

EP BOWLS / PERSONAL TRUST
Conditions of Play
Ladies & Men's Pairs Championships 2018

1. ENTRIES

The Championships will start on Sunday 12 August 2018 at various venues and the final will be played on the weekend of 1 2 September 2018 at a venue to be advised.

This is a closed competition in which only bona fide members from clubs affiliated to EP Bowls may participate.

Entries will close on 25 July 2018 Any entries received after the closing date will be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Secretary.

The entry fee will be R80 per team. Entry Fee for late entries will be R100

Entries must be submitted on the appropriate [Entry form](#).

Entry fees must be paid directly to Affiliated Clubs who in turn will submit all entries together with the Entry fee to The Secretary, EP Bowls. Clubs who choose to make electronic payments to EP Bowls must submit proof of payment with entry forms.

Entry fees are not refundable in the event of a cancellation of an entry on or after the closing date.

2. WITHDRAWALS AND SCRATCHINGS

Teams withdrawing from the competition after the draw has been published will be required to furnish, in writing, valid reasons for withdrawing failing which disciplinary action may be taken in terms of Section 19 of the constitution.

A team withdrawing or wishing to withdraw or scratch from the competition shall within Seven days prior to the commencement of play of the first round

- i. inform the opposing Skip or the Secretary of the Club of which the opposing Skip is a member
- ii. inform the Secretary of the Club at which the game is to be played
- iii. confirm to the District Secretary that i and ii above have been properly dealt with and
- iv. thereafter inform their own Club Secretary that all the above has been dealt with.

Should a team withdraw at any time after commencement of the round robin stages all their completed results up to the point of withdrawal shall stand. That game and the remainder of the games shall be forfeited and the opposing side/team/player for that and the remaining un-played games shall be allocated the points and the net total of shots equal to the average net total of shots scored by the winners of all the other games played in the same round/s of the same section.

3. FORMAT

Unless otherwise decided and announced by the Controlling Body prior to play commencing

3.1 All matches will be played on the 'Four/Four' method of play.

3.2 Entrants will be divided in sections of a maximum of Four teams. Sectional play will be on a round robin basis with each game being played over 21 ends.

3.3 Two points per win and one point for a tied game will be awarded. The section winners will be the team that has the highest number of points. In the event of there being a tie then

- i. shot profit will be used. If this is equal
- ii. shots for will be divided by shots against to determine shot aggregate. If this is equal

- iii. the winner of the game between the sides will be used. If this was tied then
 - iv. a coin will be tossed to determine the winner.
- 3.4 Section winners may be required to playoff in order to have Five section winners from Port Elizabeth, Two winners from Eastern Areas and One winner from Midlands.

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- 3.5 Play will start, afternoon sessions at 1,30pm and the morning sessions at 9.00am. A period of grace of not more than 30 minutes will be allowed. Should all players be present the Tournament Official may allow play to commence earlier. Teams failing to comply with this will be deemed to have scratched from the tournament and their results, up to the point of withdrawal shall stand. That game and the remainder of the games shall be forfeited and the opposing side/team/player for that and the remaining un-played games shall be allocated the points and the net total of shots equal to the average net total of shots scored by the winners of all the other games played in the same round/s of the same section. Players may be subject to disciplinary action by the Executive as a consequence of their non-appearance.
- 3.6 There will be no break during the morning and afternoon sessions
- 3.7 One trial end in each direction shall be allowed.
- 3.8 Burnt end will be replayed.
- 3.9 Competitors are required to fulfill all their obligations in terms of round robin play. If however, in consultation with the Tournament official, the playing of the last round shall not have any bearing in determining the section winner then both skips may agree not to contest such match as long as they pay the green fees due.
- 3.10 Green fees payable are R25 per player per session.

4 INCLEMENT WEATHER

- 4.3 In the event of inclement weather fifteen ends will deem to constitute a match.
- 4.4 The result of all other games at the same venue which have played at least Fifteen ends when play is suspended will be determined by the scores prevailing at the last completed end of each game when play is called off.
- 4.5 Should inclement weather prevent the completion of fifteen ends in any one match, then all games in that section will be deemed to have been tied.
- 4.6 The Executive shall have the right to change the number of ends in all matches at the same venue in order to complete sectional play.
- 4.7 In the event of sectional play not being completed the Executive shall have the right to determine the winners and runners-up of each section.

5 SCORING

- 5.3 Scorecards shall be completed in detail:
- i. Surname and initials must be recorded together with their BSA Numbers
 - ii. Shots must be recorded at the completion of each end
 - iii. The card must be signed by both skips at the conclusion of the game, confirming the final score.
 - iv. The umpire do not need to sign the cards nor control the totals.
- 5.4 Discrepancy between scorecard and scoreboard: (Law 37.3.2 Domestic Regulations page 4). In the event of any discrepancy the two skips will agree to correct the score. If there is no consensus, the scoreboard will overrule the scorecard.

6 TEAM COMPOSITION

- 6.3 Both players in the team must be 'First Call Members' from the same Club.

- 6.4 The first scorecard used during the round robin stage will be deemed to serve as the declaration form and must be completed in full stating players surname and initials together with their Bowls SA registration number. If a reserve/s is to be registered with the team, the names and Bowls SA numbers of such reserve/s must also be declared on the first scorecard. Failure to do so will disqualify any reserve from participating. (Domestic Regulations pg 150 refers)
- 6.5 More than one reserve may be registered with the proviso that one member of the original team must be present in the team at all times. Registered reserves may 'Skip' the team.
- 6.6 Use may be made of a substitute in the event of reserves not being registered with a team or not being available. Substitutes that are available from the bank will be drawn by the opposing skip, will not be entered on the declaration form and may not skip the team. (Domestic Regulation pg 149 refers). Substitutes may not be participants from another team entered in the competition and may not 'Skip' the team.
- 6.7 The Club Tournament Official will verify after each game that the participating players are recorded on the scorecard.
- 6.8 The position of players within a team may not be re-arranged during the game. They may however be re-arranged before the start of subsequent games played in the round robin and finals.
- 6.9 All team members must be dressed in their club colours. Any Transgression of this rule must be reported to the Controlling Body by the Tournament Official who will in turn report the offenders to their club who will take the necessary disciplinary action.

7 MISCELLANEOUS

- 7.1 Players may warm up before the game as set out in Domestic Regulations page 154.
- 7.2 All games will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Edition) unless changes have been specifically made to a law in accordance with Law 17.1
- 7.3 Smoking(including artificial devises or e-cigarettes such as Twisp), Alcohol, Cell phones and Hand held TV devices will not be permitted within 2 metres of the green while play is in progress.

The penalty for transgressing is as follows:

Upon the first offence the Technical Official will warn the player via the Skip and record the players name and District.

Upon any subsequent offence by the same player, the Technical Official shall report the player to the Controlling Body, who shall take suitable action, which may include suspending the team from taking any further part in the tournament. The attitude of the player and the circumstances will contribute to any decision taken by the Controlling Body.

The player has the right of appeal to the Jury of Appeal.

If the offence is committed in the last round, the penalty will be carried forward to the relevant tournament for the following year.

Should a player commit a third offence he/she will be banned from taking part in the Tournament and be suspended from playing in any other Bowls SA Tournaments for one year.

- 7.4 The Controlling Body, which is the Executive of EP Bowls, has delegated its duties and powers to the relevant Competition Secretary and Tournament Officials present at each Club.
- 7.5 The hosting Club is responsible for notifying the Competition Secretary of the results of the competition. Such notification should be done by fax, e-mail or sms directly after play. The hosting Club will also be responsible to forward all scorecards to the Competition Secretary.
- 7.6 In the event of a team, that has qualified for the finals, having to withdraw for valid reasons the Executive reserves the right to substitute such team so as have a full complement of teams for the finals. The substitution will be based on the following principles
 - i. The losing sectional finalist
 - ii. The runner-up in the section
 - iii. The best runner-up across all sections based on points / shot profit or shot aggregate.
 - iv. The principles outlined in 3.3 above will be used in conjunction with the above.

7.7 Sub-districts winners who cannot fulfill their entitlement to the finals must, through their District, advise EP Bowls at least Fourteen days prior to the final so that a substitute team can be obtained.

8. DISPUTES AND APPEALS

- i. No protest in connection with the result of a Game or an alleged infringement of the Laws during the game shall be considered unless it is made to the Tournament Official on duty. Subsequent play must proceed and the score cards noted accordingly. On receipt of the protest, the Tournament Official shall, through the Club Secretary, notify such dispute to the Executive. Such notification must be submitted within Seventy-two hours of the alleged infringement.
- ii. Any Player who feels aggrieved by an alleged contravention of the above conditions of play shall, notify the Tournament Official within 30 minutes of the conclusion of such match and through the Secretary of their Club, notify the Executive of such contravention. Such notification must be submitted within Seventy-two hours of the alleged contravention.
- iii. The Executive may call for additional verbal or written evidence to rule on the dispute. The Executive shall make a decision on such dispute which shall be final and binding on all parties.

By order of
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