

# Code of Conduct and Etiquette

## Examples of Unacceptable Behavior by Members:

- a) Behavior that disrupts or reasonably offends others, such as repeated shouting, bullying, intimidation, threats, swearing or using foul language or name calling.
  - b) Slow play, drawing out a game to gain advantage or tire or influence the opponents.
  - c) Stopping or moving a ball or pallino before both captains have agreed that the point(s) have been ascertained and the frame/end is over. This includes kicking the balls and stopping balls or the pallino as they get close to the side or back boards but are not yet out of play. Each team must verbally agree to the result before moving the balls.
  - d) Cheating, including miss-marking the scoreboard or the position of balls.
  - e) Players who protest to, or argue with, their opponents instead of allowing their team captain or team representative to handle the matter.
  - f) Players who arrange the results of any game or retire from the competition without an acceptable excuse.
  - g) Other bocce-related behavior deemed to be inappropriate and adverse to the spirit of this Code, including (but not limited to): displays of poor sportsmanship such as continuing to move about, make noise or otherwise disturb a player during that player's turn, or insisting on rules that don't exist.
  - h) Members who are spectators (including players who are not then playing) may not engage in conduct that disturbs or disrupts a player or game. This includes yelling, shouting, or making loud comments about the play or the decisions. The executive may warn the person(s) (although a warning is not required) and subsequently may be expelled from the premises.
- All complaints alleging a violation of the letter or spirit of this Code should be reported to a member of the Executive. The Complaint must be in writing or email (with as much detail as possible), must be signed, and must be made in good faith. Complaints not made in good faith (e.g. to intentionally cause trouble for another member or gaining a competitive or other advantage) will subject the complaining person to penalties under the Code. A complaint will be deemed to have been made in bad faith when, for example, it is clearly contradicted by the facts. However, just because no action is taken on a complaint does not mean that it was made in bad faith and will be documented.
  - Good sportsmanship shall be displayed at all time. Any violations will result in disqualification of players involved per the Port Colborne Bocce Club Constitution. Members and Executive agree rules and regulations must be enforced by executive regarding any member who violates common respect in cases of excessive cursing, physical contact, bullying or threats. An act of this serious nature is to be reviewed by the executive members. Penalty can result in suspension or expulsion from the club, including privileges for 1 season with no refund of dues paid.
  - As a Captain you cannot remove someone from your team. You must find another team for the person to play on. You can trade players with another team if the other captain agrees.