BY-LAWS

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1. SCHEDULE OF FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

1.1 The annual percentage increase of membership fees to be paid to the Association by the affiliated clubs shall be decided at the last Council meeting prior to 31 July each year, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

1.1.1 The fee for an affiliated club shall depend on its memberships as at 1 September each year

1.1.2 An annual percentage fee shall be applied as per 1.1.

1.2 The fee which shall accompany an appeal to the Executive Committee in terms of Clause 19.3 and 19.8 of the Constitution shall be decided at the last Council meeting prior to 31 July each year, on a recommendation submitted by the Executive Committee.

2 GENERAL FINANCIAL MATTERS

2.1 Clubs which have not paid their dues shall not be permitted to enter their members in the Association's competitions
2.2 The Treasurer shall ensure that money donated for competition prizes is used solely and entirely for that purpose.

3 FIXTURE BOOK

The Fixture Book shall be compiled by the District Competition Secretary in collaboration with the District Secretary and when approved by the

Executive Committee shall be printed and issued to all affiliated clubs upon application at a charge to be fixed annually and will be uploaded and available on the NIBA website for free download.

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4 HONORARY SECRETARY

Notwithstanding any duties especially provided for in the Constitution or By-Laws, the Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for:

4.1 the keeping of an accurate record of proceedings at all meetings and receiving Minutes of Standing Committees;

4.2 the conducting of all correspondence concerning Association matters;

4.3 the proper custody of the Association's records;

4.4 the preparation of a report in collaboration with the President, Treasurer and Competition Secretary on the activities of the Association covering the year concluded for the Annual General Meeting each year;

4.5 ensuring that the requirements of the Council's resolutions from time to time are carried out;

4.6 maintaining a Register of Council Policy decisions;

4.7 Ensuring the requirements of the Database are carried out by the Database Administrators and assist where necessary;

5 HONORARY TREASURER

Notwithstanding any duties especially provided for in the Constitution or By-Laws, the Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for -

5.1 the collection of affiliated clubs' subscriptions, levies and all other Association revenue which shall be banked in the Association's banking account forthwith;

5.2 the payment without delay of all ordinary subscriptions, levies, and accounts;

5.3 the obtaining of the Executive Committee's prior approval, except in the case of emergency, for the payment of extraordinary expenditure;

5.4 the keeping of proper books of account and records of funds of the Association;

5.5 the preparation and rendering of a financial statement for the Executive Committee and Council meetings or at such times as may be required;

5.6 the preparation of the Annual Statement of Accounts.

6 COMPETITION SECRETARY

Notwithstanding any duties especially provided for in the Constitution or By-Laws, the Competition Secretary shall be responsible for –

6.1 controlling all District competitions under the direction of the Executive Committee and in terms of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association;

6.2 consulting with the clubs and other interested organisations and thereafter compiling an annual fixture list for the following year and in collaboration with the District Secretary arranging for the issue of the Fixture Book.

6.3. reporting to the Executive Committee and Council meetings on the progress of the competitions being played or due to be commenced.

6.4 distributing entry forms to clubs for each District competition timeously and upon return of the forms after entries have closed, arranging for the draw to be made by the Executive Committee and thereafter notifying all participating clubs;

6.5 preparing charts and other records required for the staging of the competitions;

6.6 arranging with the Technical Officials Standing Committee for Technical Officials and markers as necessary;

6.7 maintaining a permanent record of the names of the quarter-finalists, semi-finalists and finalists, winners, and runners-up in District competitions

6.8 collaborating with the Greenkeepers Standing Committee and clubs timeously for green space required for competitions;

6.9 maintaining a register of all trophies and the holders of such trophies and the whereabouts of the trophies.

7 ANCILLARY STANDING COMMITTEES

7.1 The following ancillary Standing Committees shall operate in the Natal Inland area of jurisdiction –

7.1.1 Technical Officials Standing Committee
7.1.2 Coaches Standing Committee
7.1.3 Greenkeepers Standing Committee
7.1.4 Selection Standing Committee
7.1.5 Players Standing Committee
7.1.6 Junior Bowls Standing Committee

7.2 These Standing Committees shall be subordinate to the Association. All correspondence from and to Bowls South Africa shall be channelled through the District Secretary unless specifically authorised by the Executive Committee.

7.3 These Standing Committees shall be supported financially by the Association by Grants-in-Aid. All necessary photocopying of documents, letters, etc., shall be done at the Association's cost.

7.4 Chairpersons of these Standing Committees shall attend all Council and General meetings of the Association but with no vote.

8 ZONES

8.1 The clubs, Creighton, Ixopo, and Underberg shall form a Zone to be known as Drakensberg South. The clubs Harding, Matatiele and Kokstad shall form a Zone to be known as East Griqualand. The remainder of the clubs in the Association shall be known as the Central District.

8.2 Clubs in the Zones shall be liable for the full club affiliation fee but the subscriptions for the members will be reduced as decided by the Executive Committee.

8.3 Except for the provisos in 8.2 the clubs and members shall have the same rights and obligations as those in the Central District.

9 SPONSORED AND OPEN COMPETITIONS

9.1 Clubs shall not stage more than three [3] men's, women's and/or mixed sponsored tournaments in a calendar year on weekends and/or Public Holidays. A tournament may comprise more than one session of play provided that prizes are awarded on completion of the tournament based on results obtained during the whole tournament. There shall be no restriction on sponsored tournaments which are staged exclusively on weekdays which are not Public Holidays.

9.2 A club shall not stage an open tournament which does not appear in the current Fixture Book without the prior approval of the Executive Committee. If a club should stage such a tournament or competition without prior approval, the Executive Committee shall call for an explanation, in writing, and should any reason advanced be considered unsatisfactory, disciplinary action may be taken in terms of Clause 18 of the Constitution.

9.3 A club which wishes to stage an open tournament that does not appear in the Fixture Book or wishes to alter the date of an open tournament which does appear in the Fixture Book or has been approved shall obtain the consent of all other clubs which have tournaments listed in the Fixture Book or previously reported to Council with which the proposed tournament will clash before applying to the Executive Committee, in writing through the District Secretary, for

approval to hold the proposed tournament or to alter the date. In urgent cases only, due to circumstances beyond the control of the club, approval may be sought verbally from the Executive Committee. In such urgent cases verbal consent by clubs concerned may be admissible but shall be confirmed, in writing, as soon as possible. Any such approval given by the Executive Committee shall be reported to Council at its next meeting.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

10 CONTROL OF DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

10.1 The control of all District competitions shall be vested in the Executive Committee, or any sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee for the purpose, which shall be responsible for organising and carrying out all competitions through to completion. The control of that portion of the competition played within a Zone will be controlled by that zone.

10.2 The Executive Committee shall adjudicate in any dispute relative to the rules of play according to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and these By-Laws.

10.3 During the playing of the competition, any matters arising there from shall be referred to the District Competition Secretary by the official in charge of the staging club.

COMPLAINTS REGARDING DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

10.4.1 Complaints and communication by players shall not be made direct to the District Competition Secretary or any Executive member, but through the player's Club Secretary to the District Secretary.

10.4.2 Any matter arising which is not covered by these regulations, or the Laws of the Sport of Bowls shall be submitted to the Executive Committee within seven [7] days of the match through the Club Secretary.

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

10.5. A player shall be registered with the District for at least seven [7] days before he may enter or play in a District competition. A player who resigns from an affiliated club may no longer play for that club after the effective date of his resignation but may then in the same season enter or play District competitions for another club to which he belongs or may subsequently join provided that he has been registered by this club with the District for at least seven [7] days.

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS IN DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

10.6 District competitions, when players nominate themselves, e.g. Fours, Triples, Pairs, Singles, etc. shall be open to all registered members of affiliated clubs. The players in any team, including the reserves, shall all be members of the same club. In Veteran events the players shall be 60 years or older on the scheduled date of the commencement of the competition.

COMBINING SMALL CLUBS IN CERTAIN COMPETITIONS

10.7 Small clubs, on application, in writing, to the Executive Committee, may be given permission to enter a combined side in the League and in the Frank Lambert or Sanders Trophy competitions. Such permission shall apply for one year only.

NOMINATION OF 1ST CALL DISTRICT/CLUB

10.8.1 A player who joins another District must each year nominate which District will be his 1st call District.

10.8.2 No player who is a member of two or more affiliated clubs may play District competitions for more than one club in the same bowling year. If a registered reserve is being provided in terms of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and by-law 10.22, the player may only play in a team of the club for which he plays his District competitions.

DISABLED PLAYERS

10.9 Players with any physical disability or visual impairment may use such appropriate support and accept such assistance as necessary as provided in Law 41 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls to enable them to participate in the game of bowls. Use may be made of any artificial device for delivering the jack or bowl with the prior approval of the Controlling Body.

ENTRIES AND DRAW - DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

10.10.1 Entries accompanied by entrance fees and Bowls South Africa registration number, for all competitions, shall close with the Competition Secretary or the zone official on a date and time decided by the Executive Committee. Entries shall be in writing. Refund of the entrance fees shall only be made, on request, for a side/team/player that withdraws before the draw is performed. Late entries may be accepted by the Executive Committee at its sole discretion.

10.10.2 As soon as possible after entries close, the Executive Committee shall make the draw. Clubs shall be notified in sufficient time to ensure that notice of not less than two [2] weekends before the commencement of play shall have been given to all players. Every endeavour shall be made to prevent members of the same club playing against each other during the first round of play. In the event of insufficient entries being received in a competition to permit of a normal draw, the Executive Committee shall decide the arrangement of play or whether the competition shall be cancelled.

PLAYER MAY NOT PLAY IN MORE THAN ONE TEAM

10.11 A player having entered in a team in a competition may not withdraw from that team and play in another team in the same competition in the same year.

MATCHES TO BE PLAYED AS SCHEDULED

10.12 Subject to the provisions of by-laws 10.15 and 10.17.3, matches shall be played on dates - preferably Saturdays and/or Sundays - and at times arranged by the Executive Committee or any sub-committees

provided for in By-Law 10.1. The Mid-week League shall be played on Wednesday afternoons. Veteran Men's and Women's competitions may be played on weekdays and/or at weekends.

10.13 As far as possible sectional play shall take place at different clubs on each day of play.

DECLARATION FORMS

10.14 In all fours, triples, and pairs championships the skip shall complete a declaration form, before the competition commences, giving the details of each player in his team including the reserve, if applicable.

EXCEPTIONS TO PLAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH DRAW

10.15 The playing of competitions shall be in accordance with the draw, except in the following exceptional cases approved by the Executive Committee.

10.15.1 Where players are selected to represent the District or Bowls SA, but excluding practice games

10.15.2 Such other cases as the Executive Committee may authorise from time to time. The games shall be rescheduled and when possible shall be accommodated within the period of play allocated to the competition.

10.16 Communications in connection with By-Law 10.15 or with the draw shall be addressed to the club secretary for consideration prior to being sent to the District Secretary for attention.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

10.17.1 The Club president, or his nominee, on whose greens matches are being played shall be in charge and in consultation with the Technical Official on duty and / or captains of sides in "side" games or skips of teams in team games shall decide whether a match shall be commenced in event of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances.

10.17.1.1 **League side games.**

Local league games may not be called off earlier than one and a half hours before the scheduled starting time.

League games played in Wartburg, Mooi River and Richmond may not be called off two hours before the scheduled starting time.

League game played in the Zones may not be called off three hours before the scheduled starting time.

Any action taken shall be reported to the District Competition Secretary immediately. Photographic or video evidence must be sent to the Competition Secretary and to the opposing Captains as supporting documentation to postpone the league game.

10.17.1.2 **Team games**.

The allotted time for Clubs to postpone games shall be as stipulated in 10.17.1.1. Any action taken shall be reported to the District Competition Secretary immediately. Photographic or video evidence must be sent to the Competition Secretary.

The Club Official on whose greens play was schedule will be responsible to notify all skips of the postponement of play for the day.

10.17.2 Matches already commenced may be stopped because of darkness, weather conditions (including lightning storms) or any other valid reason ONLY by the Controlling Body, the Technical Official on appeal by any of the players or by agreement between the captains in "side" games or skips in team games if no Technical Official is on duty.

10.17.3 Should weather conditions or other special circumstances prevent the commencement or completion of any match, the Executive Committee shall extend the date/s of play at its discretion.

10.17.4 Any match which is incomplete or postponed owing to weather conditions excluding leagues, shall be completed on or before a

date fixed by the Executive Committee. All interrupted games shall be resumed from the last completed end at which play was stopped, irrespective of the number of completed ends played.

10.17.5 Any match which has been postponed owing to adverse weather or unforeseen circumstances including league games, shall be rescheduled on a date fixed by the Executive Committee.

SCORECARDS

10.18.1 In all events a scorecard showing the score end by end and the names of all the players, including reserves where applicable, shall be filled in by the marker in a game of singles, or as stated in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. It is the responsibility of the team winning the toss to ensure that the scoreboard is updated after each end. In the event of any discrepancy between the scoreboard and the scorecard the two skips should endeavour to agree on the correct score. If there is no consensus, the scoreboard will overrule the scorecard. On completion of play the players in a game of singles or the Skips in Pairs, Triples and Fours matches shall sign the scorecard indicating the correctness of the score, the time the game was completed and the names of the players in both teams, and hand the card to the Technical Official or the official on duty. The club official on duty shall deliver or hand all scorecards to the Competition Secretary no later than 09h00 on the Monday following the competition.

10.18.2 In the case of the Men's and Women's leagues, the names of the players of the home club should appear first on the scorecard and that club's score should be entered end by end in the left-hand column of both the scorecard and scoreboard. In other competitions, the name(s) of the side/team/player drawn first on the competition draw chart shall be entered first on the scorecard and their/his score entered in the left-hand column of both the scorecard and scoreboard.

FORFEITURE OF GAME AND OR POINTS & SHOTS

10.19 A team shall forfeit the match if it introduces an ineligible player or fails to submit a duly completed or incorrect scorecard - refer to by-law 10.18 - or if one or more players in Fours, one player in Triples or

one player in Pairs, provided a reserve or substitute is not available or a Singles player:-

10.19.1 fail/s to appear within 15 minutes of the scheduled time for the start of a match, or

10.19.2 fail/s to appear after an arranged interval, or

10.19.3 withdraw/s during the course of a match except as provided for in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

In such circumstances, the Executive Committee shall:

10.19.4 in the case of a match being played on the league system where points and shots determine the winner, scratch such team, and expunge all its scores, or

10.19.5 in the case of a match being played on the league system where points only determine the winners, scratch such team, and expunge all its scores, or

10.19.6 in the case of a match being played on the round robin system, award the game to the opponent.

SIDE OR TEAM FAILING TO APPEAR

10.20 If a side or team fails to appear for a scheduled match, the Executive Committee shall immediately call for an explanation, in writing, from that side's or team's club. If the explanation is not acceptable to the Executive Committee it may take disciplinary action in terms of Clause 18 of the Constitution.

REPLACEMENT OF PLAYER

10.21 A player who has entered in a team nominated by themselves, except a singles player, may be replaced by a member of the same club prior to the commencement of play in the competition. This shall be restricted to one player in pairs and triples teams and two players in a fours team.

USE OF RESERVES AND SUBSTITUTES

10.22 Reserves in pairs, triples, and fours, who have been declared prior to the commencement of play in a competition, may be introduced or changed in any round of play either prior to the start of play in that game or as stated in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Bowls South Africa rulings or circulars. Replacement of players in sides/teams selected by the clubs shall be in accordance with the conditions of play for the specific competition.

10.23 Substitutes, as provided for in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Bowls South Africa rulings or circulars, shall be allowed. The reason for the absence of the player being substituted shall also be noted. Players who have already played in a particular competition do not qualify as substitutes for another team.

10.24 Where one player fails to appear within 15 minutes of the scheduled time for the start or the resumption of a pairs, triples or fours game, a registered reserve or, if no reserve is available, one approved substitute shall be allowed to complete the team only for the number of rounds to be played on that particular day. The substitute shall be selected in the following manner:

The tournament official or a representative of the controlling body shall establish the names of not more than four persons willing and qualified to substitute and wearing bowling dress. These names will be put into a hat or other suitable container and the person whose name is drawn by the opposing skip shall be the substitute. If only one willing and qualified person is available to substitute, he shall be declared the approved substitute. The substitute so selected need not be a member of the same club as the team. If such a player is brought in at the start of the game he may play in any position other than skip. If a reserve or substitute is brought into the team after the game has commenced then:

10.24.1 In pairs, such player shall play lead. Should no reserve or substitute be available or should neither of the original team members be present the team shall forfeit the game.

10.24.2 In triples, the skip or, if the skip is absent, the second, who shall then skip, shall arrange the position of the reserve or substitute and of the other player. Should no reserve or substitute be available the team shall forfeit the game.

10.24.3 In a side game with teams of fours, the skip of the team or, if the skip is absent, the third, who shall then skip, shall arrange the position of the reserve or substitute and of the other two players. If no reserve or substitute is available or if the team so decides it may play with three players when the provisions of law 39.2.2 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and by-law 10.24.4 will apply.

10.24.4 When a team of fours in a side game has to or decides to play with three players, the skip, or if the skip is absent, the third who shall then skip, shall arrange the positions of the other two players, who shall each play one additional bowl at each end during that time, but the team shall forfeit 25% [twenty-five percent] of its shots scored during the absence of the fourth player. Fractions of a shot shall count as such.

10.24.5 If in a game resumed on another day one of the players who comprised the team at the time the game was stopped is not available the same conditions described above shall apply.

10.24.6 In a team game of fours, if one or more than one player is absent from the team and no reserve or substitute is available, that team will forfeit the game to their opponents

RETIRING FROM COMPETITIONS

10.25 Players in any of the District competitions shall not be entitled to retire once the first round has commenced without the prior approval of the Executive Committee. Should a player do so without approval, the Executive Committee shall call for an explanation, in writing, from that player's club and should the reasons advanced be considered unsatisfactory, it may take disciplinary action in terms of Clause 18 of the Constitution.

10.26 In any competition being played on the league system, a side/team shall not be permitted to retire before the completion of the

sectional play. If a side/team, as the case may be, should retire without approval, By-Law 10.25 shall be applied.

SCORES EXPUNGED

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10.27 If, in any competition being played on the round robin, a side/team retires from the competition, or is disqualified by the Executive Committee, before the completion of the competition**;** all scores made for and against such side/team shall be expunged from the records.

DECISION ON SECTION WINNERS IN LEAGUE SYSTEM

10.28 In all games of fours, triples, and pairs played on the round robin, two points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. Where singles are played on the round robin one point shall be awarded for a win.

10.28.1 The section winner shall be determined on the highest number of points scored at the completion of play in the section, or

10.28.2 If there is a tie-on points, on the highest net score unless otherwise specified in the conditions of play for the competitions.

10.28.3 If equality still exists the side/team with the least number of shots scored against it shall be the winner. In singles if equality still exists the winner of the game in which they played each other shall be declared the winner of the section.

WINNERS ON KNOCKOUT SYSTEM

10.29 In all games on the knockout system an extra end or ends will be played to decide the winner

SINGLES

10.30 In all singles competitions being played on the knock-out system the draw shall be closed up in the event of withdrawal or withdrawals before play commences in the first round.

10.31 In all singles games no break in play shall be permitted except at the discretion of the Technical Official/Tournament Official/District Competition Secretary.

GREENS OFFERED FOR DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

10.32 When a club offers green space for a District competition, the offer shall be assumed to be for all stages of the competition, unless otherwise indicated by the club.

10.33 All matches shall be played on the greens specified. Any departure from this procedure without the approval of the Executive Committee, may result in the match being declared forfeited by the Executive Committee.

10.34 Players in District competitions shall pay the green fees applicable to the club on whose greens the games are being played.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL

10.35 For all District competitions, the club on whose greens the matches are being played shall appoint a green steward/tournament official, markers and Technical Official.

RINKS DRAW

10.36 In all games in District competitions, skips or captains of sides shall draw for rinks. In singles games, players in the first round of play on a particular day shall draw for rinks and thereafter the official on duty shall arrange the rinks. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, no player or team shall play a further game on the same rink on the same day of a competition. In the final rounds of play in all District competitions, the Executive shall draw or arrange the rinks for play.

PRACTISE AND WARM UP

10.37 Teams/players not playing for whatever reason in a particular round of a competition but due to play in the next round may

practise on any rink allocated by the Controlling Body or the Technical Official on duty in consultation with the Green Steward.

10.38 Any team/player may warm up before any game, time permitting, with the approval of the Controlling Body or the Technical Official on duty in consultation with the Green Steward. Warm up should be in the opposite direction of expected play and should not be deliberate play, i.e. no target such as a jack may be used, but bowls may be delivered to enable the player(s) to warm/loosen up.

FINALS - T.O.S.C. TO APPOINT MARKERS AND TECHNICAL OFFICIALL OFFICIAS

10.39 For all quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals of District competitions, the Technical Officials Standing Committee shall appoint Technical Officials and markers.

DRESS FOR DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

10.40.1 Dress shall be in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 3rd Edition and the Domestic Regulations on pages 156 and 157.

10.40.2 Footwear shall be in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, i.e. players, Technical Official, markers should wear heelless footwear which has either a smooth or ribbed sole (maximum depth of 2 mm of the ribbed section of sole making contact with the green, or the thickness of a matchstick) while playing on the green or acting as Markers or Technical Official. Shoes with protrusions are not acceptable. The width of the rear part of the shoe should be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole. The National Authority reserves the right to allow or disallow the use of specific colours and brands of footwear. The Laws of Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations [Pages 154/155] (Circular 40/2010).

DISTRICT COMPETITIONS AND TROPHIES

11. The regular competitions staged under the jurisdiction of the Association send the relevant trophies are as follows:-

11.1 **Women's Competitions**

11.1.1 Inter-Club League Competition: NIBA Trophy, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Leagues

11.1.2 Inter-Club Sides Competition : O'Brien Trophy

11.1.3 Inter-Club Teams Competition : Victoria Trophy

11.1.4 Championship Club competition : Sanders Trophy

11.1.5 Fours Championship : Evelyn Lee Trophy
Runner-up : Thora Haldane Trophy

11.1.6 Triples Championship : Jess Weaver Trophy
Runner-up : Lorraine Krog Trophy

11.1.7 Pairs Championship : Gladys Painter Trophy
Runners-up : Ivy Powell Trophy

11.1.8 Singles Championship : Mary Hesketh Trophy
Runner-up : Jill Cuff Trophy

11.1.9 Novices Singles Championship : Vinnie Visser Trophy
Runner-up : Laura Cross Trophy

11.1.10 Singles Champion of Champions : Ruby Moorhouse Trophy
Runner-up : Claudia Geldard Trophy

11.1.11 Masters Invitation Singles : Joe Knotwell Trophy
Runner-up : NIBA Trophy

11.1.12 Veteran Fours Championship : Gordon Wolfe Trophy
Runner-up : Pat Rainier Trophy

11.1.13 Veteran Triples Championship : NIBA Trophy

11.1.14 Veteran Pairs Championship : NIBA Trophy

11.1.15 Veteran Singles Championship : Mabel Franklin Trophy
Runner-up : Randall/Morgan Trophy

11.1.6 Women's Player of the Year Trophy: Billie Scheferman

11.2 **Men's Competitions**

11.2.1 Inter-Club League Competition :
Premier league - Kirby Cup,
1st League - Permanent Cup
2nd League – MacKenzie Trophy

11.2.2 Inter-Club Knockout Competition : Frank Lambert and Lambert Brothers Trophy

11.2.3 Fours Championship : Jack Thrash Cup
Runner-up : Joe's Mug

11.2.4 Triples Championship : The Masters Shield

Runner-up:

11.2.5 Pairs Championship :Natal Witness Cup
Runner-up

11.2.6 Singles Championship : Wade Cup
Runner-up: Warmback Bowl

11.2.7 Novices Singles Championship : Denis Logie Plate
Runner up:

11.2.8 Singles Champion of Champions : Natal Witness Trophy
Runner-up :

11.2.9 Masters Invitation Singles : Masters Singles Trophy
Runner-up : NIBA Trophy

11.2.10 Veteran Fours Championship : Botha Trofee
Runner-up : Harry Wolmarans Trophy

11.2.11 Veteran Triples Championship : NIBA Trophy
Runner-up:

11.2.12 Veteran Pairs Championship : D O'Dell Trophy
Runner-up :

11.2.13 Veteran Singles Championship : Maureen and Clive Lucarne Trophy
Runner-up :

11.2.14 Player of the Year Trophy – Warren Geyser

11.3 **Mixed Competitions**

11.3.1 Mixed Fours Championship : John and Norma Blomefield Rose Bowl

11.3.2 Mixed Pairs Championship : Fry Cup

11.3.3 Mid-week League : Joe Brittain Shield

11.4 **Junior Bowls**

11.4.1 Junior Singles Championship – Colleen Dakers Trophy

14.4.2 Most Improved Junior Player – Gandy Trophy

SCHEDULE OF COMPETITION FEES AND PRIZES

12. A schedule of competition entry fees to be paid to the Association and the prizes to be awarded by the Association for the ensuing year shall be decided at the last Council meeting prior to 31 July each year on a recommendation of the amounts submitted by the Executive Committee. Where the prizes are sponsored the Executive

Committee shall report the anticipated amount of each sponsorship. The division of these amounts between the winners and the runners-up shall be decided at the Council meeting on a recommendation submitted by the Executive Committee**.**

13. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

13.1 Trophies won at any of the Association's competitions shall be deemed to be floating trophies.

13.2 No trophies, prizes, or awards in District competitions, other than those authorised by the Association, shall be accepted by any club or player.

13.3 In the Women's Inter-Club League competitions the winning club will be awarded a trophy.

13.4 In the Men's Inter-Club League competitions the winning club shall be awarded the trophy.

13.5 In all championship events, where players nominate themselves and in the Mid-week League, the winner/s shall be awarded a trophy

13.6 Reserves shall be recognised only if they have played in the quarterfinals, semi-finals, or the finals of a competition

13.7 A substitute shall not be entitled to any prize which may be won by the team for which that person has played as a substitute.

13.8 Prizes will only be awarded if the competition has been sponsored.

13.9 Clubs and players being awarded trophies shall accept responsibility for the safe keeping of the trophies whilst in their possession. The person accepting the trophy shall acknowledge receipt of the same by signing the respective District Competition Secretary's Register of Trophies. The Executive Committee shall be advised where the trophies will be housed during the year. All trophies shall be

returned in good and clean condition to the respective District Competition Secretary on request.

13.10 Engraving of trophies shall be arranged by the Association at its cost.

MEN AND WOMEN'S DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

14. Bowls South Africa Laws of the Sport of Bowls and By-Law 10, inter alia, shall apply to all competition sectional play and playoffs. Fours shall be played over 15 ends. Triples shall be played with two bowls over 18 ends. Pairs shall be the first player with three bowls over 18 ends and singles shall be the first player to 21 shots. Except in the Men and Women's Inter-Club League where specific rules apply to the competition in terms of the number of ends played in the case of inclement weather - refer to by-law 14.14.13.

14.1 **Champion Club Competition**

The **Frank Lambert, the Lambert Brothers and Sanders Trophies**. These competitions shall be annual events to establish the Champion Clubs in the District and shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Association.

14.1.1 Clubs may enter one [1] or two [2] sides in the Frank Lambert Trophy. After the 1st round the losers will be entered in the Lambert Bros Trophy. In the case of the Sanders Trophy clubs may only enter one side.

14.1.2 Each side shall comprise not less than ten [10] players - a four, a triple, a pair, and a singles player.

14.1.3 All players must be registered members of the Club.

14.1.4 Clubs must declare the names of their sides at the commencement of the competition as these players will not be interchangeable between the Frank Lambert Trophy and Lambert Bros side

14.1.5 Clubs may alter its side for subsequent matches.

14.1.6 Matches shall be played on the knockout system on neutral greens.

14.1.7 The winning side shall be determined in terms of By-Law 10.28 except that two points shall be awarded to the singles player.

Two points shall be scored for a win and one point for a draw. In the event of a tie on points the winning side shall be determined on net score. If equality still exists all teams and the singles player shall play an extra end or ends to determine the outright winner which shall be the side that scores the highest shot aggregate in the extra end or ends.

14.2 **Fours Championship : Men and Women**

14.2.1 This competition to be played on the round robin and points only will determine the winner.

14.2.2 Teams shall comprise four members of the same club and may also include a registered reserve.

14.3 **Triples Championship : Men and Women**

14.3.1 This competition to be played on the round robin system.

14.3.2 Teams shall comprise three members of the same club and may also include a registered reserve.

14.4 **Pairs Championship : Men and Women**

14.4.1 This competition to be played on the round robin system.

14.4.2 Teams shall comprise two members of the same club and may also include a registered reserve.

14.5 **Singles Championship : Men and Women**

14.5.1 This competition to be played on the round robin system.

14.5.2 Players will not be required to play more than three games in a day.

14.6 **Novices Singles Championship : Men and Women**

14.6.1 This competition is open to a bona fide member of a club affiliated to Bowls South Africa, having registered as a member with any National Bowling Association for not more than three [3] years at the date of the commencement of the specific event, is considered a novice. Any bowler having won a National Provincial, District or Club Singles Championship shall not be eligible to be viewed as a novice.

14.6.2 The competition is played to the same rules as the Singles Championship.

14.7. **Singles Champion of Champions : Men and Women**

14.7.1 This competition shall be open to the reigning Open Singles Champion of each affiliated club.

14.7.2 The competition is played on the knock-out system.

14.8 **Masters Invitation Singles : Men and Women**

14.8.1 Clubs shall submit to the District Secretary the names of players of appropriate standard together with their assessments and records for consideration by the Selection Committee. From the previous year's master's result the top four finishers and the current years' Singles winners automatically qualify for inclusion into the Open and Veterans Masters.

With respect to those who qualify from the previous year's Masters, their selection is subject on whether their current form is

at the required standard and have no disciplinary action against them.

14.8.2 The Selection Committee shall choose players to fill the remaining positions and two reserves and submit the selection to the Executive Committee who shall announce the players' names.

14.8.2.1 The draw for section and section position shall be by Open public draw method. However, the following shall be allocated into sections and positions by virtue of their qualification.

The winner of the previous year shall be allocated to Section 1 and position 1.

The runner up from the previous year shall be allocated to Section 2 and position 1.

The Sectional winners of the Preliminary Masters shall occupy position 6 in the respective sections that they won in the Preliminary Masters.

14.8.3 The Selection Committee shall choose twelve (12) players to play in a preliminary qualifying event, from which two finalists will emerge to fill the two [2] vacant berths in the main event.

14.8.4 The competition shall be played in a format decided by the Executive Committee. The section winners and runners-up shall be determined as specified in By-Law 10.28.

14.8.5 The section winners shall meet in the final and the section runners-up shall play for third and fourth places.

14.9 Veteran Fours Championship : Men and Women

14.9.1 This competition to be played on the round robin and points only will determine the winner.

14.9.2 Teams shall comprise four members of the same club and may also include a registered reserve.

14.10 **Veteran Triples Championship : Men and Women**

14.10.1 This competition to be played on the round robin system.

14.10.2 Teams shall comprise three members of the same club and may also include a registered reserve.

14.11 **Veteran Pairs Championship : Men and Women**

14.11.1 This competition to be played on the round robin system.

14.11.2 Teams shall comprise two members of the same club and may also include a registered reserve.

14.12 **Veteran Singles Championship : Men and Women**

14.12.1 This competition to be played on the round robin system.

14.12.2 Players will not be required to play more than three games in a day.

14.13. **INTER CLUB LEAGUE COMPETITION : MEN AND WOMEN**

General Conditions of play for all leagues

14.13.1 This competition shall be open to all affiliated clubs.

14.13.2 Games shall be played on Saturday afternoons only.

14.13.3 The selection and number of sides in each league shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

14.13.4 New clubs entering the competition shall join the lowest league

14.13.5 Each Club shall appoint a Captain/Coach for each league side

14.13.6 Prior to the start of play in each round, the captains/ coaches of the opposing sides shall draw for rinks and to decide which teams play each other. They shall also toss a coin to choose which side shall start in the first end.

14.13.7 Should a club include an ineligible player in a team, or should a team submit an incomplete/incorrect scorecard, that team shall forfeit any points it has scored.

14.13.8 Each side in each league shall play every other side in the same league on a return basis or at central venues.

14.13.9 The number of away games played by a side shall not differ **by more than one** from the number of home games. To avoid excessive distance travelled by a side, a central neutral green may be utilised. Such game shall be designated as a home game for one of the opponents and an away game for the other.

14.13.10 One [1] point is awarded to the team that wins a set [7 ends] Two [2] points are awarded for the winning team per game. Two [2] bonus points are awarded for the overall winning side i.e. net aggregate shots of the combines two teams.

14.13.11 In the event of set, game or match being drawn, the relative points will be shared. Total number of points available per match – Twelve [12].

14.13.12 Should play be abandoned for any reason the scoring will be as follows:

SETS: One point scored for the winner of each completed set. The points for incomplete sets are to be shared.

GAME: Once two sets (14 ends) have been completed by one team, the side with the greatest number of shots, based on completed ends, will be the winner. If less than two sets have been completed, the points are shared equally.

OVERALL: The bonus points are awarded to the side with the greatest number of shots, based on all completed ends, irrespective of how many ends have been completed"

14.13.13 Should a side, or a team in a side, fail to appear within fifteen[15] minutes of the scheduled time for the commencement or resumption of a match -

(a) If such a side or team has a reason acceptable to the Executive Committee for its failure to appear, the Executive Committee shall decide if and when and where such match shall be played, or

(b) If not, the Executive Committee shall award the match to the opposing side or team, giving it such points as the case may be and including the bonus point.

14.13.14 The winner of each league shall be determined as specified in By-Law 10.28.

14.13. 15 There shall be promotion and relegation of the top and bottom sides in the leagues.

14.13.16 Each side which plays at its own club shall be responsible for notifying the results of its match to the District Competition Secretary.

Men's Premier League

14.13.17 The Men's Premier League will consist of 6 sides, 2 teams of 4 players.

14.13.18 Ten [10] games will be played on Saturday afternoons on a home and away basis annually.

14.13.19 Promotion and relegation to apply.

Men's Lower Leagues [1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Leagues and any further leagues depending on entries.

14.13.20 The Men's Lower leagues will consist of 6 sides, 2 teams of 4 players

14.13.21 Ten [10] games will be played on Saturday afternoons on a home and away basis annually

14.13.22 Promotion and relegation to apply.

14.13.23 Clubs may enter one [1] team of four [4] players in a further league. Only one [1] team will be permitted from each participating club.

Women's Leagues

14.13.24 The Women's Leagues will consist of two [2] teams in each side. The 1st league will consist of six [6] sides. If insufficient entries are received for the lower leagues these sides may be combined into one league.

14.13.25 Ten [10] games will be played on a Saturday afternoons on a home and away basis annually

14.13.26 Promotion and relegation to apply.

14.13.27 Clubs may enter one [1] team of four [4] players in a further league. Only one [1] team will be permitted from each participating club.

14.14 Clubs whose greens are unplayable due to unforeseen circumstances, may apply to the District Executive Committee to have their home games moved to another Club, with the agreement of the proposed Club. The Club who requested their home games be moved shall make the necessary arrangements with the proposed club to allow play to take place.

15. MIXED COMPETITIONS

15.1 Mixed Fours Championship

15.1.1 Any combination of men and women is acceptable.

15.1.2 The competition shall be played on the round robin system and points only will determine the winner.

15.2 Mixed Pairs Championship

15.2.1. The competition shall be played on the round robin system.

15.2.2 The team shall comprise two members of the same club and may a registered reserve

15.3 Mid-Week League

15.3.1 Entries shall be submitted for teams of any combination of four players and a registered reserve who shall nominate themselves.

15.3.2 This competition shall be played on the round robin and points only will determine the winner/s.

15.4 Junior Singles Championship

15.4.1 Entries for this championship will be for players U25.

15.4.2 The format for this competition will be decided by the Executive Committee.