



Bye Laws: Conditions of Play, Saturday League

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1. Laws of the Sport of Bowls

The Saturday League shall be conducted under the Bowls S.A. Laws of the Sport of Bowls and local EKB regulations

2. Club selection of players

- Players representing a Club in Saturday League shall be bona fide members of the REGISTERED Club
- Players selected to represent their club in one section shall be eligible for selection to play in another section in the same division
- Players selected to play in a division may be promoted to any higher division
- Players selected to play in a division may be selected to play in the next two lower divisions only, or the next lower division in which the Club is represented
- Any player who is a member of two or more clubs shall be selected by the REGISTERED Club only for Saturday League during the current bowls year
- Should a player wish to represent an alternative Club in Saturday League, the player shall take the necessary steps, using the Clearance Certificate, to re-register as a member at the new REGISTERED Club

3. Representative sides

The composition of Club representative sides will be determined by the Division in which the side is entered;

- Men's & Women's Premier Division, Men's & Women's 1st Division, Men's 2nd Division – Clubs shall field a side of TWO fours teams for each section entered. In the event of a player in a Club side not reporting on time, the fours team concerned may complete the game with three players and lose 25% of the Team score, or alternatively obtain a substitute in terms of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
 - The substitute player may not play as skip of the side
 - The player appointed as a substitute shall complete the game unless the substituted player arrives before five ends have been completed.
 - Should TWO or MORE players in a team be absent at the time set for the start of the game, ten minutes shall be allowed, after which the opponents shall be awarded full points
- Women's 2nd Division, Men's 3rd & 4th Divisions – Clubs shall field a side of TWO trips teams for each section entered. In the event of a player in a Club side not reporting on time, the trips team concerned may complete the game with two players and lose 25% of the Team score, or alternatively obtain a substitute in terms of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
 - The substitute player may not play as skip of the side
 - The player appointed as a substitute shall complete the game unless the substituted player arrives before five ends have been completed.
 - **In a broken rink the same number of bowls has to be played by the two teams involved. In other words, the full team of trips, the skip will play three bowls and the second and lead will play two bowls each. In the opposing broken team the skip will play three bowls and the lead will play four bowls, with the implication of the 25% loss of shots, to the team with two players, at the end of the game. For full confirmation, both teams will only play eight bowls.**
 - Should TWO or MORE players in a team be absent at the time set for the start of the game, ten minutes shall be allowed, after which the opponents shall be awarded full points

- In the Men's 5th Division & Women's 3rd Division, Clubs are represented by one team of THREE players. The same rules as above shall apply.

4. Commencement of play

- Play will commence at 14h00
- Each side will pay a **facility fee per player of R20.00** on reporting at the venue of the Saturday League
- This fee **set and ratified by Council** shall include the cost of tea and eats provided
- Play may commence earlier on condition that all players representing Clubs in that section are present

5. Trial ends

One trial may be played

6. Tea break

- The tea break shall be taken at 15h40
- The duration of the tea break will be 20 minutes
- To play continuously without a tea break shall be recorded as a breach of these rules and discipline will be applied. i.e. All points scored will be forfeited by both sides

7. Captains

- A captain shall be appointed for each side and shall be in charge of his club's side at the venue in a particular section
- Any dispute shall be referred to the two captains for a decision
- Failing a decision, an Umpire (who must be appointed by the host Club prior to the commencement of the game and must not be a team captain) shall be called on and his decision shall be final and binding
- The host club Captain shall act as the Match Official for the day
- The host club Captain shall receive the facility fees payable by each player
- The host club Captain will conduct a fair draw to determine nominated skips to be matched against the designated opponents and the draw for rinks for the two games of each match
- The host club Captain will make initial announcements before play starts – and
 - Ensure the tea break is announced at the prescribed time
 - Collect the completed scorecards after each match – ensuring that the surnames and initials are recorded and the scorecard is signed by the Club Captains of each match
 - Report the scores of each match to the District Competition Secretary before 19h00 on the Saturday of play
 - Make arrangements to deliver the completed scorecards to the District Office or to the District Competition Secretary ASAP

8. Scoring

- In all Divisions except Men's Division 5 and Women's Division 3 each match will be comprised of two games
- Men's & Women's Premier Divisions, Men's & Women's 1st Divisions and Men's 2nd Division each game shall be decided over 21 ends.
- Women's 2nd & 3rd Divisions and Men's 3rd, 4th & 5th Divisions each game shall be decided over 18 ends.
- The score shall be recorded end by end on the scoreboard.

- Sides will be awarded points on the following basis:
 - 2 points for a win, or 1 point for a peeled game
 - 2 bonus points will be awarded to the side, two teams, with the greater combined shots. In the event that the combined shots are the same, 1 bonus point will be awarded to each side
 - A total of 6 points are available in all Divisions except Men's Division 5 and Women's Division 3
 - In Divisions with three players per Club the scoring will be as above for a game win – a total of 2 points for a win or 1 point for a peeled game may be scored.

The Scorecard is to be completed, checked and signed by the each of the two opposing Captains – Results signed off by Captains will be accepted as correct and no alterations to the match result at a later stage will be entertained.

9. Suspension of play – inclement weather

Definition:

SUSPENSION – When play has been stopped and there is a possibility that play will be resumed at a time to be announced.

ABANDONED – Play is abandoned when play has been stopped and there is NO possibility that play will be resumed – the decision to abandon play shall be made at 16H30.

Before any suspension of play is implemented the host club Captain at the venue shall discuss the situation with all the Captains of the Section and agree that the weather conditions warrant the suspension of play and declare the time of suspension.

Play suspended due to rain

- The host club Captain at the venue shall monitor the state of the greens during and after rain has interrupted play
- The host club Captain shall assess the condition of the greens at regular intervals
- Regular announcements are to be made on the continuation of suspension of play
- The host club Captain at a venue has the objective to complete the games that have been interrupted by inclement weather
- Should play be resumed the Laws of the Sport of Bowls is to be applied

Play suspended by lightning

- The host club Captain and Captains of the Sides shall monitor the presence of lightning and if satisfied that the venue is being threatened, shall suspend play immediately by the sounding of a bell/alarm and the time noted
- Play shall be suspended immediately and players shall leave the green at the sounding of the bell
- Play is to resume when the host club Captain and Captains of the Sides are satisfied that the threat has passed by sounding an all-clear alarm call
- Should play be resumed the Laws of the Sport of Bowls are to be applied

10. Abandonment of play

NO GAME SHALL BE ABANDONED BEFORE 16H30

11. Scoring of abandoned games

Should play be abandoned for any reason the scoring will be as follows:

Game

- The team with the greater number of shots, based on completed ends, will be the winner. In games where 5 or less ends have been played, the points are shared equally.

Overall

- The bonus points are awarded to the side with the greater number of shots, based on all completed ends, as long as 6 or more ends have been completed. In a case where 5 or less ends have been played, bonus points are shared equally.

12. Section winners

There will be one winner in each section based on:

- The side with the most points in each section shall be declared the winner
- In the event of two or more sides having the same number of points then the winner shall be decided on the highest net score and should the net score be equal, shot percentage shots FOR divided by shots AGAINST shall be applied

13. Finals

- Each game shall be decided as per Division allocation and scoring applied as described in Clause 8.
- Only members who have played in the teams prior to the final are eligible to play

14. Alcohol, Mobile Devices and Smoking

- The consumption of alcohol on or next to the greens by a participant still involved in a game will not be permitted.
- Cell phones and other mobile devices must be switched off during play
- Smoking is not permitted on or within 2m of the green

15. Discipline

- Non-compliance with the conditions of play may result in the disqualification of a team and the forfeiting of all their accumulated points.

16. Competition secretaries

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