

## **BowlsUSA**

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## CODE of CONDUCT

Comprehensive investigations and a commitment to unobtrusively bringing fairness and justice to all are the foundation of an exemplary umpire's conduct.

An umpire's influence upon the incidents, games, matches and tournaments is at its best when it is least noticed.

An umpire must be knowledgeable enough to be, and to appear, confident when called upon. Continual review of the Laws is required for such a level of confidence.

When a player unwittingly violates a law, it is much kinder and often more prudent to quietly draw the violation to the attention of the skip rather than embarrass the player and distract the attention of nearby players and spectators.

It is often an umpire's duty to adjudicate, but it is always an umpire's duty to provide education and instruction about the Laws of the Sport and the behaviors that make and keep the game fair, just, and attractive throughout the world.

The best umpires are gently in the background, ready and willing but not anxious to assist.

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