

CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

Amended 29 October 2012

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

2. ELIGIBILITY

- All competitors shall be bona fide members of Clubs affiliated to E.G. Bowls
- Each team player, entered in the Championship shall be bona fide members of the same Club.
- Any player of a Club affiliated to E.G. Bowls, shall enter the District Championship through the Club where the player is registered on the Bowls SA Membership website.
- Any DUAL member player may only enter a Championship through the Club which appears next to his Bowls SA Number and Name on the Bowls SA membership website.
- The player, who wishes to represent the other Club in a Championship, shall re-register as a member of the dual Club on the Bowls SA Membership Website before such an entry is accepted.
- 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.
- 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.
- Team players may be replaced before the first game on condition that at least ONE player of the original entry participates.
- Any player, irrespective of Club membership, will be eligible as a substitute on condition the names of not more that 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.
- This Championship shall be conducted on the Round Robin and the Knockout system.
- Once the draw has been declared no late entries will be accepted.
- In the case of byes being declared in the Round Robin stage of the competition late entries will be used to fill the bye vacancies and should a withdrawal occur that vacancy shall be filled by the district Competition Secretary- the decision of the Competition Secretary will be final in this matter.

2. HOST CLUB REponsibility

- The Clubs selected to stage games to be played in an E.G. Bowls Championships/Competitions are required to prepare the greens allocated, in order that the games may be play in Championship conditions.
 - the greens shall have been cut recently
 - the greens shall be set out in not more than SIX rinks
 - the outside boundary of each end rink shall be at least 500 millimetres from the side ditch

- Each team will pay a **facility fee per player** to the host Club on reporting at the venue of the Championship.
- No facility fee will be paid when reporting for the first game scheduled to be played on the Sunday Afternoon.
- This fee **set by Council** shall include the cost of tea and eats provided. – (As at 15 October 2011 fee = R15.00)
- 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.
- Clubs are to make provision for the use of tobacco products by players on the greens.

3. REPORTING FOR PLAY

- 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.
- The declaration forms are to be returned to the District Competition Secretary with the scorecards and score sheets completed in the early rounds.
- Play shall commence at the time scheduled (unless otherwise instructed by the controlling body) but TEN minutes grace shall be allowed.
- 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.
- In the event of inclement weather, the onus shall be on the participating players to report in person to the Umpire or Tournament Official at the scheduled time of play.
- Players not on the green within TEN minutes of the time that the Umpire/Official declares play to commence, will be scratched from the Championship/Competition.
- Competitors are responsible to ensure that games are played against the correct opponent in each round. All results as received by the Competition Secretary will be accepted as final and binding.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS OF PLAY

4.1 Open Fours Championship

Entries for the Open Fours Champion shall consist of four players of the same gender and members of the same Club. A Reserve may be declared on the declaration form at the start of the first round.

4.2 Mixed Fours Championship

Entries for the Mixed Fours Champion shall consist of two men and two women players and members of the same Club. Two reserves may be declared on the declaration form at the start of the first round, one man and one woman.

4.3 Open Pairs Championship

Entries for the Open Pairs Champion shall consist of two players of the same gender and members of the same Club. A Reserve may be declared on the declaration form at the start of the first round.

4.2 Mixed Pairs Championship

Entries for the Mixed Pairs Champion shall consist of one man and one woman player and members of the same Club. Two reserves may be

declared on the declaration form at the start of the first round, one man and one woman.

4.3 Senior Men's Pairs Championship

Entries for the Senior Men's Pairs Champion shall consist of two men players of the same Club. 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.

4.4 Open Men's and Women's Singles Championship.

Each player entering the Singles Championship shall be a bona fide member of the Club entering the competition.

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4.6 Play regulations

- Eligible reserves, replacements then substitutes will be permitted.
- 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.
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- The same Club or District approved temporary adhesive stickers may be used on the bowls of all members of the team.
- The skips shall toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the option of who shall play first.
- The winner of the toss will be responsible for the scoreboard and the loser the scorecard.
- The position of the players will be declared on the scorecard.
- The position of the players within the team should not be changed after the first end has been completed.
- Should it be necessary to introduce a substitute during the game the position of the players may be changed. The substitute may not skip.
- One trial end in each direction may be played before the start of first game and the last game in the round robin stage.
- One trial end in each direction may be played before completing an unfinished game on another day.
- The round robin games shall consist of the prescribed number of ends and thereafter the playoffs shall be 21 ends.
- The scorecards are to be kept end by end.
- 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.
- Should the points be equal the highest net shots by the contesting teams will be declared the winner.
- Should the net shots be equal the highest shot average will determine the winner – shots FOR compared to the shots AGAINST.
- Should there still be equality the winner of the game played against each other will be declared the winner.
- A dead end should be replayed in the same direction unless the skips agree to play it in the opposite direction.
- Should the jack and 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.

- The rink belongs to the team player whose bowl is being played.
- 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.
- The player delivering the bowl must retire behind the mat or the delivered bowl when the particular bowl comes to rest.
- During play, players only be allowed to walk up to the head; leads after the delivering 2 bowl and skips after both having delivering two bowls.
- Should play be interrupted by inclement weather the participating players are to appeal to the Umpire or Tournament Official to suspend play. Clause 7 below shall apply.
- Should the scores are equal after playing 21 ends an extra deciding end or ends shall be played.
- The results of the games played on a Saturday are to be reported by telephone to the Competition Secretary on Saturday evening and results of games played on a Sunday has to be reported by telephone to the Competition Secretary that same evening.
- The score cards and score sheets are to be delivered to the District Competition Secretary after each weekend sessions of play.
- In the event of any breach of the above, the fours team concerned will be disqualified.

5 INCLEMENT WEATHER SUSPENSION OF PLAY

Play interrupted by rain.

- The Official in charge at the venue shall monitor the state of the greens during and after rain has interrupted play.
- The Official in charge shall assess the condition of the greens at regular intervals.
- Regular announcements are to be made on the suspension of play.
- The Official in charge at a venue shall make every effort to complete the games that are interrupted by inclement weather.
- Should the Official in charge decide to abandon play, the controlling body shall be informed.
- The Laws of the Sport of Bowls is to be applied should play be resumed.

Play interrupted by Lightning.

- 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
- Play shall be suspended immediately and players shall leave the green at the sounding of the bell/alarm.
- Play is to resume when the Official in charge is satisfied that the threat has passed by sounding an all-clear alarm call.
- Should the circumstances require that play be abandoned, the Controlling Body is to be informed.
- The Laws of the Sport of Bowls is to be applied on resumption of play.

6 ***NO GAME SHALL BE ABANDONED BEFORE 16H00***

7 BREACH OF REGULATIONS

- Any Player/s who is in breach of the above rules will be subject to discipline in terms of the Constitution of the Eastern Gauteng Bowls. Any player/s who fails to report to any E.G. Bowls Championship or Competition or Northern Districts Tournament event without advising the Controlling Bodies

- concerned of such absence, then said player/s will automatically be suspended from playing in E.G. Bowls Championships/Competitions and Northern Districts Tournaments for a period of twelve months.
- 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.

7 AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS

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

8. DISTRICT COMPETITION SECRETARY

Men – Colin Marais – Cell No. 083 654 1879
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