

SKIPPER

1. As Skipper, you are at all times during the game in control of your players and all events that occur during that game. You can make all the decisions if you so desire.
2. Give clear and precise instructions at all times. Don't ask the players what they would like – you are responsible - you make the decisions.
3. After a player has played his first bowl give some indication of the correction required to make his second bowl a better bowl than the previous one.
4. **Always show positive body language and don't run your team down when things are not going well.**
5. If you are not happy with the shot the Third has called you on, go and have a look at the head and discuss the shot. It builds better communications and understanding with the two players who control the ends.
6. Know and understand the rules of the game.
7. Always display good etiquette on and off the green. You are in a respected position and everything you do and say is taken in by other players and spectators alike. Earn their respect.
8. Be aware of the game/games next to you to protect your head in the event of a wayward bowl. Especially from drives. Be alert when your team or opposition are driving to protect the rink or rinks next to you.
9. **Have a positive attitude towards the game and to your team. Players will respond to your attitude.**
10. Be a good loser. Don't show resentment or castigate your team. Next time you could have that winning smile, so be a sportsman either when winning or losing.
11. Wish all bowlers well for the season. Play with a positive attitude and the results for the club will show through. The game is meant to be enjoyed, not endured.