



Crowborough Bowls Club

Etiquette and Matchday Guidance

Essential Information for Members and Visitors

Matchday Guidance

- We have worked hard to build a reputation as a friendly and social club to both play in and represent. Reputations are hard to build and easy to lose, and therefore we must all endeavour to play under the framework of our guiding SCORE principles (Safety, Courage, One Team, Respect and Enjoyment).
- For home fixtures, please ensure you arrive no later than 30 mins prior to the scheduled start time of home fixtures. Those responsible for preparing the green should ideally be there 1hr before the scheduled start of play.
- For away fixtures, the published meet times are on each team sheet. It is individual player responsibility to ensure that you have arranged a lift, even if meeting at the green (rather than travelling direct). We do not appear to have a shortage of those wanting to drive to away fixtures, so where possible, we should try to minimise the number of cars.
- Whilst a token financial gesture has been with us for many years (and the modest £2 not updated for a while), the donation to those driving increases to £3 and remains discretionary as to whether it is taken by the driver.
- We must never forget that our CWBC logo is a symbol of our heritage and community spirit, and that is why it is respectfully displayed on all club kit, correspondence, and promotional materials. We represent our club and should ensure we are dressed appropriately for our fixtures.

Social Guidance

- **Sportsmanship:** Respect for opponents, visitors, officials, and fellow members is paramount. Applaud good play from both sides and maintain a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.
- **Equipment:** Whilst we will have nominees for home games to prepare the green for play, at the end of play, all players are expected to help clear equipment and store safely.
- **Post Match:**
 - Very few clubs we play do not offer a drink from the bar as a matter of courtesy to our respective opponent(s). We should respect this tradition, have the facilities at home to do so and it is the decent thing to do.
 - We will consider (on a club case-by-case basis) any departure from this important facet of the day.
 - Our club expectation is that all players will remain for home fixtures until the result is declared and the opposition thanked.