

Winslow Bowls Club Short Mat Bowls
Guidance & information for Members playing

Generally: -

Understand the role and responsibilities of each team member in the game.

Recognise good play from all players as you are an ambassador for your club.

Shake hands with your opposing triple prior to & after the game.

If you finished your game but the other game is still in progress, please do not distract or disturb the on-going play.

Refreshments will be served to all once both mats have completed their 10 ends. Then the second half with a further 2 triples is played.

Please remember the golden rule “no coaching from the side”, when play is in progress.

Footwear must be flat soled & heel-less but can be of any colour.

Help setting up and or clearing away would be appreciated.

Common terms: -

Dead wood – a wood that goes off the side or end of the mat that does not come into contact with the “Jack” or hits the block in the middle of the mat & if you hit the block, please replace it.

Toucher – a bowl that touches the Jack and is marked with chalk or a spray or pencil chalk marker.

Dress Code: -

For all Vale Short Mat Bowls Friendly League fixtures: -Club shirts and Grey Trousers/skirts as per League Rules. For rollups and early rounds of any internal club competition smart casual dress is appropriate.

The finals of any internal Short Mat Competitions will be played in Club Shirts and Grey Trousers or Skirts.

Responsibilities: -

Captain: -

To liaise with members as appropriate including organising rollups & contact visiting Club Captains prior to any fixture to confirm arrangements.

To post signing on sheets on the notice board in the club house for forth coming games, select players required for fixtures & send results sheets to fixtures secretary VSMBFL

To circulate the results to members and post results on the notice board.

On match night the Club Captains of each team sort out the scorecards, order of play and “toss” for control of the Jack for the first end (whose mat, is it?).

On the night the captain will welcome the visiting team.

Skips: -

Before the start of a triple the skips will introduce their teams.

Skips will place the Jack, and direct play.

Leads: -

Should place the delivery mat and bowl in turn as appropriate.

Remember it is only Number Two's who can communicate with the skip and only when it is your mat (your turn).

The exception to this: - If the skip with the agreement of the opposition, that the Lead will “Talk the Head” and or does the measuring.

If the skip on either side decides that he or she would like to change the order the team play in before the start of an end once the skips have conferred the change can be made.

This only applies to the league fixtures.

Number Two's: -

Should assist the skip from the head during play.

Agree with the opposite number the score & measure if required. The head should not be disturbed until the score is agreed.

Advise the skip and scorer for the triple of the score for each end.

Should keep the scoreboard updated.