

WARWICK WOMEN'S NATIONALS BOWLS TOURNAMENT

CAPE TOWN

Sat 18 to Sun 26 April 2009

The Tournament will be played over 9 days as follows:

Sat 18 – Pairs – Round Robin 1, 2 & 3 (15 ends)

Sun 19 – Pairs – Round Robin 4 & 5 and one playoff round (15 ends)

Mon 20 – Pairs – Playoff rounds continue (15 ends)

Tue 21 - Fours - Round Robin 1, 2 & 3 (15 ends)

Wed 22 - Fours - Round Robin 4 & 5 and one playoff round (15 ends)

Thu 23 – Fours – Playoff rounds continue (15 ends)

Fri 24 – Singles - Round Robin 1, 2 & 3 (21 ends)

Sat 25 – Singles - Playoff rounds (21 end)

Sun 26 – All - Semi Finals & Finals

Please see following pages for an explanation of the format of play.

Headquarters & Venues

The venue for Headquarters will only be decided after the BSA Greens visit (13-15 January 2009) and the allocation of playing venues will depend on the number of entries received, the main criterion being that the best greens available will be used for the tournament.

Accommodation

Accommodation in Cape Town is easy to find on the internet, have a look at the following sites:

<http://www.safarinow.com/destinations/cape-town>

<http://www.cape-accommodation.co.za>

These two B&Bs are situated in Edgemoed, a centrally situated suburb and both can be contacted on 021 559 4400 or 083 312 4400.

<http://www.pepper-tree.co.za>

<http://www.nat-art.co.za>

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Extract from BSA Modus Operandi

10. RULES & FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The Championships will be played over 9 days. The Pairs to commence on the first weekend to allow for Bowlers to return home should they only be entered in the Pairs.

10.1 PAIRS:

The Pairs Championship will be played with four bowls and this discipline must complete a minimum of four [4] knock out stages before commencing with the National Fours. The Pairs Championship shall be open to all bona fide members of Clubs.

10.1.1 The Pairs shall be played on the League system in sections of not less than five [5] and not more than six [6] pairs. Two points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. All games shall be played to fifteen ends [15]. **The Semi-Final & Finals to be played over twenty one [21] ends.**

10.1.2 As soon as possible after the entries for the Championship have been received, the Tournament Committee will arrange the draw of the competing teams into the required number of sections.

10.1.3 Each Pair shall be members of the same Club.

10.1.4 Before the start of play on the first day of the Championship, each pair must complete a Declaration Form [Annexure 'A'] and hand it to the Club Tournament Official [hereinafter referred to as the CTO] at the Club where they are drawn to play.

10.1.5 Withdrawals:

If there are withdrawals from this Championship prior to its commencement that reduce the number of teams in one or more section to less than five (5) teams, the Committee shall re-arrange the sections in such a manner as to ensure that no section has less than five (5) teams. They will immediately notify the Districts of the teams that have been moved from the original section in which they were drawn.

10.1.6 If a pair retires from the Championship as a result of unforeseen circumstances or a pair is disqualified before the completion of the sectional play, all scores for and against such team shall be expunged from the records of the Championship.

10.1.7 Should a pair, which fails to appear within ten (10) minutes of the time appointed for the commencement of its match **has a satisfactory** reason acceptable to the Jury of Appeal, the Committee shall decide when and if the match can proceed. If time is not available, the team in default shall be disqualified and Section 10.1.7 shall apply.

10.1.8 Should a pair, which fails to appear within ten (10) minutes of the time appointed for the commencement of its match, **not have a satisfactory** reason acceptable to the Jury of Appeal, the Committee shall disqualify them and Section 10.1.7 shall apply.

In addition the Committee shall report all such incidents with full supporting details to the Bowls South Africa Executive, who shall decide whether to debar such defaulting teams from the following year's Nationals.

10.1.9 Substitutes will be allowed. In accordance with the Conditions of Play. If a player is unable to play in any match Section 10.1.7 shall apply.

10.1.10 Each pair will play each pair in their respective section. Two points will be awarded for a win and one point for each drawn match. The rotation of play shall be on a Round Robin basis.

10.1.11 The team with the most points in a section will be declared the winner.

10.1.12 In the event of a tie in points at the end of the sectional play, refer to 10.4.7.

10.1.13 The winners of each section shall play on a knockout basis in accordance with the pre-determined draw as arranged by the Committee and approved by the Bowls South Africa Executive or its nominee.

10.1.14 Teams qualifying for the Section Winners play-offs must play their first knock-out round at the same Club as their final section game.

10.2. FOURS:

10.2.1 Fours will commence on the Fourth [4th] day of the Tournament.

10.2.2 Competing teams will be represented by not more than five players, all of whom shall be bona fide members of the same club, and must be affiliated to Bowls South Africa, or have been invited to enter by the Executive from another National Authority.

10.2.3 **Declaration Forms:** Before the commencement of play on the first day of the Fours Championship, the Skip of each team must hand a completed declaration form to the Tournament Official on duty at the Club where the team is drawn to play its first game. **Names of the players must be PRINTED WITH FIRST NAMES AND SURNAMES [NO NICKNAMES TO BE USED]. [Annexure 'A']**

10.2.4 The Fours Championship shall be played on the league system in sections of maximum six teams [6], but not less than five [5], over fifteen [15] ends. Three rounds to be completed each day. The play-offs will be on a knockout basis. Each four will play each other in their respective section. Two points will be awarded for a win and one point for each drawn game. The rotation of play shall be on a Round Robin basis.

10.2.5 The team with the most points in a section will be declared the winner. [10.4.7 refers]

10.2.6 Semi-Finals & Finals: To be played over 21 ends.

10.2.7 Withdrawals:

If there are withdrawals from this Championship prior to its commencement that reduce the number of teams in one or more sections to less than six[6] teams, the Committee shall re-arrange the sections in such a manner as to ensure that no section has less than five [5] teams. They will immediately notify the Districts of the teams that have been moved from the original section in which they were drawn.

- 10.2.8 If a team retires from the Championship as a result of unforeseen circumstances or a team is disqualified before the completion of the sectional play, all scores for and against such team shall be expunged from the records of the Championship.
- 10.2.9 Should a team, which fails to appear within ten (10) minutes of the time appointed for the commencement of its match **has a satisfactory** reason acceptable to the Jury of Appeal, the Committee shall decide when and if the match can proceed. If time is not available, the team in default shall be disqualified and Section 10.1.7 shall apply.
- 10.2.10 Should a team, which fails to appear within ten (10) minutes of the time appointed for the commencement of its match **not have a satisfactory** reason acceptable to the Jury of Appeal, the Committee shall forfeit the points to the opponents.

In addition the Committee shall report all such incidents with full supporting details to the Bowls South Africa Executive who shall decide whether to debar such defaulting teams from the following year's Nationals.

10.3 **SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP:**

10.3.1 **The Singles will commence on the 7th Day of the Tournament.**

10.3.2 Players qualify for the South African Singles Championship by winning their respective District Singles event as per 10.3.6. Allocations per District will be weighted according to total membership. The total entry into the finals shall not exceed 128 players. Eight entries to be reserved as the Presidents Invitation.

10.3.3 **Method of Play:**

This Championship shall be played to 21 shots with four [4] bowls.

10.3.4 The first day will be arranged for sectional Play of 32 sections of four [4] entries. No section will be less than three [3] players. The second day will continue with knock-out play by the winners of each section.

10.3.5 Allocation of Players for the Singles Championship per District is as follows:-

WPBA	16
CGBA	16
Port Natal	16
Gauteng North	8
Eastern Gauteng	8
Eastern Province	8
Boland	4
Border	4
Southern Cape	4
Kingfisher	4
KZN Country	4
Mpumalanga	4
Natal Inland	4
Northern Free State	4
Sables	4
Southern Free State	4
Limpopo	2
North West	2
Northern Cape	2
Sedibeng	2
<hr/> SUB TOTAL	120
+	
Presidents Invitation	8
<hr/> TOTAL	128

10.4 **SENIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP:**

10.4.1 The Senior Singles will commence on the 7th Day of the Tournament.

10.4.2 Players qualify for the South African Senior Singles Championship by winning their respective District Singles event as per 10.4.6. Allocations per District will be weighted according to total membership. The total entry into the finals shall not exceed 64 players. Four entries to be reserved as the Presidents Invitation.

10.4.3 **Method of Play:**

This Championship shall be played to 21 shots with four [4] bowls.

10.4.4 The first day will be arranged for sectional Play of 16 sections of three [3] entries. No section will be less than three [3] players. The second day will continue with knock-out play by the winners of each section.

10.4.5 Allocation of Players for the Senior Singles Championship per District is as follows:-

WPBA	8
CGBA	8
Port Natal	8
Gauteng North	4
Eastern Gauteng	4
Eastern Province	4
Boland	2
Border	2
Southern Cape	2
Kingfisher	2
KZN Country	2
Mpumalanga	2
Natal Inland	2
Northern Free State	2

Sables	2
Southern Free State	2
Limpopo	1
North West	1
Northern Cape	1
Sedibeng	1
<hr/> SUB TOTAL	60
+	
Presidents Invitation	4
<hr/> TOTAL	64

10.4.6 **No substitutions** for players unable to attend either the South African Singles or Senior Singles Championships will be allowed. **Withdrawals** will reduce the total number of entries.

10.4.7 **PAIRS,FOURS,SINGLES, SENIOR SINGLES & CLUB CHALLENGE:**
The Winners of Section play in all the above disciplines will be decided by the following criteria:
Points, Net Shots, Shot Percentages.

e.g Net Shots:
Team A-
Total 60 shots for, total 30 against = Net Score 30.
Team B-
Total 70 shot for, total 50 against = Net score 20.
Team A is the winner.

e.g Shot Percentages:
The total shots each team has scored shall be divided by the total shots scored against the team, the higher resulting figure shall determine the winner.

Team A-
Total 60 shots for, 40 against.
Net score $20 \div 40 = 1.50$
Team B-
Total 70 shots for, 50 against.
Net score $20 \div 50 = 1.40$
Team A is the winner.

If equality still exists it will be the winner of the game between the teams concerned.

Club Challenge: If there is a tie in the Club Challenge the trophy will be shared.

11. **SUBSTITUTES**

- 11.1 If a team requires a substitute because one player is absent either at the start or during a match but is likely to resume in subsequent matches, the Club Tournament Official, hereinafter referred to "the CTO", shall call for players present who are willing to act as substitutes. He/she shall then draw player from those names to act as a substitute for that match or the remainder thereof.
- 11.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing if any team, participating in the Section Winners play-offs, requires a substitute because one player is absent either at the start or during a match, or on the resumption an interrupted match, the Committee shall call for names of players who are willing to act as a substitute.
- 11.3 In the event there are more than one volunteer, up to Four [4] names shall be placed in a container. The Player acting Skip for the team concerned shall draw one name there from and this player shall be the substitute for that particular match only. Should a substitute be required in a subsequent match, the procedure laid down herein shall be repeated.

12. **THE CLUB CHALLENGE:**

The Club Challenge will consist of the Pairs and Fours only.
The Teams contesting this Challenge will require the Fours team to split into two sets of Pairs.

It will not be compulsory for teams to enter the Club Challenge. This will then allow for participants to only enter one discipline during the Nationals if they prefer.

The procedure to arrive at the overall Club/Team winner will be as follows:-

- 12.1. At the conclusion of section play points will be allocated to teams on the following basis: six [6] points for the team finishing top of the section, five[5] points for second place, etc.
- 12.2 During knockout stages two [2] points will be awarded for a win, except when all teams are not playing in the same round, when NO points will be awarded.
- 12.3 At the conclusion of the Championship points from the section play onwards will be totaled, and the Club/Team with the highest points will be the winner.
- 12.4 Should equality exist 10.4.7 refers.

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