



EP BOWLS

Conditions of Play

Mixed Pairs Championships

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 24 March 2018 at various venues and the final will be played on the weekend of 14th April in the **Eastern Areas** at the Port Alfred Bowling Club. This is a closed competition in which only bona fide members from clubs affiliated to EP Bowls may participate.

Entries will close on 10th March 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.

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

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 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 has 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. The points gained, if any, by the side withdrawing will be expunged from the records and the teams still to play will have a bye.

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 Six teams. Sectional play will be on a round robin basis with each game being played over 21 ends.

3.2 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.

3.3 Section winners may be required to play knockout games in order to have Five section winners from Port Elizabeth, Two winners from Eastern Areas and One winner from Midlands.

Play will start at the time indicated on the draw. A period of grace of not more than 30 minutes

will be allowed. Teams failing to comply with this will be deemed to have scratched from the tournament and their results, if any, will be expunged from the sectional results. In terms of the conditions described in withdrawals and scratchings above, players may be subject to disciplinary action by the Executive as a consequence of their non-appearance.

3.4 One trial end in each direction shall be allowed.

3.5 Burnt end will be replayed.

3.6 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.

4 INCLEMENT WEATHER

4.1 In the event of inclement weather fifteen ends will deem to constitute a match.

4.2 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 and of each game when play is called off.

4.2 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.

4.3 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.

4.4 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

5.1 Scorecards shall be completed in detail:

- i. Surname and initials 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.

5.2 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. **Should the scoreboard not be available then the score on the scorecard shall stand.**

6 TEAM COMPOSITION

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

6.2 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/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 6 refers)

6.3 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.

In the event that there are no registered reserves, the names of not more than four bowlers, who could play as a substitute and who have not played for any team participating in the Tournament, shall be recorded and placed in a hat/container and the Manager or failing him the Captain of the opposing team concerned, shall be allowed to draw out one name from the hat/container and the Controlling Body should accept this name

6.4 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, will not be entered on the declaration form and may not skip the team. (Domestic Regulation pg 7 refers). Substitutes may not be participants from another team entered in the competition and may not 'Skip' the team.

6.5 The Club Tournament Official will verify after each game that the participating players are recorded on the scorecard.

6.6 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.

6.7 In the event that there are no reserves or the registered reserves are already playing, the names of not more than four bowlers, who have not played for any team participating in the Tournament, shall be recorded and placed in a hat/container and the Manager or failing him the Captain of the opposing team concerned, shall be allowed to draw out one name from the hat/container and the Controlling Body should accept this name.

7 MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 Players may warm up before the game as set out in Domestic Regulations page 3.

7.2 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 17.1

7.3 The use of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes and electronic cigarettes on the green or within two meters from the perimeter of the green is strictly prohibited.

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 who cannot fulfill their entitlement to the finals may use the same principle in order to determine a substitute. If they are still unable to fulfill their obligations they must advise EP Bowls at least Fourteen days prior to the final so that a substitute can be obtained from Port Elizabeth teams.

7.8 If an opponent, the manager in a side game, the umpire or the Controlling body decides that a player has deliberately committed an act designed to give them or their team an unfair advantage they can appeal to the Controlling Body.

7.9 If an appeal is made, it should be made to the Controlling Body no later than 24 hours after the final end in the game affected is completed.

7.9 The person making the appeal should take immediate steps to send details to the Secretary of the Controlling Body who should arrange for it to be dealt with in line with their code of conduct and disciplinary procedures.

7.10 Restriction of movement during their second bowl play. The leads may only go to the head after they have played their third and fourth bowl and the Skips after their second bowl

By order of
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