

Conditions of Play

EP Bowls Personal Trust Men's & Women's Triples Championship 2018



These Conditions of Play must be placed on Display in Public at All Venues during all rounds of this Competition.

1. ENTRIES

The Championships will start on Saturday 17th February 2018 commencing at 13:30 at various venues, knock outs will be held on 24th February 2018, and should there be a need the knock-outs will continue on 25th February 2018. The finals will be played on the weekend of 3rd & 4th March 2018 at a venue to be announced.

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

Entries will close on 26th January 2018. Any entries received after the closing date will be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Secretary,

The entry fee will be **R120** per team. Late entries will bear a Penalty of R45 per team above the normal entry fee, payable with the Entry Form.

Entries must be submitted on the appropriate **Entry form by clubs and not Individuals.**

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.

In the event of non-payment of Entry fees teams will not be entered in the draw.

Green Fees payable at all venues will be R25.00 per player per session.

2. WITHDRAWALS AND SCRATCHINGS

Players or 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, wishing to withdraw or scratch from the competition shall do so 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 have been dealt with.

Any team or player who having commenced with the round robin play withdraws from the competition before all matches have been played for reasons which, in the sole opinion of the Executive, are deemed to be unacceptable shall be deemed to be guilty of unsportsmanlike behaviour and shall be subject to disciplinary action. 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. STARTING TIME

The official starting time for all matches shall be **13:30** for afternoon matches and **09:00** for morning matches. Should all players be present the Tournament Official may allow play to commence earlier.

If, within 30 minutes after the scheduled start time, one or more players are absent the defaulting team will forfeit the match to their opponents.

Any team / player having to forfeit a match under the above conditions may be subject to disciplinary action.

4. FORMAT

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

- 4.1 Players should play singly and in turn three of a set of bowls.
- 4.2 Entrants will be divided in sections of a minimum of Four teams. Sectional play will be on a round robin basis with each game being played over 18 ends.
- 4.3 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 a coin will be tossed to determine the winner.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 One trial end in each direction shall be allowed.
- 4.6 Burnt ends will be replayed.
- 4.7 Competitors are required to fulfil 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. Green fees due for such match shall be paid to the hosting club.

5. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- 5.1 Inclement weather is considered to be any adverse weather condition which makes it impossible to continue a match. Examples of such conditions are heavy rain, excessive heat, high winds and darkness.
- 5.2 The Tournament Official, either in their own capacity or on representation by the players, will make a decision as to inclement weather.
- 5.3 In the event of inclement weather then provided Fifteen ends have been completed in all sectional matches the result will be determined by the score recorded at the conclusion of Fifteen ends.
- 5.4 Should inclement weather prevent the completion of Fifteen ends in any one match in a section the Executive reserves the right to reschedule such matches so as complete sectional play. If no play can be rescheduled then all the games in that section will be deemed to have been tied.
- 5.5 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.

6. SCORING

- 6.1 Scorecards shall be completed in detail:
 - i. Surname, initials and BSA numbers must be recorded
 - 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.
- 6.2 Discrepancy between scorecard and scoreboard : (Law 40.1.8 Domestic Regulations page 151).
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. Should the scoreboard not be available then the score on the scorecard shall stand.
- 6.3 Once the scorecard has been signed and submitted to the Tournament Official Skips will have the opportunity to correct any discrepancy **before** the commencement of the next round. Failure to do so will mean that the score as reflected on the scorecard will stand.
- 6.4 Scorecards must be scanned and emailed to the competition secretary at epcompetitions@gmail.com.
Once the entire competition has been finalised, each Technical official at the various clubs may then destroy the cards, as the Competition Secretary will have the information on file.

7 TEAM COMPOSITION

- 7.1 All players in the team must be 'First Call Members' from the same Club.
- 7.2 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 is to be registered with the team, the names and Bowls SA numbers of such reserves must also be declared on the first scorecard. Failure to do so will disqualify any reserve from participating. (Domestic Regulations pg 148 refers)
- 7.3 More than one reserve may be registered with the proviso that **Two** members of the original team must be present at all times. Registered reserves may 'Skip' the side.
- 7.4 In the event that there are no registered reserves the names of not more than four bowlers who could play as a substitute shall be placed in a hat/container and the Skip of the opposing team shall draw out one name and the Tournament Official shall accept such person as a substitute. Substitutes will not be entered on the declaration form and may not skip the team. (Domestic Regulation pg 150 refers). Substitutes may not be participants from another team entered in the competition and may not 'Skip' the team.
- 7.5 The Club Tournament Official will verify after each game that the participating players are recorded on the scorecard.
- 7.6 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.

8 MISCELLANEOUS

- 8.1 Players may warm up before the game as set out in Domestic Regulations page 154.
- 8.2 All games will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition) unless changes have been specifically made to a law in accordance with Law 57.2.2
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 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.
- 8.5 The hosting Club is responsible for notifying the Competition Secretary of the results of the competition. Such notification should be done e-mail directly after play.
- 8.6 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 4.3 above will be used in conjunction with the above.
- 8.7 Sub-districts winners who cannot fulfil 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**
- 8.8 All Players 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.

9. 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 Team / 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
Executive Committee
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