



By-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 and may only be considered for promotion from the lower league after having played two games in that league;
- 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 as follows:

- 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 player that was substituted 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 – 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 amount 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 seven 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 4th 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 14:00;
- Each side will pay a **facility fee per player of R30.00** 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 after the second set.
- 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 oversee 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 team;
- 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 for the first round. There after they will play the opposite skip of the opponents.
- 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 Competition Secretary ASAP.

8. Scoring

- In all Divisions each match will be comprised of two rounds except the Men's 4th Division and Women's 3rd Division where matches will comprise only one round;
- All games will be over 18 ends.
- Games will be split into three sets of 6 ends.
- The score shall be recorded end by end on the scoreboard;
- Sides will be awarded points on the following basis:
 - 1 point will be awarded for each set won on shots FOR and AGAINST;
 - 2 points will be awarded to the team winning the game on shots FOR and AGAINST, over the three sets;

- A total of 5 points will be scored in a team game;
- The Total Points and Total Shots for both games (MATCH) will be determined as follows:
 - Two match Bonus Points will be allocated to the winning Club Side on total shots FOR and AGAINST;
 - A Total of 12 points will be scored for a match;
- In Divisions with three players per Club the scoring will be as above for a game win – a total of 5 points may be scored in a game (MATCH).

Note that the mat goes to the side winning toss for the first set and to the side winning each of the sets thereafter

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

Definitions:

- 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 16:30;

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 16:30.

10.1 Scoring of abandoned games

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

- Sets** One point scored for the winner of each completed set. The points for incomplete sets are to be shared;
- Game** Once two sets have been completed, the team with the greatest number of shots, based on completed ends, will be the winner. If less than two sets have been completed, the points are shared equally;
- Overall** The bonus points are awarded to the side with the greatest number of shots, based on all completed ends, irrespective of how many ends have been completed.

11. 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.
- In Women's 2nd Division, first and second placed teams will play in the finals. Both clubs will be promoted to first division and the clubs that end last and second last will be relegated.

12. 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.

13. Promotion & Relegation

- The two section winners in each Division are automatically promoted to the next higher Division
- The bottom teams in each Division are automatically relegated to the next lower Division

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. 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

Men:	Howard Gibbons	Mobile: 083 459 1493
Women:	Rowena Eggberry	Mobile: 083 426 9013