

BRITISH CROWN GREEN REFEREES SOCIETY

CODE OF CONDUCT

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game – both on the green and on the sidelines.

Any allegation, concern, or any issue (including discrimination) which relates to the Safeguarding of Young Persons (Minors) or Adults at Risk: The procedures and protocols / guidelines as agreed between the National Governing Bodies of Bowls shall take precedence over other Codes of Conduct or other procedures and shall be complied with. These procedures and protocols / guidelines can be found at the following web addresses:

<http://www.safeguardingbowls.org/policies.html> and

<http://www.safeguardingbowls.org/downloads.html>

Referees will:

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times, avoiding conflicts of interest. Decisions based on personal bias are dishonest and unacceptable,
- Apply the Laws of the Game, and competition rules, fairly and consistently.
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner.
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct.
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials.
- Support match official colleagues at all times.
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game.
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the players.
- Stay calm when confronted with emotional reactions from players, spectators and parents.
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match, maintain good physical condition and never officiate when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Complete and submit accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for matches in which you officiate. In completing reports, set out the true facts and not attempt to justify or embellish any decisions.
- Referees should not accept hospitality or gifts from any sources that may cast doubt on their impartiality.

- Referees should not publicly criticise fellow referees, officials or administrators.
- Abide by the 'Dress Code' and keep it in good condition.
- Honour accepted game assignments.
- Show patience and understanding towards those who may be learning the game.