

KWA ZULUL NATAL BOWLS CONDITIONS OF PLAY – SINGLES

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.

BOWLS – DISTINCTIVE MARKING, LEGALITY AND STICKERS

Bowls in a set of four 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

- 1.1 The Singles Championships is to be played with four bowls per player with the winner being the first player to score 21 shots.
- 1.2 Play shall be on a league system in sections of three players per section.
- 1.3 The first round shall be between the players one and two in the section with player three marking.
The second round between player three and the loser of the first round with the winner of the first round marking.
The third round shall be between player three and the winner of the first round.
- 1.4 Sections must play on the same green and in the same direction for all rounds of sectional play.
- 1.5 All games of sectional play are to be completed, as net shots could decide section winners.

POINTS ALLOCATION AND SECTION WINNERS –

1 Points for winning the game.

The section winner shall be the player 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 players during section play.

In the event that all three players have identical shots for and against, all three shall play a one bowl tie-breaker to determine the winner. The mat and jack are to be placed at the respective 2 metre marks and the order of play shall be as per the section draw. The distance between bowl and jack of the first player shall be set on a measure, the bowl removed and the jack re-set, if necessary. Player 2 and then 3 shall deliver their respective bowl and the section winner shall be the player with the shortest distance between jack and bowl. Should there still be a tie, the players in contention shall repeat the process until a decision is reached.

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 at the discretion of the host club.

ENTRIES

The names of the players, who shall be first call bona fide members of a club 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 their first match, each player shall complete and sign the KZNB declaration form setting out their names and Bowls SA registration number.

WITHDRAWALS PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT

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

DIRECTION OF PLAY

During sectional play the greens are to be played in the morning direction for all games.

TOSSING FOR OPENING PLAY

Players 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

Players may visit the head after the delivery of their third bowl. They may visit the head earlier, with permission from their opponent and the Marker.

DEAD ENDS & JACK

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

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 Laws of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls will apply.

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