

ch #06 ETIQUETTE

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This chapter describes some etiquette rules.

Etiquette is about respecting other bowlers.
And aliens.

E1 Introduce yourself to the green master.

Green monster ?

Green master - the person in charge of the green.

E2 Learn the local rules.

E3 Wear appropriate footwear.

You are not allowed to wear outdoor shoes on carpet. At my club you must wear flat-soled shoes (I wear slippers).

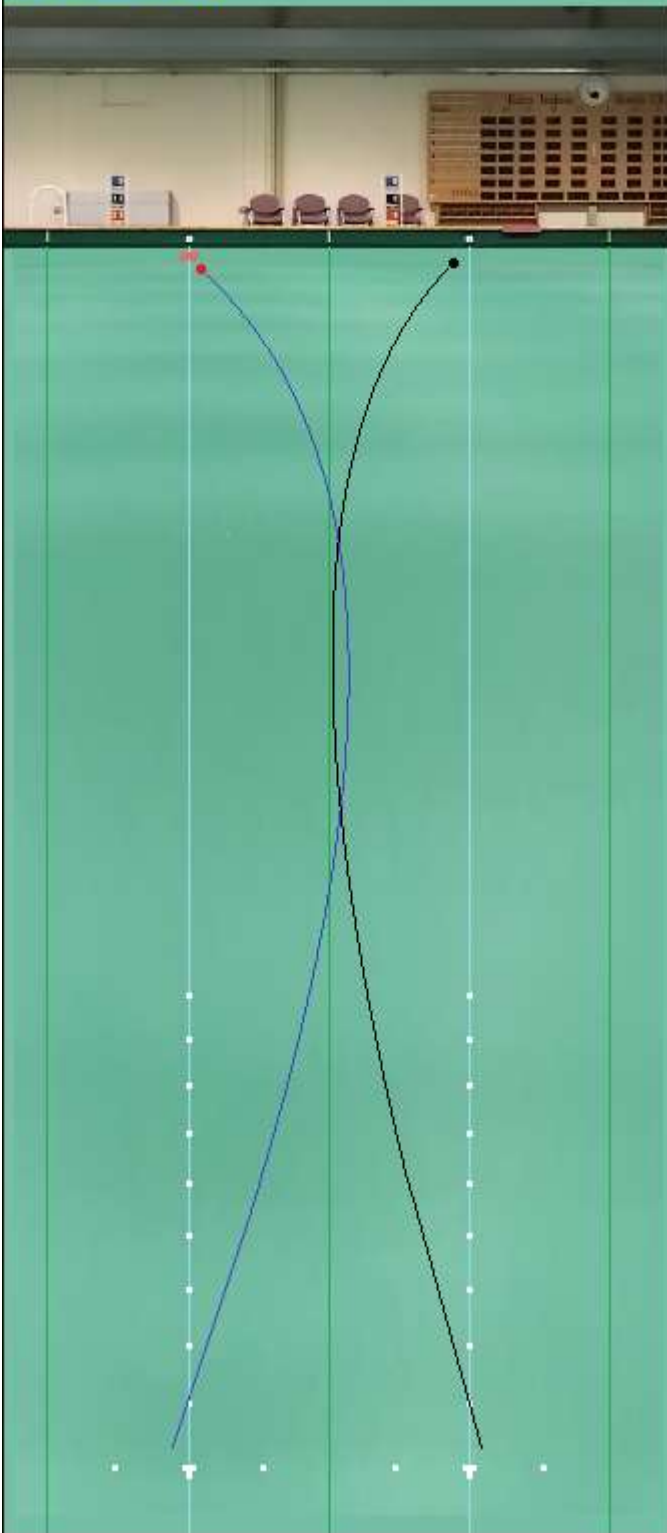
E4 If you are a beginner, try to timetable your first few sessions when you can have the green to yourself (or at least two adjacent lanes).

The green monster might want to teach you or at least keep an eye on you.

E5 Avoid walking into or across another lane while a bowler is on the mat (ie throwing or preparing to throw or watching the outcome of their throw).

E6 Take reasonable care to avoid walking into the eyeline of a bowler who is about to throw.

FIG 101



COLLIDING WOODS

Suppose the blue path is your throw. The wood is thrown at the required angle and speed to arrive exactly where you want.

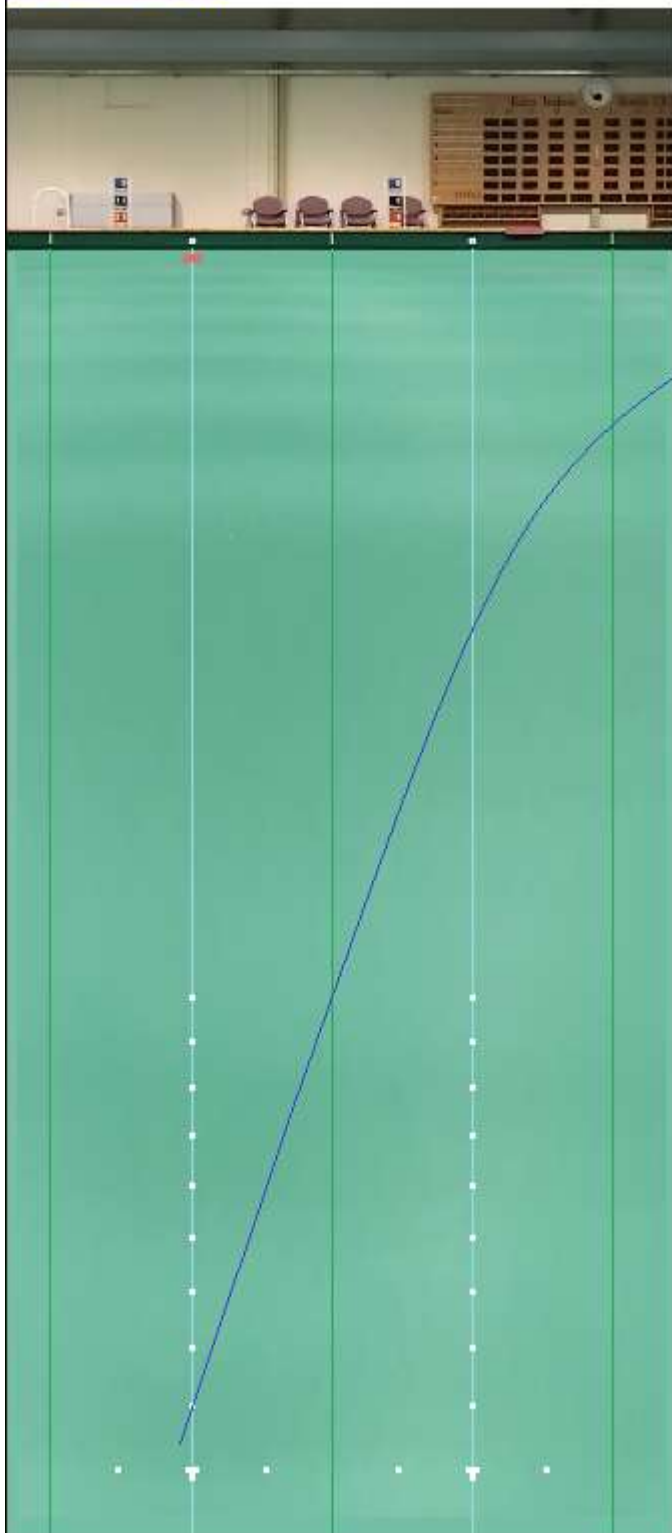
It invades the adjacent lane for several yards. This is common - especially if the wood has serious bias.

The black path is for a bowler in the adjacent lane. There is a risk that the two woods will collide.

Therefore:

E7 Allow your neighbour to throw first. Wait until it's clear to throw.

FIG 102



WRONG ORIENTATION

Most bowlers occasionally throw a wood with wrong orientation causing it to run well into the adjacent lane or even further. This can be a nuisance and even a danger to other bowlers.

Therefore:

E8 Always check your grip.

E9 Warn bowlers when a wood is heading towards them.

A **safe throw** is where the wood does not interfere with bowling in any other lane.

The wood is said to be **safe**.

A **legal throw** satisfies the following criteria:

- 1) The mat is in a legal position.
- 2) A foot maintains contact with the mat
- 3) The throw is safe.
- 4) The length is a least 21m.
- 5) The wood arrives in your lane.

Such a throw is said to be **legal**.

GENERAL RULES

G1 Protect the green.

The carpet should be clean and have a consistent playing surface. It is everyone's responsibility to look after it.

No smoking. Do not start fires.

G2 Don't bring food or drink onto the green.

Don't put them on the bank either.

G3 Don't bring 'stuff' (bags, coats) onto the green. It might be acceptable to leave items on a side bank but not on an end bank (reserved for woods).

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