

GUIDE TO COMPETITORS

This guide is to be read in conjunction with the Conditions of Play relative to each Championship and as such forms part of those Conditions of Play.

Unless otherwise stated in this guide and the Conditions of Play, all games in this Tournament will be played in line with “The Laws of the Sport of Bowls” (Crystal Mark Edition)

1. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Tournament Committee shall have the right, in its absolute discretion to depart from or alter any or all of these conditions.

2. JURY OF APPEAL

A Jury of Appeal appointed by the NDBB will be constituted as follows:

- A member of the NDBB Executive or a nominee.
- A member of the host District Executive Committee, who shall not be a member of the Tournament Committee.
- The Convenor of the host District Standing Committee – Technical Officials or a nominee.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

A player may only participate in the Black & White Men’s Bowls Tournament and the SPAR Women’s Classic Bowls Tournament through one District and one Club in any one year.

Players in the Open Pairs and Fours events must be members of the same Club. Players in the Mixed Pairs event must preferably be members of the same Club. The Bowls SA membership card determines the Club at which a player is registered.

4. A Player registered as a dual member on the Bowls SA website may represent the dual Club in the Tournament on condition written permission is provided by the player’s main club.

The form published on the website www.easterngautengbowls.co.za is to be used.

5. Should a pair enter the Mixed Pairs being members of different Clubs, one player shall provide the Tournament Committee with written permission from the player’s Club to enter the Championship through the other Club.

The form published on the website www.easterngautengbowls.co.za is to be used.

6. REFUNDS

Should players fail to fulfil their obligations, there shall be no refunds of entry fees to such players.

7. DRESS AND FOOTWEAR

All players must appear on the green dressed in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Club Approved coloured clothing may be worn subject to all members of a team being dressed uniformly.

All players shall wear heelless footwear that has either a smooth or ribbed sole (maximum depth of 2mm of the ribbed section of the sole making contact with the green – the thickness of a matchstick).

The width of the rear part of the shoe should be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole.

Crocs are not acceptable footwear.

Men's teams uniformly dressed, may wear white tailored shorts with white socks in the tournament.

8. ADVERTISING

Advertising on clothing will not be allowed without the specific permission of the Tournament Committee, whose decision will be final.

9. NUMBER OF ENDS

The Open Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Fours games shall be played on the league system. The Open Pairs and Mixed Pairs shall play 15 ends to the last 8 and 21 ends there-after. The Fours shall play 21 ends in all games.

10. TOSSING FOR OPENING PLAY

The Skips in a team game or opponents in a Singles game should toss a coin to determine who starts the game. (Clause 18.2 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.)

11. PRACTICE AND WARM UP

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

Any team/player may warm up before any game, time allowing and with the approval of the Tournament Official. Warm up should be in the opposite direction of expected play.

Warm up should not be deliberate play and no target such as a jack may be used, but bowls may be delivered to enable the player to warm/loosen up.

12. DETERMINATION OF GAME AND SECTION WINNERS

a. Two points shall be awarded for a win and one for a draw.

b. In the event of a points tie after the initial five rounds of Sectional play in the Open Pairs, Mixed Pairs and the Fours, winners shall be determined on the net total shots as defined in clause 1.3.22 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Should there still be equality, clause 44.4 will apply, in that "The Controlling Body will divide the total shots scored against each team into the total of shots it has scored. The team with the highest result will be declared the winner".

Should equality still exist the winner of the game between the contesting teams will be declared the winner. Should that game show equal scores, a deciding end will be played by the contesting teams.

c. In the event of a tie in the Open Pairs, Mixed Pairs and the Fours Playoffs, a deciding end shall be played in terms of Clause 45.1.

d. A closed-up draw will be used for the Singles, and matches will be decided by the first player to score 21 shots.

PLEASE NOTE: Should a team find itself in a position where they can no longer influence the result of their section, before the commencement of the final round of Sectional play, it is COMPULSORY that the final game be played with a MINIMUM of 10 ends.

Teams failing to abide by this ruling will be reported to the Tournament Committee where-upon the players will be subject to discipline – clause 14 of these conditions.

13. PLAYOFFS

The Section and sub-section winner's playoffs in the Open Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Fours events shall be played according to the published program (subject to clause 12 of these conditions). On completion of sectional play a re-draw will be done.

14. TRIAL ENDS

In the Open Pairs and Mixed Pairs, trial ends may be played at the commencement of the Section's first round and fourth round. For all other games in the Singles and Fours, trial ends may be played in accordance with Clause 18.1 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

15. DECLARATION

Before the first game is played, skips in the Open Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Fours events shall declare on the official Declaration Form, the full names (no nicknames) and produce the Bowls South Africa Membership Cards of the players of the team and reserves for the Fours.

The full names of the players taking part in the game shall be entered on every subsequent scorecard.

Players may not change positions during a game.

16. FACILITY FEE

Each player declared by the Skip, excluding the reserve, will pay a facility fee of R15.00 to the Tournament Official for the day of play. Singles players are to pay the facility fee to the Tournament Official on reporting for the day of play.

17. SCORECARDS

The Skips are responsible for the scorecards being maintained. Shots are to be recorded on the scorecard on the completion of each end and the scorecard signed by both skips at the conclusion of each game.

The Technical Official on duty will verify the scorecard and result.

18. SUBSTITUTES

Should a fours team have no declared reserve and a substitute is necessary the Tournament Official will contact the Tournament Secretary who will obtain a ruling. The application of clause 46.1 read with clause 51.5 will be considered. The appointment of a substitute shall be under the supervision of a Tournament Official and in accordance with clause 51.2, 3, 4 and 5 of the laws of the Sport of Bowls.

In the Open Pairs and Mixed pairs neither a reserve nor a substitute will be permitted.

19. REPORTING FOR PLAY

Skips of the Open Pairs, Mixed Pairs, the Fours and the participants in the Singles events shall report to the Tournament Official immediately on arrival at the venue of play before 09h00.

Any Open Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Fours team and players in the Singles events failing to report within 10 minutes of the published time for any game shall forfeit the game. The tournament Committee may, however, for good reasons and in its absolute discretion, allow the game to be played at a later time or date.

In the event of a team or player withdrawing for any reason once the tournament has commenced all relevant results will be expunged.

20. ALCCOHOL - CELL PHONES - WALKA

The use of alcohol and cell phones or mobile television units will not be permitted while the game is in progress.

21. GAME STOPPAGE

The Technical Official may, after consultation with the Tournament Committee, stop play on account of darkness, weather conditions, lightening or any other valid reasons.

On its absolute discretion the Tournament Committee may, with or without an appeal, stop a game in progress. Pending on the receipt of the approval of the Tournament Committee, the Technical Official shall then decide whether play shall continue or be temporarily suspended. Neither the Tournament Official nor the Technical Official has the authority to act in regard to cessation of play without the sanction of the Tournament Committee. In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances players shall not leave the venue until the Tournament Official has authorised them to do so.

22. DECALS

Club decals will be permitted provided each member of the team have the same decals affixed to their bowls. Clause 8.1.8 will apply. The Tournament Committee will provide decals during the Quarter-finals, semi-finals and Finals of the tournament.

23. PROGRAMME CHANGES

In the event of any change of program, appropriate announcements shall be made at all participating clubs.

24. DISCIPLINE

Any player found guilty of a misdemeanour while participating in the Black & White Men's Bowls Tournament and the SPAR Women's Classic Bowls Tournament, the penalty that may be imposed by the players home District is:

- a. A Reprimand,
- b. Such player may be denied the right to enter or participate in Northern District Bowls Board and District competitions or tournaments for a period the District Executive may deem fit.
- c. Districts will be advised of any defaulters within 14 days of the conclusion of the tournament

25. SLOW PLAY

Slow play will not be tolerated under any circumstances and players in the Fours, Pairs and Singles events will have to comply with these under-mentioned conditions:

Singles Event – A player may only visit the head after the player's third bowl has been delivered. Should a need for the player to visit the head occur, the player may ask the marker for permission to visit the head after the player's second bowl has been played. Permission may or may not be granted.

Pairs – Men's, Women's and Mixed – Leads may not visit the head. The Skip may visit the head after the Skip's second bowl has been played.

Fours Event – Leads and seconds may not walk up to the head.

After delivering their first bowl, Thirds may be permitted to visit the head on being invited by the Skip with the approval of the opposing Skip.

Skips may visit the head after delivery of their first bowl.

Laws of the Sport of Bowls- Clause 35 (Possession of the Rink) and clause 36 (Position of the players) will be strictly applied.

26. PRIZE WINNERS

Prizes will be awarded to the Winners, Runners-up, and defeated semi-finalists in the Championships. All prize winners are requested to be in attendance at the close of play of the event in which they are concerned, in correct bowling dress.

27. CATERING

For the duration of the tournament the following charges have been recommended for all refreshments – these charges may not be possible at some clubs.

Early morning tea/coffee/rusks/biscuits	R5.00
Mid-morning tea/coffee and sandwiches	R15.00
Hot Lunch	R35.00
Soup, bread & butter/roll	R20.00

A vegetarian meal will be available on request, but must be ordered on arrival at the venue.

Catering services at most clubs is voluntary - your co-operation will make the work easier and more pleasant for all concerned.

28. LOST PROPERTY

The Tournament Official will forward all lost property to the Tournament Headquarters each day. To facilitate identification, players are requested to mark all items of clothing and other possessions.

29. INDEX OF PARTICIPATION

An Index, showing names and Section numbers, to the Singles, Open Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Fours Championships appear at the back of the handbook,