



## **E.P. BOWLING ASSOCIATION (EPBA)**

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

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## REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The document refers to the following documents and should be read in conjunction with this document.

| Name of Document                                      | Author |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark, Edition Four | BSA    |
| Bowls SA Anti-Doping Policy                           | BSA    |
| By-Laws of EPBA                                       | EPBA   |
| Constitution of EPBA                                  | EPBA   |
| Policies of EPBA                                      | EPBA   |

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

These are the COPs for all EPBA championships and tournaments and as such shall be conducted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls; South African Fourth Edition including the Domestic Regulations of Bowls South Africa, the By-Laws of EPBA, the Constitution of EPBA and such EPBA policies as may be in effect at the time. Where specific COPs have been defined separately these will be referenced against each competition separately.

It is the responsibility of each player to ensure that they are familiar with and accept these conditions of play. Host club-appointed officials shall be conversant with the provisions as contained in **Annexure A** of this document.

## 2. CONTROLLING BODY

Each tournament shall be played under the control of the Eastern Province Bowls Association (EPBA) through its nominated executive member(s) and appointed officials. Each host club is responsible for appointing club official/s competent to carry out the duties on behalf of the controlling body. Such club official/s so empowered shall have all the powers as provided for within this document.

### **Powers of the Controlling Body:**

- To enquire into, and adjudicate on, any dispute or interpretation that may occur during the conduct of a tournament.
- To make changes to the format, amend the length of games or postpone the event to facilitate the orderly control of the game, and to achieve a fair result.
- No controlling body or Individual has the right or power to contract out of any of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Law 60).
- The Executive Committee reserves the right to change dates provided for on the calendar if they deem it necessary.
- In the event of league fixtures, provide for the proper allocation of rinks as set out within the rules specific to league games

### **Duties of host club officials**

- Ensure that results reach EPBA as soon after play or no later than by 9:00 AM on the Monday after the completion of each event. This may be facilitated by the use of E-mail or WhatsApp.
- Scorecards and declaration forms must be held by the competition secretary or the hosting tournament official until two weeks after the results have been posted on the EPBA website. If there is no query/objection by this time, they may be destroyed.
- Ensure that the event is started on the stipulated time or within such times as allows for the completion of play as assigned to that venue.

## 3. ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

All persons wishing to enter EPBA competitions shall be *bona fide* members of clubs affiliated to the EPBA.

- In the event of a team event team members shall be members of the same club. Players who are members of more than one club within EPBA shall indicate which club is their 'Mother Club' and may only represent that club until such time as this declaration is altered with written notification to the Secretary of EPBA.
- Competitions that are gender specific shall only be contested on that basis.



#### **The following condition shall apply to all entries**

No registered player may play for more than any one club during any EPBA-approved competition unless the conditions of play indicate otherwise. **Provided that**, such player shall have permanent domicile within the area of jurisdiction as defined within paragraph 5.1 of the constitution for the duration of the event during which participation takes place and that player having domicile within the municipal districts as described in paragraph 5.1 shall not have right of participation in other municipal districts within the Eastern Province region.

#### **4. ENTRY FEE**

The entry fee for each competition shall be as decided by EPBA per event. Competitors are required to have paid such fee as is due prior to the commencement of play.

EPBA will invoice clubs according to the number of participants entered by each club. The responsibility for the collection of individual/team entry fees is that of each club. Clubs should not accept entries for those players who have not paid the entry fee due.

#### **5. CATEGORIES OF PLAYERS**

In the event that competitions are to be played based on age or length of membership of EPBA these will be undertaken in accordance with the provisions as provided for in the By-Laws of EPBA.

#### **6. DRESS CODE**

All players must appear on the green dressed in compliance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Bowls South Africa - Domestic Regulations and such regulations as provided for by EPBA.

These include the following:

- Players must wear registered club colours for all EPBA events.
- Players participating in the Masters must first wear their highest honours or their registered club colours.
- All players in a side/team must be uniformly dressed.

#### **Footwear**

Players, Umpires and markers shall wear conventional shoes or sports shoes that have a continuous sole or a sole with a channel rise in the middle of the sole, as long as (if) the sole is clearly in one piece and the heel area does not sit at a different height to the front of the sole. To assist in traction, the sole may have indented grooves up to 2mm (the thickness of a matchstick), but NO protuberances. The width of the rear part of the shoe shall be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole. Conventional sandals are acceptable as long as they have a back strap.

If players contravene this rule, they must be reported by the tournament official to the controlling body, who will, in turn, report the offenders to their club, who will apply the necessary disciplinary action (BSA Circular 40/2010 refers)

#### **7. TEAM DECLARATION**

The first scorecard of the tournament will be regarded as the declaration form and must be completed by the singles player/skip of the team before the commencement of the first game in the tournament. **Any Reserves must be included on this card.** The Exco may elect to use an alternative declaration form which shall be completed in full prior to the start of the event.

The use of players not registered on the declaration card, other than substitutes, will lead to the disqualification of the side/team.

Scorecards must be completed in detail:

- Surname and initials of each player including reserves (if so registered) and their BSA number.
- Shots must be completed at the completion of each end.
- The card must be signed by both skips/opponents at the conclusion of the game.

## 8. RESERVES AND SUBSTITUTES

### Reserves

As the scorecard used in the first match will be taken as the Declaration form, teams wishing to register Reserves must do so on this first scorecard. Reserves may be registered as follows:

| RESERVES                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pairs                                                                                                                              | Mixed Pairs                                                                                                                                      | Trips                                                                                                                               | Fours                                                                                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two reserves: <b>provided</b> that one member of the original team must be present in all of the matches. | <input type="checkbox"/> One reserve of each gender: <b>provided</b> that one member of the original team must be present in all of the matches. | <input type="checkbox"/> Two reserves: <b>provided</b> that two members of the original team must be present in all of the matches. | <input type="checkbox"/> Two reserves: <b>provided</b> that two members of the original team must be present in all of the matches. |

**Note:** Any reserve introduced into the team **shall** be eligible to play Skip.

### Substitutes

In the event that there are no reserves or the registered reserves are already playing, the names of not more than four (4) bowlers, who have not played for any team participating in the Tournament, shall be recorded and placed in a hat/container; the opposing skip for that match shall be allowed to draw out one name from the hat/container and the Controlling Body should accept this name. In the event that the names of four (4) bowlers are not available the Controlling body in conjunction with the opposing skip may appoint a substitute. This player will be allowed to play for the team for as many matches as he/she may be required but **may not Skip**.

## 9. START OF PLAY

Players are requested to register for play no later than twenty minutes before the scheduled starting time of play. A ten (10) minute grace period is permitted, provided the player has contacted the venue prior to closing time.

**Starting time:** Unless otherwise stipulated play will commence at 09:00 on Saturday and 09h00 on Sunday.

**Start of Play:** Play will start **no later** than the advertised starting time. A period of grace of not more than 10 (Ten) minutes will be allowed unless prior notice is given with reasons acceptable to the Tournament Official at the venue of play. In this case a further 20 (Twenty) minutes period of grace may be allowed. Only the game affected by this delay will wait.

### Absence of Players

If the players are absent after the prescribed time as set out above has elapsed:

- In singles the game shall be forfeited
- In pairs and trips, if there is no reserve or substitute available, the game shall be forfeited to the opponent.

- In a fours game, if one player is absent after the prescribed time limit and no reserve or substitute is available, the game shall commence. Where a player is absent at the start or during the game the number of bowls played by the defaulting team must be made up by the lead and second both playing 3 (Three) bowls singly and in turn. For the duration of the absenteeism, one-quarter of the total shots scored (up to two decimal points) must be deducted from the defaulting team's score at the conclusion of the game, or,
  - If the game is played in sets, at the conclusion of each set.
  - In a fours game if more than one player is absent after the prescribed time has elapsed and no reserve/s or substitutes are available, the game will be forfeited to the opponent.
- The Tournament Official shall report any member/team failing to report for play within the time frame as set out above within 3 (Three) days of the conclusion of the event. Such players may be subject to disciplinary action as provided for within the constitution of EPBA.

## **10. EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

### **Inclement Weather**

The Controlling Body may cancel a match prior to its commencement or, during play, if they believe that the weather is unlikely to be suitable for play to commence or continue.

Inclement weather is defined as darkness, wet weather conditions, excessive heat or wind.

The decision not to commence play or suspend play in any match because of inclement weather may be taken by the Controlling Body or their duly appointed Club Tournament Official under the following circumstances:

- On appeal by a skip or skips. (Players should revert to their skips to facilitate this request).
- On appeal by a player in the event of an individual event.
- If lightning is, as measured by an acceptable instrument, in a radius of Sixteen (16) km or less from the venue.
- Upon being informed by the host club's Green keeper that the greens are unplayable or will be damaged if play continues.

The decision with regard to the termination or suspension of play as taken by the Controlling Body or their duly appointed official will be final and binding on all players and not subject to any appeal.

If at any stage a large percentage of fixtures are incomplete the Controlling Body can cancel the competition if no other date is available to play said competition.

In the event the successful completion of the competition is affected as a consequence of adverse weather conditions the following will apply:

- The controlling body shall determine the procedure and timetable under which any scheduled play may continue. This may include deferring the completion date and time to a later date.
- In 21 / 18 end games 15 ends shall constitute a game.
- In 15 end games 11 ends shall constitute a game.
- In games where more than 15 / 11 ends have been completed the score shall be taken at the completion of the last end played.
- In a singles game the score needed to determine a winner remains unchanged.
- If a game is to be continued after a break for inclement weather the scores will be as they were when the game was stopped.
- If an end is started but not completed, the end must be declared dead.
- If the required bowls in an end have been played but the process of deciding the number of shots scored has not been completed, the number of shots must be decided before the game stops.

## 11. RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT

Players will be allowed to go to the head under the following circumstances:

| FOURS                                                                                                 |                                                                                             |                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Leads / Seconds                                                                                       | Thirds                                                                                      | Skips                                    |
| Leads and seconds may not visit the head until the seconds of both teams have played all their bowls. | May not visit the head except on invite by the Skip with the approval of the opposing Skip. | After the delivery of their first bowl.  |
| TRIPS                                                                                                 |                                                                                             |                                          |
| Leads                                                                                                 | Seconds                                                                                     | Skips                                    |
| May not visit the head until the seconds of both teams have played all their bowls.                   | May not visit the head except on invite by the Skip with the approval of the opposing Skip. | After the delivery of their second bowl. |
| PAIRS                                                                                                 |                                                                                             |                                          |
| Leads                                                                                                 | Skips                                                                                       |                                          |
| May not visit the head until the leads of both teams have played all their bowls.                     | May visit the head after the delivery of their second bowl.                                 |                                          |
| SINGLES                                                                                               |                                                                                             |                                          |
| Each player after the delivery of their third bowls                                                   |                                                                                             |                                          |

## 12. APPEALS/DISPUTES AND PENALTIES

### Appeal Procedure

Any challenge must be based on the contravention of one or more of the requirements of the conditions of play:

- A challenge may be lodged by a player, the captain in a side game, skip, the umpire, or the controlling body.
- No challenge, or notice that a challenge will be made, must be lodged during the trial ends or during a game. If the person making such a challenge is a player, that person will be disqualified, and the game will be forfeited to the opponent.
- A challenge may be lodged against any decisions made by umpires and/or event staff or volunteers, generally appointed for the purpose of exercising overall authority on behalf of EPBA.
- In the event of a challenge relating to any alleged violation of conditions of play relative to league matches such challenge must be lodged with the umpire or the controlling body **no later than 10 minutes** after the conclusion of the result of the match;
- In the event of a challenge relating to any alleged violation of conditions of play relative to any sectional play, the outcome of the results from such matches within sectional play or the outcome of results from any knock-out matches such challenge must be lodged with the umpire or the controlling body:  
**No later than 10 minutes** after the conclusion of the result of the match;  
Where sectional play is contested over an extended period of time any alleged violation of conditions of play relative to the final outcome of the sectional play must be lodged **no later than 15 minutes** of such result being declared.
- Any appeal against a decision made by an official relating to a law, or condition of play may be referred to the Controlling Body in the first instance before being referred to the jury of appeal.

- A jury of appeal shall be appointed by the Controlling Body to decide upon any appeals not provided for in the conditions of play. Ideally, this body should comprise:
  - EPB President
  - EPB Competition Secretary
  - EPBA Technical Officials Convener provided that:

If any of the above members are directly involved in the matter, they shall not sit as a member of the jury of appeal and an appropriately skilled nominee must be appointed instead.

### 13. CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Players shall always comply with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as read, EPBA Code of Conduct, any policy as set out by EPBA together with the conditions of play imposed in terms of Law 17.2 together with Appendix A.1

A player who is deemed to have breached provisions set out above including but not limited to a breach of the EPBA Code of Conduct and the provisions set out in the Conditions of Play may be subject to discipline as provided for in terms of the Constitution of EPBA.

The Controlling Body or its duly assigned tournament officials shall have the power to: -

- Through the duty umpire, take any action which may be considered necessary at the time which may include, but is not limited to, the forthwith suspension of the player from the game:

### 14. PLAY ARRANGEMENTS

| FORMAT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Competition | Section size | Sectional Play          | Playoffs                   | Finals Sectional        | Finals                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Singles     | 3            | Round Robin<br>21 shots | Knockout<br>21 shots       | Round Robin<br>21 shots | Knockout<br>21 shots   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Pairs Mixed | 4            | Round Robin<br>18 ends  | Knockout<br>Time dependant | Round Robin<br>21 ends  | Knockout<br>21 ends    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Pairs Open  | 4            | Round Robin<br>18 ends  | Knockout<br>Time dependant | Round Robin<br>21 ends  | Knockout<br>21 ends    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Fours Open  | 4            | Round Robin<br>15 ends  | Knockout<br>Time dependant | Round Robin<br>21 ends  | Knockout<br>21 ends    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Trips       | 4            | Round Robin<br>15 ends  | Knockout<br>Time dependant | Round Robin<br>18 ends  | Round Robin<br>18 ends |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Midweek     | As per COP's | 21 ends                 | not applicable             | not applicable          | 21 ends                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Masters     | 6            | Round Robin<br>21 shots | not applicable             | not applicable          | Knockout<br>21 shots   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Pairs - <b>Three</b> bowls per player<br><input type="checkbox"/> Open Pairs - <b>Three</b> bowls per player<br><input type="checkbox"/> All Singles - <b>Four</b> bowls per player<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fours - <b>Two</b> bowls per player<br><input type="checkbox"/> Trips - <b>Three</b> bowls per player |             |              |                         |                            |                         |                        |

## KNOCK-OUT ROUNDS

The controlling body reserves the right to determine the number of ends over which the knock-out rounds will be contested. The decision on this will be based on available time to complete these rounds with the overriding factor in such determination being that firstly the same number of ends as those used in the finals should be used. Contestants in such knock-out rounds will be advised on this matter prior to the start of play.

| SCORING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Competition | Scoreboard                          | Scorecard                           | Sectional Play                                                                                                                        | Playoffs         | Finals                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Singles     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1 pt. per win                                                                                                                         | Knockout         | 1 pt. per win                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Pairs Mixed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 pts. per win and 1 for peeled game                                                                                                  | Knockout 18 ends | 2 pts. per win and 1 for peeled game |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Pairs Open  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 pts. per win and 1 for peeled game                                                                                                  | Knockout 15 ends | 2 pts. per win and 1 for peeled game |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Fours Open  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 pts. per win and 1 for peeled game                                                                                                  | Knockout 15 ends | 2 pts. per win and 1 for peeled game |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Trips       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 pts. per win and 1 for peeled game                                                                                                  | Knockout 15 ends | Round Robin 18 ends                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Midweek     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pt per end<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2 pts. per seven end set<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3 pts per game | not applicable   | 21 ends                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Masters     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 pts. per win                                                                                                                        | not applicable   | Knockout 21 shots                    |
| In the event the scores are tied after the completion of play in the knock-outs an extra end shall be played to determine the winner.<br>Winners are decided in the following sequence:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Total Points<br><input type="checkbox"/> Net Shot Profit<br><input type="checkbox"/> Shot percentage<br><input type="checkbox"/> Winner of the game |             |                                     |                                     |                                                                                                                                       |                  |                                      |

All teams are expected to play all rounds of sectional play. However, where the outcome of a game can have no influence on the determination of the winner of a section, the participants may, by mutual agreement and with the consent of the Tournament Official decide not to play their last round. **Provided**, that all Green Fees due for the full session play have been paid.

In the unlikely event that all the players in the singles section record the same scores, net profit and shot percentage during sectional play, the winner will be decided in a one-end playoff with the mat and jack placed on the respective two -metre marks. Each player is to deliver one bowl in the sequence prescribed in the section draw. When each player's bowl comes to rest the distance from the jack shall be recorded and the



bowl removed prior to the next player delivering their bowl. The section winner shall be the player whose bowl finishes closest to the jack. The sequence shall be repeated should two or more players record equal distances. **Note** that in singles sectional play the losing player of the first game shall play against the player who has, as yet, not played a match.

## **15. WITHDRAWING DURING ANY SECTIONAL PLAY (Including Finals)**

Should a team in fours and pairs, or a player in singles withdraw without consent from the Controlling Body, then suitable disciplinary action may be taken by EPBA.

### **Pairs, Fours and Trips**

Should a side withdraw at any time after the commencement of sectional play, with or without the consent of the Controlling Body, all their completed results up to the point of withdrawal shall be expunged. That game and the remainder of the games shall be forfeited and the opposing team/s for that and the remaining un-played games shall be regarded as a bye and zero points will be allocated.

### **Singles**

Should a player in singles, withdraw with or without consent from the Controlling Body, the winner of the game between the two remaining players shall be the section winner.

In the event of there being more than three participants in sectional play then the provisions as relates to Pairs, Fours and Trips play shall take effect.

## **16. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **BREAKS**

- During the game: - No break. (Unless otherwise provided for in a specific competition)
- Between games: - Tea break after the first game, lunch after the second game.

### **BOWLS – DISTINCTIVE MARKING, LEGALITY AND STICKERS**

Bowls in a set of four must have distinctive and similar markings on each side. Club personalised stickers may be used, however, only Controlling Body stickers will be acceptable at the final stages.

### **BOWLING AIDS**

Any player using an artificial device (bowling arm) for the delivery of a bowl must, once the player has commenced using the device in a game, use the device for the remainder of the game.

The jack may be rolled at any time by hand or with the device.

NOTE: - No medical certificate or BSA approval is required to use a bowling arm.

### **PRACTICE AND WARM-UP**

Teams/players not playing for whatever reason, but due to play the next round, may practice on any rink allocated by the controlling body.

A player may warm up before any game, time allowing and with the approval of the controlling body. Warm-up shall be in the opposite direction of the expected play. Warm-up should not be deliberate play and no target such as a jack may be used, however, bowls may be delivered.

### **DEAD END**

A dead end (burnt end) is not counted as a completed end even if all the bowls required to be played have been played. A dead end must be replayed in the same direction unless the skips or opponents in Singles agree to play in the opposite direction.



The Controlling Body may decide to allow the jack to be spotted in certain competitions, and should that be done, a provision will be made for it in the conditions of play applicable to that competition.

#### **TRIAL ENDS**

Before the start of play in any game, or before continuing an unfinished game on another day, one trial end may be played in each direction. The Controlling Body can limit the number of trial ends played which will be included in the conditions of play specific to that competition or in the event that time, in the opinion of the tournament official, may be of an issue.

#### **DRUG TESTING**

Bowls SA Anti-Doping Policy shall apply throughout the event.

SAIDS officials may carry out testing for prohibited substances at any event. Any player identified by SAIDS officials must submit to testing as requested.

#### **GREEN FEES**

All players shall be liable for the full payment of Green Fees to the Club at which play is scheduled take place irrespective of the number of rounds that the players have participated in.

#### **SLOW PLAY**

If the umpire, either by their observation or, on appeal from one of the players (skips), decides that a player is deliberately delaying the delivery of a player's bowl they will proceed as provided for within the Laws of Bowls and in specific Annexure 1 thereof.

#### **TIME LIMIT**

All sectional play matches (excluding league) for Fours, Pairs and Trips will be subject to a time limit of 2 hours and 30 minutes. This time will exclude time for trial ends. The tournament official will ring a bell Fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start of play to indicate the official start of play. Thereafter a bell will be sounded Fifteen (15) minutes before scheduled time expires and Five (5) minutes to indicate start of the last end. Note that in the event the last end is a 'dead end' it shall be replayed.

#### **USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

- Smoking (including artificial devices or e-cigarettes) will ONLY be permitted two meters from the greens, or in a designated smoking area, whilst play is in progress. This applies to officials and players.
- Alcohol will NOT be permitted on or near the greens while play is in progress. This applies to officials and players.
- Cell phones and communication through any other medium such as 'smart' watches will NOT be permitted on the greens while play is in progress. In the event of an emergency, cell phones may be used at least two meters from the green. This applies to technical officials and players.

## COMPETITION-SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF PLAY

### 17. WEEKEND LEAGUE

#### Definition

A **SIDE** comprises one or more teams.

| FORMAT | Competition                                                                                                                    | Section size                                | Sectional Play |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------|
|        | Men's<br>1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Teams of Four                                                | 10 Sides /<br>2 x teams<br>per side         | 21 ends        |
|        | Ladies<br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Teams of Four                                                                   | Entry<br>dependant<br>2 x teams<br>per side | 21 ends        |
|        | Ladies<br>3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Teams of Three                                                                                    | Entry<br>dependant<br>2 x teams<br>per side | 18 ends        |
|        | Men's<br>4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Teams of Three                                                                   | Entry<br>dependant<br>2 x teams<br>per side | 18 ends        |
|        | Men's 6 <sup>th</sup><br>&<br>Ladies 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Teams of Three                                                         | Entry<br>dependant<br>1 x team<br>per side  | 18 ends        |
|        | <input type="checkbox"/> Fours - <b>Two</b> bowls per player<br><input type="checkbox"/> Trips - <b>Three</b> bowls per player |                                             |                |

#### START OF PLAY

Play will start at 13:30 for Saturday Afternoon Sessions. The Sunday morning session will commence at 09:00. Whilst the starting time as stipulated herein will apply to the league, competing sides /teams may by mutual consent arrange for a different starting time provided that the outcome for that match shall be concluded on the specified day.

| SCORING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Men's & Ladies<br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Men's – 4 <sup>th</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Ladies 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                                                                                                 | Men's – 6 <sup>th</sup><br>&<br>Ladies – 4 <sup>th</sup> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pt. per set of seven ends<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2pts. for overall result<br>Maximum pts. for each team = 5<br><b>For the side:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 2 pts. for the side with the highest net aggregate of shots for and against | <input type="checkbox"/> 2pts. for overall result<br><br><b>For the side:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 1 pt. for the side with the highest net aggregate of shots for and against | <input type="checkbox"/> 2pts. for overall result        |
| In the event of scores being even at the conclusion of set play, the match or the team result from allocated points will be shared.                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                          |

#### • SCORING FOR PERMANENT ABANDONMENT OF PLAY

In the event of play being abandoned the following will apply to the scoring:

- **SETS** One point is scored for the winner of each completed set. The points for incomplete sets are to be shared.
- **GAME** Once one set (7 ends) has been completed, the side with the greatest number of shots, based on completed ends, will be the winner.
- **OVERALL** Once one set (7 ends) has been completed, the bonus points are awarded to the side with the greatest number of shots, based on all completed ends. In the event that combined points are even, the winner shall be decided by the following sequential criteria, highest combined shot difference, highest combined shot percentage, and highest combined ends won. If still equal the points shall be shared by the two side

#### DRAWING FOR RINKS

Before the commencement of play both sides in the contest must submit a declaration form to the tournament official. Such form will indicate which is their 'A' and 'B' side separately. The host club will indicate the rinks to be played on for the match. The visiting side captain will then randomly draw from the rinks so designated to identify which rink will be used for the 'A' and 'B' side. EP Bowls will, prior to the start of the league season provide clubs with a proforma declaration form to be used.

#### PENALTIES

The Controlling Body may impose the following penalties:

- If a team in a side fails to play, complete, or commence a match, the opposing team will be awarded the points as appropriate for that match with appropriate shot profit determination being made in accordance with the provisions contained herein.
- If a side withdraws from the competition, all scores and points for or against shall be expunged from the records.
- Sides/teams found to have used ineligible players either in contravention of by the fact that such player/s have not been properly registered with EPBA will forfeit their match and their opponents will be awarded all points available. Such a player will be ineligible to represent the club in all remaining league fixtures



## 18. MIDWEEK LEAGUE: CHAPMAN BROTHERS (Men) BLG (Ladies).

### ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

Teams will consist of four men / ladies, who must be registered bowlers with Bowls South Africa, Team members **need not necessarily be from the same club**. The club registered as the “first call” of the skip will be used for the determination of home venues.

### Reserves:

There are no restrictions on the number of reserves that can be used except that the first time a reserve plays he / she may not skip. When a reserve/s play, there must be at least one member of that team, on the day, that has played at least one game previously for the team. No reserve may have played for more than one team in the league.

### FORMAT

- All the teams will be placed in the draw for the first round thereafter it will be winners play winners.
- Where possible teams should not play each other more than once except in the last round when teams will play the team immediately below them on the log.
- In the draw for the first-round teams from the same club should not play each other, this depends upon the number of entries received.
- The number of rounds played can differ depending on the number of entries received.

After 5 rounds, or such number as decided by the controlling body, the teams will be sorted according to the log at that time and split into two groups, the top half, or such number as decided by the controlling body will go into the Championship and the balance into the Plate.

- The Championship teams will carry their points forward.
- The Plate teams will be ceded according to their points earned in the open rounds but will not carry them forward and then play winners versus winners.

Winners are to be decided in the following sequence:

- Total points
- Net Shot Profit
- Shot Percentage
- Winner of the last game.

| SCORING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pts. per set of seven ends<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1 pt. for each end won<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3pts. for overall result<br>Maximum pts. for each team = 30<br><br>In the event of scores being even at the conclusion of set play or the match, points will be shared. |



### SCORING FOR PERMANENT ABANDONMENT OF PLAY

- Should play be abandoned before play commences, the sides will share the points equally.
- Should play be permanently abandoned for any reason prior to the completion of the first set, the process described in abandoning play prior to commencing shall determine the winner.
- Thereafter the scoring will be as follows during the game, the scoring will be as follows:
  - **Sets** One point is scored for the winner of each completed set. The points for incomplete sets are to be shared.
  - **Game** Once one set (7 ends) has been completed, the side with the greatest number of shots, based on completed ends, will be the winner.
  - **Shots per end** one shot for each completed end provided that this will be calculated at the lowest number of ends completed amongst all participants.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- **BREAKS**

During the game: There will be a tea break during the game.

- **DRESS CODE**

Players participating in Midweek fixtures may wear coloured attire provided that all members are uniformly dressed.

- **TRIAL ENDS**

Before the start of play in any game, or before continuing an unfinished game on another day, one trial end may be played.

- **START OF PLAY**

Play will start at 13h30.

### VENUES FOR PLAY

The First and Last Round will, where possible, be played at Westview Bowling Club. All other venues will be determined according to the number of entries from each club.

### 19. LADIES SEVENS

#### ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

Teams will consist of seven women who are *bona fide* members from the same club who, shall all be registered members of EPBA.

In the event of clubs being unable to fill the side with participants from the same club the Controlling Body will allow composite sides to be formed.

#### RESERVES AND SUBSTITUTES

The first scorecard will be deemed to be the declaration form. Each club shall be entitled to nominate two reserves who may be introduced into play at any time. Such reserves shall be eligible to skip a team.

#### PLAY ARRANGEMENTS

- The Competition is played on the league system with each club/district represented by a side made up of one fours team and one trips team.
- Fours matches will be played over 21 ends and trips matches over 18 ends.



- Fours matches shall be played with two bowls per team member and trips with three bowls per team member.
- Once a player has started play in either the fours or trips team they may not be changed from one team to the other.
- Unless otherwise decided and announced by the Controlling Body prior to play the teams of each side shall play on adjacent rinks.
- The first round shall be a random draw, but then after each game the teams shall be ranked according to points and net shots scored.

The draw for each succeeding game shall be the top-ranked teams to play against each other and so on downwards. Provide that no team shall play against each other more than once except in the last round.

- If a club has two teams in the same section due to a withdrawal or an odd number of entries, these teams shall not play against each other.

### **Start of Play**

Play will start at 09h00 for Saturday Morning Sessions and the afternoon session at 13h30. The Sunday morning session will commence at 08h30.

If all those in a section agree and are ready to play the Tournament Official may commence play earlier than the scheduled time

### **SCORING**

- Two points will be awarded for a win and one point for a peeled game and net shot profit will count.
- The points and net shot profit earned by each team in a side will be added together to determine the winner of the Ladies 7's.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **BREAKS**

- During the game: Tea break midway through the games during the morning sessions
- Between Games: Lunch break after completion of the morning session games.

#### **DRESS CODE**

Teams must be dressed similarly either in their club colours or in all white.

### **20. INNGS CUP AND WHITESIDE**

#### **ENTRY ELIGIBILITY**

- Each club affiliated with EP Bowls shall be entitled to select and enter one side consisting of two teams.
- Composite Sides from the Midlands shall be entitled to enter.
- Each team shall have four players and shall be entitled to nominate one reserve.
- No player may be changed from one team to the other.

#### **PLAY ARRANGEMENTS**

- Each match will be played over Twenty-one ends.
- Two matches will be played on Saturday and Sunday.
- Unless otherwise decided and announced by the Controlling Body prior to play the teams of each side shall be randomly drawn into two sections



- The first round shall be a random draw, but then after each game the teams shall be ranked, in their separate sections, according to points and net shots scored.
- The draw for each succeeding game shall be the top-ranked teams to play against each other and so on downwards. Provide that no team shall play against each other more than once except in the last round.
- If a club has two teams in the same section due to a withdrawal or an odd number of entries, these teams shall not play against each other.

#### **Start of Play**

- Play will start at 09h00 for Saturday Morning Sessions and the afternoon session at 13h30. The Sunday morning session will commence at 08h30.
- If all those in a section agree and are ready to play the Tournament Official may commence play earlier than the scheduled time

#### **SCORING**

- Two (2) Points will be awarded for a win and One (1) point for a peeled game and net shot profit will count.
- The points and net shot profit earned by each team in a side will be added together to determine the winner of the Inngs / Whiteside Cups.

#### **DRESS CODE**

Teams must be dressed similarly in their club colours or in the case of composite sides in similar colours.

#### **OVERALL TROPHY**

A trophy will be awarded to the club/composite who achieves the most points for the Inngs Cup and Whiteside

#### **21. MASTERS**

Closed competition for invited players

#### **PLAY ARRANGEMENTS**

- The Competition is split into 2 sections of six players gender based.
- Singles format first competitor to Twenty-one
- One point for win.
- Section winners contest for overall winner. Runners-up in each section both awarded bronze.
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#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **BREAKS**

- There will be a tea break after the first round and a lunch break after the second round
- **DRESS CODE**  
Players participating in the Masters must wear their highest honours.

##### **START OF PLAY**

- Play will start at 09h00 for Saturday Morning Sessions and the afternoon session at 13h30. The Sunday morning session will commence at 08h30.
- **TRIAL ENDS**  
Before the start of play in any game one trial end may be played in each direction.



## **ANNEXURE A**

### **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES - TOURNAMENT HOSTING**

#### **HOST CLUBS**

Hosting clubs shall:

##### **Greens**

Prepare the greens for play in accordance with the provisions as contained within the Laws of Bowls. Except if circumstances prescribe and on approval from the Controlling Body play to be:

- Singles: A North / South direction (all day)
- Other competitions: An East / West direction for morning play and a North / South direction for afternoon play.

Clubs, where possible should:

- Provide distinctive marking that provides for proper guidance to centring the jack.

##### **Catering**

Where the timing of the event requires, ensure that provision is made for refreshments as appropriate at designated time intervals.

Clubs shall set pricing for such refreshments as they consider appropriate. Pricing and meals available for the day should be suitably advertised.

##### **Technical Officials**

Save for finals host clubs shall ensure that suitably qualified persons are available to adjudicate on such Issues as required within the Laws of the Sport.

It is recognised that Tournament officials and Technical officials fulfil different roles during the duration of an event and it is important that these roles are properly understood.

The Technical Official (umpire) on duty needs to be in attendance at the green at all times during play.

Tournament Officials should deal with issues such as late arrivals, allocating rinks, enabling teams that have to access appropriate rinks, appeals and such other matters as required under the conditions of play.

##### **Finals**

Where the club is to host the finals of an EPBA event it should:

Ensure an adequate public address system is available.

Make arrangements for the hosting and display of the EPBA flag. Clubs are free to fly what other flags they deem appropriate.

### **CLUB TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL**

#### **Overview**

Whilst EPBA is the ultimate controlling body for each tournament, each host club is responsible for appointing a club official/s competent to carry out the duties on behalf of the controlling body. Such club official/s so empowered shall have all the powers as provided for within the conditions of play.

It follows that such appointed club official/s will have to perform many different tasks. Some will relate to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and such person should ideally be suitably conversant therewith.

It is advisable that access to the latest version of the Laws of the Sport and Conditions of Play are easily provided for. As stated above Tournament official and Technical official fulfil different roles during the duration of an event and it is important that these roles are properly understood.



## **Roles and Duties**

### **Prior to the Commencement of Play**

As the Tournament official on duty, you will act on behalf of the controlling body for the tournament and as such you will be responsible for amongst other things the following:

- Access to the contact information of the EPBA person designated as the controlling body.
- Ensure a suitable quantity of scorecards including, where applicable, sponsor's names are available.
- Prepare scorecards for each round of play. Scorecards should indicate:
  - The name of each Skip or in the case of singles individual. This should be recorded in conjunction with the sectional draw.
  - The date and round number
  - Rink allocated to that match
- In an event containing side play ensure the requirements for the allocation of rinks as set out in the conditions of play are adhered to.
- Where more than one round is to be played ensure that no team is allocated to the same rink for the same direction of play.
- Assess and control the impact of late arrivals as provided for within the conditions of play.
- Be aware of teams/individuals having a bye and advise the team where a late withdrawal has led to a bye .
- Introduce yourself and officially welcome all participants.
- Where so instructed read a message from the Controlling Body.
- Advise teams of such housekeeping rules as are necessary including house rules that may be specifically applicable to the club, surroundings and security.
- Introduce the Umpire/s
- Highlight aspects of the Conditions of Play such as:
  - Format
  - Number of ends
  - Trial ends
  - Dead ends, re-play or re-spot.
  - Restriction of movement.
  - If imposed details of time limits and how this will be monitored.
  - Advise teams who wish to do so of the necessity of recording reserves on the first scorecard.

Hand out or arrange for umpires to distribute scorecards before the start of each round.

### **During and after the completion of Play**

- Keep the score sheet up to date after each round and post a copy thereof in a convenient place of access to all participants.
- If requested to do so submit score sheets after each round to the controlling body.
- Submit overall score sheets, after close of play, for the days play to the controlling body.
- In the event of results between participants being equal ensure the winner is correctly determined as per the process laid out within the conditions of play.
- If required monitor the advertised time limit.



- Monitor and manage any appeals for game stoppages due to inclement weather.
- Inform the controlling body of such stoppages.
- Manage re-commencement after stoppages including decision making around abandonment of play.
- On request from the Umpire on duty, take the necessary steps to ensure the coach stops breaking the laws.
- On request from the Umpire on duty, take the necessary steps to ensure spectator stop breaking the laws. This can include escorting the offender away from the area surrounding the green or away from the venue as appropriate.

## ANNEXURE B

### Metrication of: Heat Table

|                       |     | Temperature (°C) |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------------|-----|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|                       |     | 27               | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 |
| Relative Humidity (%) | 40  | 27               | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 34 | 35 | 37 | 39 | 41 | 43 | 46 | 48 | 51 | 54 | 57 |
|                       | 45  | 27               | 28 | 29 | 30 | 32 | 33 | 35 | 37 | 39 | 41 | 43 | 46 | 49 | 51 | 54 | 57 |    |
|                       | 50  | 27               | 28 | 30 | 31 | 33 | 34 | 36 | 38 | 41 | 43 | 48 | 49 | 52 | 55 | 58 |    |    |
|                       | 55  | 28               | 29 | 30 | 32 | 34 | 36 | 38 | 40 | 43 | 46 | 48 | 52 | 55 | 58 |    |    |    |
|                       | 60  | 28               | 29 | 31 | 33 | 35 | 37 | 40 | 42 | 45 | 48 | 51 | 55 | 59 |    |    |    |    |
|                       | 65  | 28               | 30 | 32 | 34 | 36 | 39 | 41 | 44 | 48 | 51 | 55 | 59 |    |    |    |    |    |
|                       | 70  | 29               | 31 | 33 | 35 | 38 | 40 | 43 | 47 | 50 | 54 | 58 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                       | 75  | 29               | 31 | 34 | 36 | 39 | 42 | 46 | 49 | 53 | 58 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                       | 80  | 30               | 32 | 35 | 38 | 41 | 44 | 48 | 52 | 57 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                       | 85  | 30               | 33 | 36 | 39 | 43 | 47 | 51 | 55 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                       | 90  | 31               | 34 | 37 | 41 | 45 | 49 | 54 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                       | 95  | 31               | 35 | 38 | 42 | 47 | 51 | 57 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|                       | 100 | 32               | 36 | 40 | 44 | 49 | 54 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

 Caution

 Extreme Caution

 Danger

 Extreme Danger

### HEAT INDEX (HI)

Heat Index values are for shady locations only. It is important to note that since the HI values were devised for shady, light wind conditions, exposure to full sunshine can increase the HI values up to 8°C.

Clearly, from the above, there is a correlation between heat and humidity to give effect to determine what is considered dangerous. It follows that a correlation between temperature and humidity needs to be established so that, based on the combined factor of the two measurements, the maximum temperature in a shady location is calculated and used.



Play must be suspended when any combined temperature places the participants in extreme danger. There is an excellent app available through the Google Play store called 'Heat Index' that calculates the heat index, factoring in both temperature and humidity. A further app called 'Galaxy Sensors' indicates both ambient temperature and relative humidity. These two apps used together will help make a scientific determination to establish prevalent heat conditions.