

Etiquette for Croquet

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Understanding and practicing good croquet etiquette fosters a positive, respectful and enjoyable environment for everyone.

- Help set up courts before play.
- Greet your opponents and your own team members before the game, and congratulate or compliment them at the end of play.
- Compliment your opponent's good shots.
- Admit a fluke shot with grace.
- Stand still and be quiet when someone else is taking their shot.
- Do your best to avoid entering or disturbing someone else's court/game.
- Prevent your shadow from covering someone else's ball or the hoop as they are taking their shot.
- Never criticize other players or the facility.
- Avoid negative comments or sarcasm. Focus on building camaraderie, encouraging good shots, and complimenting opponents on their skills.
- Pay attention to the game, and know when it is your turn.
- Play with dispatch; do not delay the game with extended discussions about strategy, etc.
- For safety purposes, any player about to deliver a strong takeout shot should warn other players.
- Learn and abide by the rules of the game. Read your rule book.
- The score is to be announced by the person who has just made the wicket.
- Declare your own faults immediately.
- *Politely* sharing knowledge encourages a supportive and inclusive environment.
- Be a gracious winner and a good loser. Treat others with respect and courtesy.
- Repair divots immediately and correctly. If you don't know how, ask.
- Treat club equipment with care and respect, and put the equipment away properly.
- Be a pleasant partner and opponent, and have fun!