctioned activities. It also applies when we open our Club to visitors and guests.

In particular, our Code of Behaviour ensures that our Club:

- Acts within the rules and spirit of the great sport of Bowls.
- Promotes fair play over winning at any cost.
- Encourages and supports opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Supports opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treats each person as an individual and shows respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Respects the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Respects the decisions of officials and administrators.
- Displays appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Displays responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Acts with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for our decisions and actions.
- Makes decisions and takes actions that contribute to a safe environment which is free of sexual discrimination and harassment.
- Does not tolerate violent, abusive, bullying or threatening behaviours.



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Administrators

We will:

- Ensure quality supervision and instruction for players.
- Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies.
- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- Conduct club responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.
- Not allow the unlawful supply of alcohol at training, games or club functions.
- Provide opportunities for bowlers to be involved in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision-making related to their activity.
- Create pathways for bowlers to participate not just as a player but also as a coach, umpire, administrator etc.
- Remember that players participate for their enjoyment and benefit.
- Ensure that everyone involved in our sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Distribute a Code of Conduct to bowlers, members, officials and visitors and encourage them to follow it.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- Make decisions and take actions that contribute to a safe environment which is free of sexual discrimination and harassment.
- Not tolerate violent, abusive, bullying or threatening behaviours.

Officials, staff and volunteers

We will:

- Place the safety and welfare of the bowlers above all else.
- Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials.



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Bowlers

I will:

- Give my best at all times.
- Participate for my own enjoyment and benefit but work equally hard for myself and/or my team.
- Play by the rules and show respect for other players, coaches and officials. I will never argue with an official. If I disagree with a decision I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition.
- Control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Be a good sport and applaud good plays whether they are made by my team or the opposition.
- Treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated.
- Not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with my coach, team mates and opponents.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Not arrive at the venue intoxicated and drink alcohol in moderation.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game.

Spectators

Will be asked to:

- Respect the effort and performances of players and officials.
- Reject the use of harassment, bullying or violence in any form, whether by other spectators, coaches, officials or bowlers.

I, _____ have read and understood the Code of Conduct and will abide by it as a member of Flemington Kensington Bowling Club.

Signature:

Date: