



PORT NATAL BOWLS
COMPETITIONS & TROPHIES
AND
GENERAL COMPETITION BY-LAWS
APPLICABLE TO ALL PNB EVENTS

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1.0 COMPETITIONS AND TROPHIES

1.1 Each year the Association shall organize the following competitions, with the following trophies being awarded to the winners and runners-up, where applicable

- MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP - Natal Mercury Cup
- WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP – Winner Buddell Trophy. R/U Collett Trophy
- MEN'S VETERAN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP - Association Cup
- WOMEN'S VETERAN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP – Winner Archie McDonald Trophy
R/U Sumner Trophy
- MEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS – Winner Toyota Trophy, R/U Claude Neon Cup
- WOMEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS – Winner George Fry Cup,
R/U Eunice Bossenger Trophy
- MEN'S & WOMEN'S QUALIFYING MASTERS - No Trophies
- MEN'S NOVICE SINGLES – Bell's Whisky Trophy
- WOMEN'S NOVICE SINGLES – Winner SAWBA Trophy; R/U Sherwood Trophy
- MEN'S OPEN MASTERS INVITATION SINGLES - Harry Lambert Shield
- WOMEN'S OPEN MASTERS INVITATION SINGLES – Winner SNWBA Trophy,
R/U Ellis Trophy
- MEN'S VETERAN MASTERS INVITATION SINGLES - Harold Merryweather Trophy
- WOMEN'S VETERAN MASTERS INVITATION SINGLES - Ruth Cochrane Trophy
- JUNIOR MASTERS INVITATION SINGLES – Junior Masters Invitation Singles Trophy
- MEN'S NOMINATED TRIPS CHAMPIONSHIP - Delville Wood Cup
- WOMEN'S NOMINATED TRIPS CHAMPIONSHIP – Winner Maisie Reed Trophy,
R/U Thelma Bailey Trophy
- MEN'S NOMINATED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP - White Horse Rosebowl
- WOMEN'S NOMINATED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP - Dbn & District Bowling Ass Cup,
R/U McInnes Trophy
- MIXED NOMINATED PAIRS - Oppenheimer Cup
- PRO-10 PAIRS – Winner - Pro10 Trophy; R/U - Marion Reed Trophy
- MEN'S NOMINATED FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP - Centenary Cup
- WOMEN'S NOMINATED FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP - Parkhill Memorial Trophy,
R/U Martha Hill Rosebowl
- MEN'S INTERCLUB FOURS LEAGUE - Homenet Cup
- WOMEN'S INTERCLUB FOURS LEAGUE - Wynn Cup, R/U McDonald Shield
- CLUB AGGREGATE TROPHIES - Highest Total Points - Sunday Tribune Shield;
2nd Highest - Crawford Shield; 3rd Highest - Daily News Shield

1.2 Special awards

Special awards shall be made to the following:

- CLUB AGGREGATE PERFORMANCE (By-Law 16.0)
1st Sunday Tribune Shield; 2nd Crawford Shield; 3rd Daily News Shield

S.A. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Prize Money - Value to be decided by the Executive.

2.0 GENERAL BY-LAWS

The General By-Laws set out in this section shall apply to all competitions unless the Conditions of Play, applicable to a particular competition provide otherwise.

2.1 Fixture List

Each year the Executive shall be responsible for drawing up a fixture list for the ensuing year and all matches shall, as far as is possible, be played on the dates laid down in the fixture list. Should it not be possible, because of adverse weather or other unforeseen circumstances, for any match (other than Interclub League) to be played or completed on the date or dates laid down in the fixture list, the Executive shall alter the fixture list where necessary and set any match down for play or completion on any other day.

2.2 Precedence of Association Competitions

After the publication of the PNB Fixture List, the PNB's fixtures shall take precedence over all Club events and Sponsored Tournaments.

2.3 Laws of the Sport of Bowls

Unless otherwise stated herein, the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as laid down by World Bowls shall apply to all competitions organised by PNB and the definitions contained in such laws shall, unless otherwise stated herein, apply to all these By-Laws.

2.3.1 No smoking of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes or consumption of alcohol will be allowed on the green. Players wishing to smoke need to be 2 m off the green.

2.3.2 The use of cell phones or other electronic equipment is not permitted on the green.

2.3.3 Drug Free Sport - Port Natal Bowls prescribes to the policies adopted by Bowls SA and SASCOC in regard to drug testing and accountability. Information regarding banned substances and player/coach responsibility may be found at www.drugfreesport.org.za

2.3.4 The Executive retains the right to cancel any competition, which in its discretion is not economically viable or lacks entries and/or support.

2.4 Entrants and Entries

2.4.1 Entrants

All competitions organised by the Association between Clubs shall be open to all affiliated Clubs and all other competitions organised by the Association shall be open to all bona fide members of all affiliated Clubs.

2.4.2 Entries

Entries for all competitions shall be submitted by the Secretaries or Competition Secretaries of all Clubs who, or whose members desire to enter, to the District Competition Secretary on or before the closing date of each competition, accompanied by the entrance fee, if any.

2.4.3 Closing date and Late Entries

The Executive shall decide the closing date for the receipt of entries for each competition. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Executive up until the start of the draw procedure. Should late entries be received after the draw has been completed, they

will only be considered should a withdrawal occur prior to the playing of the first round of the competition and then only on the basis of first come first served.

2.4.4 Entrance Fees

2.4.4.1 The Executive may fix and charge entrance and late entry fees, which shall be determined from time to time and approved by Council in a General Meeting, for all competitions. All entries for competitions shall be accompanied by the fees due.

2.4.4.2 All entrance fees from the Association's competitions shall be placed in the PNB General Account.

2.5 Competition Draws and Seeding

2.5.1 Sectional Play Competitions

2.5.1.1 Inter-Club League – Sectional Play

The District Competition Secretary shall prepare the draw according to the specific byelaws for the respective Men's and Women's events. Where entries dictate, the number of sides per division may be reduced at the discretion of the Executive to accommodate the inclusion of as many sides as possible.

2.5.1.2 Sectional Play followed by Knockout

2.5.1.2.1 For each competition, excluding the Masters, Qualifying Masters and Junior Masters, a draw shall be done by the District Competition Secretary, who, dependant on the number of entries, shall determine the number of sections and the number of players per section. Each section shall be played to be played to a conclusion at the same venue, unless otherwise decided by Exco

2.5.1.2.2 For the Masters, Qualifying Masters and Junior Masters the Convener of Selectors shall provide the names of the players and their clubs to Exco for approval. The draw into sections shall be made by Exco and in the case of the Open and Veteran Masters in the presence of the selected players and Conveners of the Selectors.

2.5.2 Seeding

2.5.2.1 The winners and Runners-up from the previous year's event shall not be drawn in the same section.

2.5.2.2 Where possible in the initial draw, players and/or teams from the same club should not be drawn in the same section. This will not apply to late entries accepted after the draw has been published or entries replacing withdrawals or to the Masters and Qualifying Masters.

2.6 Venues

The Executive shall fix the venues for all matches. Consideration should be given to the general quality of greens, tournament support on a pro rata basis, security, catering, ability to administer the competition and giving all capable clubs the opportunity to host events. Taking all the aforementioned into consideration the Executive are obliged to use the best greens possible, as advised by the Greens Standing Committee.

2.7 Green Fees

The green fees payable by the Competitors at all Clubs shall be laid down by the Council from time to time. Green fees from semi-final stages onwards shall be the responsibility of PNB.

2.8 Time for Play

- 2.8.1 Time of Play - Unless otherwise determined by the Executive, all matches to be played in the morning shall commence at 09h00 and all matches to be played in the afternoons shall commence at 13h30 or as stipulated on cover pages sent to clubs for specific competitions.
- 2.8.2 Un-played fixtures delayed for reasons acceptable to the Executive may be re-scheduled either by or with the agreement of the Executive.
- 2.8.3 Resumption of Play - Any match stopped for any valid reason shall be resumed with the scores as they were when the match was stopped. Any end commenced but not completed shall be re-started. When a match is resumed a trial end or ends shall only be allowed if the match is resumed on another day, or if the rink on which the match is resumed is changed.
- 2.8.4 Curtailment of Match - Notwithstanding the specific rules applicable to each competition, the Controlling Body may in exceptional circumstances and in order to complete a competition, reduce the number of ends to be played in a match or reduce the number of shots to be scored in a match.
- 2.8.5 Where circumstances demand, pre-playing of a match in the knockout phase may be played on or before the date or time on which they have been set down, provided no other matches or players are adversely affected.

2.9 Interruption or Abandonment of Play

- 2.9.1 In the event of adverse weather conditions, which includes lightning activity, excessive heat and humidity, or for any other valid reason the CEO shall temporarily suspend play. Play shall stop immediately and only resume when authorised by the CEO. In the event that conditions do not improve he shall make the decision to abandon play.
- 2.9.2 The CEO should apply the District Heat and Discomfort Index Guidelines which recommend an upper index of 39.
- 2.9.3 Umpires shall not be responsible to call off players during lightning/thunderstorm activity unless the players have made an appeal.
- 2.9.4 Any uncompleted games shall be played at a date and time advised by the District Competition Secretary

2.10 Managers

Clubs shall appoint a Manager for inter-club matches. The Manager of the visiting team shall draw for opponents and then for rinks.

2.11 Players

- 2.11.1 All players of each team shall be bona fide members of the same Club and a team which introduces ineligible players shall forfeit the match.
- 2.11.2 Dual Membership
No player may play for more than one club during any one season in any competition staged by PNB, but subject to Clause 9.2.3 of the Constitution, except in the nominated Mixed Pairs (Oppenheimer Cup) where a dual member may team up with a player from the second call club. No dual member may play

for more than one Club during any one season in any competition staged by PNB, except in the Mixed Pairs (Oppenheimer Cup), where a dual member may team up with a player from a second call club.

2.11.3 Transfer of Players

Should a player who is still a competitor in a competition, excepting Inter-Club League, resign from one Club and join another, he shall be permitted to complete that specific competition under the aegis of the Club under which he entered, provided that he is at all times a bona fide member of a Club under the jurisdiction of PNB.

2.11.4 Communication by Players

Except as provided in Clauses 16.11 and 17.2.2 of the Constitution no member of an affiliated Club is permitted to correspond or deal directly with the Association on any matters.

2.11.5 Scratchings

In the event of a team or player failing to report for a match within ten (10) minutes after the appointed time for the match, the opposing team or player may claim the match by signing the scorecard and handing it to the Event Official in charge. Should no scorecard be signed and handed in, both teams or players shall be scratched.

Latitude should be given to a team advising the club event official within 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time that they have been delayed by circumstances beyond their control. Commencement of play must be no later than 30 minutes after the scheduled time.

Notwithstanding the foregoing rule, should a team or player desire to scratch before the time laid down for a match to start, the District Competition Secretary or in his absence the Tournament Official at the venue where the match is to be played, must be notified, in which event it shall not be necessary for the team's opponent to report for the match or sign the scorecard.

2.11.6 Approved Substitutes and Reserves

2.11.6.1 Refer to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Law 33.9 of Bowls South Africa's Domestic Regulations and the specific Conditions of Play, which state that the substitute must be from the same club.

2.11.6.2 A substitute may not have played for any other team in prior rounds of play.

2.11.6.3 Should a substituted player not be available for future rounds of play then the substitute may continue to play for the team, if available. If that substitute is not available, then a replacement substitute may be drawn in the prescribed manner.

2.11.6.4 In all instances the substitute may not skip.

2.12 Officials

- 2.12.1 For all matches except those detailed in 2.12.2 below, each Club at which a match is to be played shall appoint an Event Official, one or more Technical Officials and for singles matches the necessary markers, who may be players engaged in the competition. If a registered Technical Official is not available, any other competent person may be appointed as a Technical Official for the match or

matches. The Technical Official/s and Markers shall carry out their duties in terms of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

The Event Official shall be the Controlling Body as defined in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and acting on behalf of the Executive he shall:

- (a) Arrange the matches according to the supplied draw:
- (b) Arrange completion of declaration forms, which include the full names of all players and reserves and their respective Bowls SA registration numbers, prior to the start of the first round of play
- (c) Supervise the drawing of rinks where necessary.
- (d) Allocate rinks where no draw is necessary:
- (e) Allocate Markers for Singles matches, where required.
- (f) Arrange for Substitutes, if necessary:
- (g) Receive reports from the Technical Official/s
- (h) Arbitrate in matters of dispute
- (i) Decide whether a match should be commenced or continued in the event of adverse weather, including heat and humidity, he being the sole judge thereof: Exception - for inter-club league this decision is as described in the specific conditions of play
- (j) Report to the District Competition Secretary any decisions made by him.
- (k) After the completion of matches he shall submit them to the District Competition Secretary by 10.30 a.m. on the next working day.

2.12.2 Officials - Closing Stages

For the Quarter finals, Semi-finals and Finals of all Competitions the Executive shall assume the responsibility of Event Official and instruct the Technical Officials Standing Committee to supply the required Officials and/or Markers.

2.13 Scorecards

For all matches a scorecard, with the names of the players shown thereon, shall be filled in end by end and at the conclusion of each match shall be signed by the skips or singles players and handed to the Technical Official for checking and countersignature. The Technical Official shall ensure that the completed scorecard is handed to the Event Official.

2.14 Smoking, Electronic Devices and Consumption of Alcohol

2.14.1 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.

2.14.2 Consumption of Alcohol

Players and Markers should refrain from consuming Alcohol during Play

2.14.3 These rulings apply to all events under the control of Port Natal Bowls.

2.14.4 The penalty for transgressing is as follows:

Upon the first offence the Technical Official will warn the marker or the player via the Skip (or the player in singles) and record the players name and Club.

Upon any subsequent offence by the same player, the Technical Official shall report the player/marker to the Controlling Body, who shall take suitable action, which may include 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 of appeal to the Jury of Appeal.

In a team event, a registered reserve, may be used, or a draw for a substitute will be allowed.

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 Port Natal events for one year.

2.15 Spectators and Non-Participating Competitors

2.15.1 The Officials at a Club where a match is being played shall ensure that only the Marker and Technical Official are allowed on the rink while a match is in progress.

2.15.2 During the sectional play of an Association competition, tabs-in bowls in formal bowling attire may be allowed on the same green as is being used for the playing the competition, provided that an open rink is left between the competition and tabs-in play.

2.15.3 During the period of play of the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Finals of all PNB competitions, non-participating competitors still in contention in that competition may not play on the same green/rinks as are nominated for those specific rounds.

2.16 Presentation of Trophies and Prizes

2.16.1 A trophy and the Association's winner's metal lapel badge/s shall be presented to the winning player/team and where applicable a trophy to the runners-up. Prize money may be awarded to the winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists, dependant on funding.

There shall be no playoff to determine third place. The losing semi-finalists will be placed third and will share any available prize money.

2.16.2 The presentation of the trophy, the Association's winner's metal lapel badge and prize monies shall take place immediately following the completion of the final, either in the Clubhouse or on the green depending upon the circumstances prevailing at the time. The trophy shall be held by the winner/s (or his/their Club representative) until its return is requested by the District Competition Secretary.

2.16.3 The Executive shall be responsible for ensuring that all trophies are suitably engraved with the winner's details.

2.16.4 Association Lapel Badges

PNB metal lapel badges shall be presented to the winners of all competitions except for Inter-Club League. The badges shall bear a legend indicating the competition won and the year in which it was played.

2.17 Team Competitions

In team competitions, players in the nominated team shall be permitted to change positions in different games, unless otherwise stated in the specific by-law.

2.18 Defaulters

Those teams or individual players in Singles who do not report to their drawn venue or withdraw from their section during play will be listed as defaulters by the respective Club Event Official, who shall report this information to PNB. PNB will request such teams and/or players to submit in writing their reason for non-attendance or withdrawal to submit the reason for their non-appearance. Should their reason be unacceptable to that body, the entire team or player in singles shall be subject to a one year ban from that specific event.

2.19 Bowls Distinctive Markings, Legality and Stickers

Bowls in a set of four must have a World Bowls stamp of approval, distinctive and similar markings on each side and shall not have been tampered with. Club stickers may be used.

2.20 Bowls SA Membership Cards

All participants must be able to produce a current membership card; failure to do so could result in disqualification.

2.21 Dress and Footwear

DRESS

All players must appear on the green dressed in compliance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. It is expected that club colours should be worn, with all members of the side being uniformly dressed. It is acceptable for individual members in a team to wear either long pants or shorts in the same team during competitive play.

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 shoe. To assist in traction the sole can have indented grooves up to 2 mm (thickness of 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 providing they have a back strap. The National Authority reserves the right to allow or disallow the use of specific colours and brands of footwear.

2.22 Club Aggregate Trophies

Trophies are awarded to those Clubs whose sides, teams or individual players in singles players accumulate points for reaching the finishing positions indicated in the competitions specified in clauses 2.22.1, and 2.22.2

2.22.1 Last 16 - 2 points (provided that the last 16 were at least section finalists)
Quarter Finalists - 3 points; Semi Finalists - 4 points
Runners-up - 5 points; Winner - 6 points

2.22.1.1 Port Natal Events

Singles Championship, Veteran Singles Championship, Pairs Championship, Mixed Pairs Championship, Triples Championship, Fours Championship, Pro-10 tournament.

2.22.1.2 KwaZulu Natal Championships Singles, Pairs and Fours.

2.22.2 Port Natal Inter-Club League

The final position of the "A" side of each Club, irrespective of which league they participated in, shall determine the points allocated for that Club.

Position	Points
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1st	10
2nd	9
3rd	8
4th	7
5th	6
6th	5
7th	4
8th	3
9th	2
10th	1

Points are only awarded for "A" sides.

2.23 South African Singles Championships

A prize, as determined from time to time by the Executive, shall be awarded to the Port Natal Women's and Men's players who go the furthest in the respective South African Singles Championships, provided that they are one of the last 16 in the competition. If no player reaches the last 16 then no prize shall be awarded.