

Etiquette Addendum to The Bylaws of The Villages Croquet Club

Players are responsible for maintaining good standards of behavior towards other players, equipment, courts, spectators and officials. To that end:

1. When any player is playing their shot within your vicinity –
 - Keep silent
 - Stand a reasonable distance from the striker to prevent distraction. Avoid moving or standing in the striker's line of vision
 - Stand well away from the wickets or target ball
 - Try to keep your own shadow out of the striker's line of play
 - Only give advice as requested and within the rules e.g. which ball was last played
 - Arrive on time – ideally 15 minutes before your session so you can help set up court
 - Dress appropriately - all white is required for Villages Croquet Club members
 - Delay your shot if it is likely to interfere with another game on your court; or at least give a warning.
 - If another game is in progress on the court and your game is finished, pick up the balls;
 - Do not roll/hit across the court.
 - Use of mobile phones while playing should be avoided, as should eating, drinking (other than water) or smoking
 - Players are required to call their own faults
 - Offering tactical advice to anyone other than their partner
2. Examples of some, but not all, unacceptable behavior that players may be penalized for-
 - Abusing their mallet or other personal or club provided equipment, or repeatedly damaging the court surface
 - Intentionally and continually disturbing other players during the game by talking, making noises, standing in front of or moving in sight of a player who is about to play a stroke.
 - Arguing aggressively or continuously with, or is aggressive towards, another player
 - Repeated failure to follow club rules
 - Swearing or abusive language is not acceptable.
 - Cell phones should be in silent mode and any emergency calls taken or made off of the court.
3. Should an issue arise, a Club member shall report a serious offense to any Board Member who will investigate the offense prior to taking the matter to the board.

Infractions under item 1 should be handled informally with a discussion.

Depending on the seriousness of the offense, more serious infractions under item 2 may be brought up to the board which will take whatever action is necessary up to and including expulsion as described in the bylaws under Article III Section D which requires a written warning and the opportunity for the player to correct any failure of membership.