



**By-laws: Conditions of Play,  
District Championships**

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### **1. Applicable Laws**

All Ekurhuleni Bowls Championships shall be conducted under the Bowls S.A. Laws of the Sport of Bowls and these local regulations.

### **2. Player Eligibility**

All competitors shall be bona fide members of Clubs affiliated to Ekurhuleni Bowls.

- 2.1 Each team player, entered in the Championship shall be bona fide members of the same Club.
- 2.2 Any player of a Club affiliated to Ekurhuleni Bowls, shall enter the District Championship through the Club where the player is registered on the Bowls SA Membership website as full member.
- 2.3 A reserve will be eligible on condition the player has been recorded on the declaration form completed before the start of the team's first game.
- 2.4 A member from the same Club will be eligible as a replacement player at the start of the first game of the team, on condition the player had previously not entered the specific championship with any other team.
- 2.5 Team players may be replaced before the first game on condition that at least ONE player of the original entry participates.
- 2.6 Any player, irrespective of Club membership, will be eligible as a substitute on condition the names of not more than four bowlers, who have not played for any team participating in the Championship, shall be recorded, and placed in a hat/container. The player drawn from the hat will be allowed to play for the team for as many matches as he/she may be required but may not skip.
- 2.7 The Championships shall be conducted on preliminary Round Robin basis and the Section winners on the Knockout system.
- 2.8 Once the draw has been declared, no late entries will be accepted.
- 2.9 EKB bowlers younger than 30 years of age can belong to the EKB Virtual Juniors Club and enter competitions with other youngsters from this Virtual Club. These are the only bowlers that do not have to enter under their primary club as registered on the Bowls South Africa database.

### **3. Host Club Responsibility**

- 3.1 The Clubs selected to stage games to be played in an Ekurhuleni Bowls Championships/Competitions are required to prepare the greens allocated, in order that the games may be played in Championship conditions.
- 3.2 A competent Official and/or Technical Official shall be appointed by the Club to run the competition.
- 3.3 Each team will pay a **facility fee per player** to the host Club on reporting at the venue of the Championship.
- 3.4 No facility fee will be paid when reporting for the first game scheduled to be played on the Sunday Afternoon.
- 3.5 Tea will be served in all Championship events hosted by a Club on the Saturday afternoon and the Sunday morning. No tea will be provided on the Sunday afternoon.
- 3.6 Club Officials are to ensure that score cards are completed in full when they are handed in. All players' names are filled in the correct positions and the game shots recorded end for end.

- 3.7 The results of all games played are to be reported by telephone to the Competition Secretary on the same day of play.
- 3.8 Results will be distributed by the following Tuesday.
- 3.9 The score cards, score sheets and where applicable the declaration forms are to be submitted electronically to the competition secretary after each day's play. Originals to be kept safe until they can be handed in to the competition secretary.
- 3.10 In the event that a Club is allocated the semi-finals and finals of a District Competition, the District Competition Secretaries and the District Technical Officials Standing Committee will be responsible for necessary bowls administration and Umpiring duties on the day.
- 3.11 A Club Liaison Official must be appointed to assist the district representatives with the logistics of the day.
- 3.12 All results as received by the Competition Secretary will be accepted as final and binding.

#### **4. Reporting for Play**

- 4.1 The host Club will provide declaration forms for the purpose of the Skip of a team to declare the surnames, initials, and Bowls SA number of each of his/her team before the commencement of the team's first round of play.
- 4.2 Should the team members differ from the original team entered, the names of the actual players participating at the venue must be filled in on the form.
- 4.3 Play shall commence at the time scheduled (unless otherwise instructed by the controlling body) but TEN minutes grace shall be allowed.
- 4.4 Players who arrive after the expiry of the ten minutes grace will be scratched, except where the Umpire / Tournament Official appointed may exercise his discretion when players are prevented from arriving at a green on time through circumstances beyond their control while in transit to the venue of play and provided contact has been made with the Official before the expiration of the period of grace. The Umpire / Official's decision shall be final.
- 4.5 Regardless of inclement weather, players still need to report at the venue. Unless advised by EKB Exco or Competition Secretary not to report for play.
- 4.6 Competitors are responsible to ensure that games are played against the correct opponent in each round.
- 4.7 Competitors are responsible for ensuring they are familiar with the Conditions of Play for the Championship or Competition.

#### **5. Championship Conditions of Play**

##### **5.1 Open Fours Championship**

- 5.1.1 Entries for the Open Fours Championship shall consist of four players of the same gender and members of the same Club. Only one Reserve may be declared on the declaration form at the start of the first round.
- 5.1.2 Teams shall be drawn into Sections of four teams playing three games of 15 ends.
- 5.1.3 Thereafter section winners will play 21 ends on a knock-out play basis.

## **5.2 Mixed Fours Championship**

- 5.2.1 Entries for the Mixed Fours Championship shall consist of two men and two women players and members of the same Club each playing two bowls. Two reserves may be declared on the declaration form at the start of the first round, one man and one women but only one of the members may be replaced.
- 5.2.2 Teams shall be drawn into Sections of four teams playing three games of 15 ends.
- 5.2.3 Thereafter section winners will play 21 ends on a knockout basis.

## **5.3 Open Triples Championship**

- 5.3.1 Entries for the Open Triples Championship shall consist of three players of the same gender and members of the same Club each playing three bowls. Only one Reserve may be declared on the declaration form at the start of the first round.
- 5.3.2 Teams shall be drawn into Sections of four teams playing three games of 15 ends.
- 5.3.3 Thereafter section winners will play 18 ends on a knock-out basis.

## **5.4 Open Pairs Championship**

- 5.4.1 Entries for the Open Pairs Championship shall consist of two players of the same gender and members of the same Club each playing three bowls. Only One Reserve may be declared on the declaration form at the start of the first round.
- 5.4.2 Teams shall be drawn into Sections of four teams playing three games of 15 ends.
- 5.4.3 Thereafter section winners will play 18 ends on a knock-out basis.

## **5.5 Mixed Pairs Championship**

- 5.5.1 Entries for the Mixed Pairs Championship shall consist of one man and one women player and members of the same Club each playing three bowls. Two reserves may be declared on the declaration form at the start of the first round, one man and one women but only one of the members may be replaced.
- 5.5.2 Teams shall be drawn into Sections of four teams playing three games of 15 ends.
- 5.5.3 Thereafter section winners will play 18 ends on a knock-out basis.

## **5.6 Veteran Men's Pairs Championship**

- 5.6.1 Entries for the Veteran Men's Pairs Championship shall consist of two men players of the same Club each playing three bowls. Each player shall have reached the age of 60 years on the day of the first game of play in the competition. A Reserve may be declared on the declaration form at the start of the first round.
- 5.6.2 Teams shall be drawn into Sections of four teams playing three games of 15 ends.
- 5.6.3 Thereafter section winners will play 18 ends on a knock-out basis.

## **5.7 Open Men's and Women's Singles Championship**

- 5.7.1 Each player entering the Singles Championship shall be a bona fide member of the Club entering the competition.
- 5.7.2 Players will be drawn into sections of 3 players. The winner of a game will be the first player to reach 21 shots.

- 5.7.3 The third player of the draw will mark the first game.
- 5.7.4 The winner of the first game shall mark the second game. The loser of the first game shall mark the third game. Order of play must be maintained.
- 5.7.5 Thereafter Section winners will play on a knockout basis.

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- 5.8.6 Thereafter Section winners will play on a knockout basis.

## **6. Play Regulations**

- 6.1 Eligible reserves, replacements then a substitute will be permitted in team games. (Law 32.9 in Domestic regulations) will apply.
- 6.2 The players of a team are to be uniformly dressed in Club approved clothing. Clubs are to ensure the players representing their Club are wearing the correct attire – see Dress Regulations published on the website [www.ekurhulenibowls.co.za](http://www.ekurhulenibowls.co.za).
- 6.3 Club approved temporary adhesive stickers may be used on the bowls if all members of the team is using them.
- 6.4 The skips shall toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the option of who shall play first.
- 6.5 The winner of the toss will be responsible for the scoreboard and the loser the scorecard.
- 6.6 The position of the players will be declared on the scorecard and transferred onto the scoreboard in the same order.
- 6.7 The position of the players within the team should not be changed after the first end has been completed.
- 6.8 Should it be necessary to introduce a substitute during the game the position of the players may be changed but the substitute may not skip.
- 6.9 In the Round-robin and the playoff stages of any Championship two trial ends may be played before the start of each game.
- 6.10 Two trial ends may be played before completing an unfinished game on another day.
- 6.11 In the Round-robin stage of any Championship, there will be no dead jacks (burnt ends). The jack will be placed on the 2m mark.
- 6.12 In playoffs for all championships, only two ends may be declared dead per game per team / player in singles in the result of a dead jack (burnt ends), thereafter 2m re-spotting will apply.
- 6.13 In the playoff stages of any Championship (burnt) dead jacks will be replayed in the same direction unless it is agreed to play in the opposite direction.

- 6.14 Should the bowls need to be transferred to the opposite end of the rink before the end is replayed, they should be carried to the opposite end by the players.
- 6.15 The scorecards are to be completed end by end.
- 6.16 The rink belongs to the team player whose bowl is being played.
- 6.17 As soon as the bowl comes to rest and after time has been allowed to mark a toucher, the possession of the rink transfers to the opposing team player. It's your responsibility to mark your own touches.
- 6.18 The player delivering the bowl must retire behind the mat or be beyond the head after the delivered bowl comes to rest.
- 6.19 During the round robin stage, the team accumulating the most points (2 points for a win, 1 point for a peeled game and 0 points for a loss game) shall be declared the section winner.
  - 6.19.1 Should the points be equal the highest net shots by the contesting teams will be declared the winner.
  - 6.19.2 Should the net shots be equal the highest shot average will determine the winner – shots FOR compared to the shots AGAINST.
  - 6.19.3 Should there still be equality, the winner of the game played against each other will be declared the winner.
  - 6.19.4 If the above two teams' game was drawn, one sudden death end with no trial end will be played on a rink that neither team has played on to determine the Section winner.
  - 6.19.5 Should the scores in knock-out stages be equal after playing the required number of ends an extra deciding end shall be played.
- 6.20 Slow play will not be tolerated under any circumstances and players will have to comply with the following rules:
  - 6.20.1 Singles – A player may only visit the head after his/her third bowl.
  - 6.20.2 Pairs – Leads may not visit the head. Skips may visit the head after their second bowl.
  - 6.20.3 Triples – Leads and Seconds may not visit the head. Skips may visit the head after their first bowl.
  - 6.20.4 Fours – Leads and Seconds may not visit the head. Thirds may visit the head after their first bowl with the permission of the opposing Skip. Skips may visit the head after their first bowl.
- 6.21 There will be no bronze playoffs in any discipline.
- 6.22 The consumption of alcohol on or next to the green by participants still involved in a game is not permitted.
- 6.23 Cell phones and other mobile devices must be switched off during play.
- 6.24 Smoking / vaping is not permitted on the green only 2m off the greens.
- 6.25 In the event of any breach of the above, the team concerned may be disqualified.

## **7. Play Interruptions:**

### **7.1 Play Interrupted by Rain**

- 7.1.1 The Official in charge at the venue shall monitor the state of the greens and the effect on the games during the rain and should it be necessary will suspend play by the sounding of a bell / alarm.
- 7.1.2 The Official in charge at the venue shall monitor the state of the greens during and after rain has interrupted play.

- 7.1.3 The Official in charge shall consult the resident greenkeeper and assess the condition of the greens at regular intervals.
- 7.1.4 Regular announcements are to be made on the suspension of play.
- 7.1.5 The Official in charge at a venue shall make every effort to complete the games that are interrupted by inclement weather without causing any damage to the greens should play be resumed.
- 7.1.6 The Official in charge shall inform the Controlling Body immediately should it be necessary to abandon play.
- 7.1.7 The Laws of the Sport of Bowls is to be applied should play be resumed.
- 7.1.8 If the game cannot resume then for games played over 21 ends, 15 ends will constitute the game. Games played over 18 ends, 12 ends will constitute the game. Games played over 15 ends, 10 ends will constitute the game.

## **7.2 Play Interrupted by Lightning**

- 7.2.1 The Official in charge shall monitor the presence of lightning and if satisfied that the venue is being threatened, play shall be suspended immediately by the sounding of a bell/alarm.
- 7.2.2 All threats should be monitored to be away more than 16km for at least 10minutes before allowing the players back on.
- 7.2.3 At the sounding of a bell/alarm all players will leave the green immediately and get inside the club house.
- 7.2.4 Play will only resume by the sounding of an all-clear bell/alarm when the Official in charge is satisfied that the threat has passed.
- 7.2.5 Should the circumstances require that play be abandoned, the Controlling Body is to be informed immediately.
- 7.2.6 In the event of any game suspended and to be resumed later, the Official in charge is to ensure that all the scorecards have been completed correctly and signed by both skips.

## **7.3 Play Interrupted by Heat**

- 7.3.1 The official in charge at the venue shall monitor the temperature and humidity.
- 7.3.2 Should the temperature be 35°C and the humidity at 41%, players will be called off entering the club house for a 10 minute re-hydration period.
- 7.3.3 Should the temperature continue being high, a reassessment of the situation must be considered.

## **8. Abandoning the Game**

- 8.1 No game will be abandoned before 16H30 or before instructed by the duty Tournament Official.
- 8.2 Determination of the result of an abandoned game will be at the discretion of the Tournament Official assisted by a District Competition Secretary with advice taken from the District Executive.



## **9. Breach of Regulations**

- 9.1 Any Player/s who are in breach of the above rules will be subject to discipline in terms of the Constitution of the Ekurhuleni Bowls. Any player/s who fails to report to any Ekurhuleni Bowls Championship or Competition without advising the Controlling Bodies concerned of such absence, then said player/s will automatically be suspended from playing in Ekurhuleni Bowls Championships/Competitions for a period of twelve months.
- 9.2 Any player/s who knowingly participates in the round-robin stages of a Championship/Competition, wins their Section and are unable to take any further part in said Championship/ Competition will automatically be suspended from playing in Ekurhuleni Bowls Championships/Competitions for a period of twelve months. Proof of evidence remains with the player/s.
- 9.3 In the event of a scratching after completion of the Round Robin sections the designated opposition in that game of the playoffs will proceed into the next round of play.
- 9.4 The Executive will immediately advise the Club in writing and player/s concerned have the right of immediate appeal to the Executive against such suspension and if the Executive is satisfied with the reasons for non-appearance such player/s will be reinstated with immediate effect. If the appeal is unsuccessful, the player/s concerned has the right of appeal in terms of the constitution.

## **10. Amendment of Regulations**

Ekurhuleni Bowls shall be empowered to suspend, modify, or amend any of the provisions of the above regulations to meet changing circumstances and special conditions.

## **11. District Competition Secretaries**

Results are to be submitted to the District Competition Secretaries as below by no later than 19:00 on the day of play.

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## **12. EKB President**



Signature

Date: 5 January 2024