PORT NATAL BOWLS
MEN'S INTERCLUB LEAGUE BYE-LAWS

These competitions shall be Inter-Club competitions to be run on a league basis and are to be played under the following By-Laws and the Conditions of Play specific to the event.

TROPHIES
These floating trophies shall be held for the ensuing year.
In addition, prizes may be awarded to the winning Clubs in each division at the discretion of the Executive.

SIDES
An affiliated Club may enter as many sides as they desire. All members of a side must be bona fide first call members of their affiliated club and appear on the BSA database as an affiliated bowler throughout the competition.

ANY BREACH OF THIS BYE LAW WILL RESULT IN RULE 39.2.1 OF THE CURRENT LAW BOOK BEING ENFORCED.

SIDES IN DIVISIONS FOR 2025 ONLY

Division 1
Eight sides, each with three teams of four. Only one side per club.

Division 2
NINE sides, each with three teams of four. No more than two sides per club

Division 3
SEVEN sides, each with two teams of four. No more than two sides per club.
In the event that a club in divisions 2 and below has two sides in the same division, then those two sides shall play each other in the first fixture of the league.

Division 4 and below
Eight sides, each with two teams of fours. No more than two sides per club.
In the event that a club in divisions 2 and below has two sides in the same division, then those two sides shall play each other in the first fixture of the league.

The District Competition Secretary shall prepare the draw into divisions as per the make-up of sides specified above, with the previous year's results determining promotion and relegation and the position in each section. Where entries dictate the number of sides in the lower divisions may be reduced at the discretion of the Executive to accommodate the inclusion of as many sides as possible.

PLAYERS
A player may play in more than one league division during the same calendar year
A player who resigns from an affiliated Club during calendar year can no longer play for that Club during the same year, but he may, during that year play for any other affiliated Club which he may join AS A FULLY AFFILIATED MEMBER.
A player who during calendar year, resigns from OR is no longer a FULLY AFFILIATED member of an affiliated Club may no longer play.

MANAGERS
Each Club shall appoint a Manager for each side entered.
The Manager shall be responsible for the following

- **Declaring the sides along with their BSA Numbers on the declaration form. The host club's manager will sign the form as well. This form is to be sent to the PNB office by 10am on the Monday following.**

- Collection and payment of green fees to the host club
- In conjunction with the host club's manager conduct the draw for opposition and rinks
- In conjunction with their team's skips ensure that all scorecards contain the names of all their players and are correctly completed
- Should there be no greenkeeper or club official on duty, the Managers of all the sides at that venue, shall decide on pausing or cancelling play due to adverse weather conditions. Player discomfort should only be considered in adverse humiture conditions.
- Before leaving the venue, agree with the overall points and shot differences with the host club's manager.

VENUES
All sides in all divisions will be drawn and play a combination of home and away games.
These shall alternate annually where possible i.e. four home games one year and three the following year.

FAILURE TO APPEAR
Should a side or team fail to appear within 10 minutes after the time appointed for the commencement or resumption of a match the following shall apply:
If such side or team has contacted the host venue with an acceptable reason their non-appearance, they may be granted a thirty-minute extension to the appointed start time.
If such side has a reason for its failure to appear, which is acceptable to the Executive, the Executive shall decide if, when and where such a match shall be played or resumed.
If the reason for its failure to appear is not acceptable to the Executive, the Executive may either award the match to the opposing side, giving it full points, or scratch the defaulting side from the competition and expunge all the results of the matches played by such sides from the records.

WINNERS
The winner of each league shall be the side with the most points but should two (2) or more sides have the same points, the winner shall be the side with the highest net score.

PROMOTION AND RELEGATION FOR 2025 ONLY

Division 1
Bottom side shall be relegated.

Division 2

Top side promoted and bottom **two sides relegated** provided that:-

a) If a side is to be promoted and there are already two sides from the same club in that division (division one, one club) then no promotion of that side is due to be promoted shall take place.
b) If a side is due to be relegated and there are already two sides from the same club in that division then no relegation of that side is due to be relegated shall take place.

Division 3
Top side promoted and bottom side relegated provided that:-

a) If a side is to be promoted and there are already two sides from the same club in that division, then no promotion of that side is due to be promoted shall take place.
b) If a side is due to be relegated and there are already two sides from the same club in that division, then no relegation of that side is due to be relegated shall take place.

Division 4 and below
Top side promoted and bottom side relegated provided that:-

a) If a side is to be promoted and there are already two sides from the same club in that division, then no promotion of that side is due to be promoted shall take place.
b) If a side is due to be relegated and there are already two sides from the same club in that division, then no relegation of that side is due to be relegated shall take place.

WITHDRAWAL

If a side withdraws from a league before the completion of the league, the Executive shall expunge all the results of the matches played by such sides from the records.

DISPUTES

Should any dispute occur, which cannot be settled by the respective Managers, such dispute shall be referred to the Executive within three (3) days of the completion of the match and the decision of the Executive shall be final and binding.

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