

KWA ZULU NATAL BOWLS CONDITIONS OF PLAY – PAIRS

All games shall be played in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls, the Bowls SA Domestic Regulations and the following Conditions of Play.

CONTROLLING BODY

The Event shall be under the control of KZN Bowls and in association with the Event Committee and Jury of Appeal.

JURY OF APPEAL

A Jury of Appeal of KZN Bowls will be constituted as follows:

- Chairman of the Tournament Committee
- A member of the host District's Executive Committee who shall not be a member of the Tournament Committee
- Convener of the staging District's Technical Officials Standing Committee or an acceptable nominee

The decision of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

FACILITIES USAGE FEE (Green Fees)

A fee per round or day will be charged to participants for the use of the venue in all rounds up to and including the quarter finals. This fee is retained by the host club. The amount of the fee will be declared by KZN Bowls (R25.00 per person per day).

BOWLS – DISTINCTIVE MARKING, LEGALITY AND STICKERS

Bowls must have distinctive and similar markings on each side. Club personalised stickers may be used however, only Controlling Body stickers will be acceptable at semi and final stages.

FORMAT OF PLAY PAIRS

- 1.1** The Pairs Championships (3 rounds per day) is to be played with three bowls on a league system in sections of six teams, over 18 ends.
- 1.2** All ends of sectional play in the pairs are to be completed, as net shots could decide section winners. In the event of a drawn game in sectional play, 1 point is awarded to each team. (No extra end). 3 points are awarded to the winner of each sectional game. During the knockout phase play a drawn game will result in an extra end or ends be played until a result is achieved.
- 1.3** The play-offs up to and including the final shall be in the same format on a knockout basis. (18 ends).

POINTS ALLOCATION AND SECTION WINNERS – PAIRS

3 Points for winning the game and 1 Point if the game is peeled.

PLAYOFFS

The play-offs of section winners shall be on a knockout basis, according to a pre-determined draw. Direction of play during the knockout stages shall be for afternoon play.

ENTRIES

The names of the players, who shall be bona fide members of the **same District** shall be submitted with the entry.

MEMBER'S CARD/PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP

All participants must be in possession of a current Bowls South Africa Membership card or proof of membership from their district. Any player participating in an event who is found not to have current proof of membership will be disqualified.

DRESS AND FOOTWEAR

DRESS

All competitors must appear on the green dressed in compliance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

FOOTWEAR

Players, Umpires and Markers shall wear conventional shoes or sports shoes which have a continuous sole or a sole with a channel rise in the middle of the sole, as long as 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 can have indented grooves up to 2mm (thickness of a matchstick), but no protuberances. The width of the rear part of the shoe shall be at least 50% of the width of the sole. Conventional sandals are acceptable providing they have a back strap. The District authority reserves the right to allow or disallow the use of specific colours and brands of footwear.

DECLARATION FORMS

Immediately prior to playing Skips shall sign the KZNB declaration form.

WITHDRAWALS PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT

Should a team have to withdraw from this championships before the commencement, the Event Secretary must be advised immediately. The entry fee will not be refunded once the draw has been completed and published.

WITHDRAWING DURING SECTIONAL PLAY

PAIRS

Should a team withdraw without consent from the Controlling Body, then suitable disciplinary action may be taken by KZN Bowls.

Should a side withdraw at any time after 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.

DIRECTION OF PLAY

PAIRS

During sectional play the greens are to be played in the morning direction for all games/ or in the best direction for the venue being played at.

TOSSING FOR OPENING PLAY

Skips should toss with a coin to determine who shall play first.

TRIAL ENDS

One trial end in each direction may be played at the commencement of each game.

RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY

PAIRS

Leads may not walk up to the head. Skips may visit the head after delivery of their first bowl.

DEAD ENDS & JACK

Dead ends or a jack being declared dead, the end is to be replayed.

SECTION WINNERS

The section winner shall be the team with the most points, and if a tie, the following sequential criteria will be used until a winner is determined. Net shots, shot percentage (i.e. shots for divided by shorts against), the winner of the game between the two teams during sectional play, and if still a tie, a one end tie-breaker will be played.

INTERRUPTION OF PLAY

In the event of adverse weather conditions or any other valid reason, the Event Committee shall have the right to curtail the number of rounds to be played. Umpires shall not be responsible to call off the players during lightning/thunderstorm activity unless an appeal has been made by the players.

SMOKING, ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

Smoking (including artificial devices or e-cigarettes such as Twisp, Cell Phones and Handheld TV devices will not be permitted within 2 metres of the green while play is in progress. Players should refrain from the consumption of alcohol during play. These rulings apply to all events under the control of KZN Bowls.

The penalty for transgressing is as follows:

- Upon first offence the Technical Official will warn the player and record the player's name and club
- Upon the subsequent offence by the same player, the Technical Official shall report the player to the Controlling Body, who shall take suitable action, which may involve suspending the player from playing in the next round. The attitude of the player and the circumstances will contribute to any decision taken by the Controlling Body.
- The player has the right to appeal to the Jury of Appeal.
- If the offence is committed in the last round, the penalty will be carried forward to the relevant tournament for the following year.
- Should a player commit a third offence he/she will be banned from taking part in the tournament and be suspended from playing in any other KZN Bowls Tournament for one year.

GENERAL

If anything should arise that is not specifically covered in these Conditions of Play, then the latest edition of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls will apply.

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