



Information for new bowlers

Equipment needed?

- A set of 4 bowls – the club has over 100 sets of different sizes for you to choose from.
- Flat-soled (heel-less) footwear is required to prevent damage to the greens.
- On hot summer days we recommend wearing a hat and bringing water – it is important to be well hydrated.
- Water and pop is usually available for purchase from the club.
- Grippo®, and measuring tapes are usually available for purchase.

When can I play?

- Tuesday and Thursday evenings –Play starts at 7 p.m. sharp. You may play “scratch” or sign up for the club league. The Drawmaster provides sign-up sheets and arranges teams for club fours, triples and pairs.
- To play scratch, circle using the number board provided.
- Informal games are played on Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. & Saturday afternoon at 1.30 p.m.

Practice Time

- Practice time is available but must not interfere with the Greenskeeper’s work, club draws, tournaments or bookings. Contact the President to determine availability.

Member’s responsibilities

- The Nutana Lawn Bowling Club relies on its members to volunteer for various tasks. With volunteer help we are able to offer very reasonable membership fees. Please check the notice board for information about volunteers needed for bookings and schools. Share the load – offer your time.
- As a member, you may have a key to the clubhouse. If you are the last to leave, it is your responsibility to ensure the security of our club.
- That includes checking all doors and gates, making sure that the bolts are in place and turned to lock both bottom and top on the double doors of the new bowls storage room and the equipment shed. Also, the windows and shutters need to be closed and barred.
- No private parties unless booked through the club. Bringing in your own liquor is not allowed.

Green and Kitchen duties

- The Drawmaster indicates on the draw poster which team is on kitchen duty and which is on greens set up.

- If it is a scratch day, we rely on volunteers to perform kitchen duties and greens set up.
- Kitchen duty consists of making coffee, lemonade, etc. and putting out cookies for the after bowling social. The cost to players is \$1.00.

Social Activities – may include

- Opening Day
- Canada Day
- North Battleford Day
- Development Clinic
- Marion Piller’s Pairs Tournament
- Grassroots Tournament
- Bowls Sask Tournaments

Coaching

- If you feel you know the basics of lawn bowling but want to improve your skills, do not hesitate to approach our club coaches for help.

Provincial Playdowns

- Posters advertising all Bowl Sask events are displayed on the bulletin board.

**Enjoy the game, have fun
and make new friends**



Courtesy and Ethics

1. Arrive about 20 minutes before game time so that you are ready for play and to hear announcements.
2. Come with a damp cloth (optional), chalk and a towel (to place counting bowls on); you may borrow a measure from the club as long as you return it at the end of play, but it is recommended that you buy a measure. You can also buy Grippo® (to polish your bowls and help with your grip).
3. Take time to read the rule book so that you know the basic rules.
4. Before starting, shake hands beginning with the opposition, then your team, and wish players "a good game".
5. Determine who plays first by tossing a coin. The winner of the toss determines which team plays first.
6. Comment on your team's shots, and compliment your opponent on a very good shot.
7. Admit a favourable fluke with grace.
8. Stay out of the head when it is not your shot and keep still.
9. Remain behind the mat or behind the opponent when it is not your turn to play.
10. Stand behind the jack in the middle, when it is your team's turn to deliver the bowl so as not to block the delivery line.
11. Do not talk or make a noise behind the mat when a player is about to deliver a bowl.
12. On sunny days be aware of your shadow. Do not let it mask the jack or permit it to fall in front of the mat when the player is about to bowl.
13. Remember, that as soon as your bowl comes to rest, possession of the rink passes to your opponent.
14. Keep to your own rink. Do not wander into another rink or distract other bowlers.
15. Walk down the centre of the rink when you are changing ends.
16. Never criticise your opponent, the greens or your own team members. If you cannot say something positive, don't say anything at all.
17. As soon as the last bowl comes to rest, decide quickly whether or not you need to measure for shot bowls.
18. Get agreement with the opposing third/second before declaring the score.
19. The winner of the point should indicate their positive score by holding up one or more fingers or by tapping their chest the appropriate number of times; losers indicate their negative score by holding their fingers(s) downward.
20. The loser of the end rakes the bowls. To avoid damaging the grass, the jack should be removed before the bowls are raked. The lead from the winning team delivers the jack and rolls the first bowl.
21. At the end of the game, shake hands starting with the opposition, thanking them for the game.
22. Be a gracious winner and a good loser.



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For more information please contact the Executive at:

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All correspondence should be directed to the President or the Secretary

The club's phone number is 306 665-0304 (May to September)

