



GAUTENG BOWLS CHALLENGE

Information guide

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CONDITIONS OF PLAY

All games shall be played in accordance with:

THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS CRYSTAL MARK 4th EDITION and
THE DOMESTIC REGULATIONS OF BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA and the following
CONDITIONS OF PLAY

CONTROLLING BODY

The tournament shall be under the control of Gauteng Bowls through its nominated Executive Member and in association with the Tournament Committee and Jury of Appeal

JURY OF APPEAL

A Jury of Appeal appointed by Gauteng Bowls will be constituted as follows:

- A Member of Gauteng Bowls or a nominee
- A Member of the Host District's Executive Committee who shall not be a member of the tournament committee
- Convenor of the Staging District's Technical Officials Standing Committee or an acceptable nominee.
- The decision of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Players selected to play must comply with age restrictions as follows:

- Open: All ages
- 'B': All ages
- Veteran: Players must have turned 60 on or before start of ID on 10 March 2025
- U15: Players must be 15 years or under on or before 18 January 2025
- U18: Players must be 18 years or under on or before 18 January 2025
- U 25: Players must be 25 years or under on or before 18 January 2025

BOWLS DISTINCTIVE MARKINGS, LEGALITY AND STICKERS

Bowls in a set must have distinctive and similar markings on each side and shall not have been tampered with. District decals/stickers must be used.

SIDES AND TEAMS

Sides for Open, "B" and Veterans shall consist of two teams of four players, all of whom must be bona fide first call members of their district. A reserve of the same standing may be registered. For U/15, U/18 and U/25 play will be in teams of four, all of whom must be bona fide first call members of their district. Two reserves of the same standing may be registered.

FORMAT OF PLAY

Open, 'B' and Veteran sections – The tournament shall be played on a league basis with all sides in the section playing each other once. Each game shall be played over 15 ends split into three sets of five ends each.

U/25 The tournament shall be played on a league basis with all teams in the section the section playing each other once. Each game shall be played over 15 ends, split into three sets of five ends each.

U/15 – The tournament shall be played on a league basis with all teams in a section playing each other. All games will be played over 10 ends.

U/18 – The tournament shall be played in two sections on a league basis with all teams in a section playing each other, whereafter there will be playoffs between sections for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th places. All games will be played over 10 ends.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

Open, 'B', Veteran and U/25 sections – A time limit of two hours and 15 minutes is allocated per game, that includes the trial ends. All the games shall start at the same time with the ring of a bell (first bell). The bell will ring again after 2 hours since the game commenced (second bell). Players then have another 15 minutes to finish the game when the final bell rings (third bell) When the final bell rings, any end in process may be completed.

PROGRAMME OF PLAY

Saturday

- Report at venues: 08:00
- Start of game one: 08:30
- Completion of game one: 10:45
- Tea
- Start of game two: 11:15
- Completion of game two: 13:30

- Lunch
- Start of game three: 14:30
- Completion of game three: 16:45

Sunday

- Report at venues: 08:00
- Start of game four: 08:30
- Completion of game four: 10:45
- Tea
- Start of game five: 11:15
- Completion of game five: 13:30
- Prize giving at different venues: After sections have been completed

DRAW FORMAT AND GREENS ALLOCATIONS

All draws, green and rink allocations will be done by the Tournament Committee. This will be published on the "Bowlsdraw" system (www.bowlsdraw.co.za). This will include venue, names and times.

TOSSING FOR THE OPENING PLAY

Managers shall toss a coin to determine which side or team play first. See Law 5.2 of "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" Crystal mark 4th Edition.

TRIAL ENDS

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

START OF PLAY

At the start of the game, the winner of the toss shall, decide whether to take the mat and deliver the jack or let the other side play first.

At the start of the second and third set, the winner of the previous set must take the mat and deliver the jack. If the set is drawn, the winner of the last scoring end in that set must take the mat and deliver the jack.

At the start of any other end the winner of the previous end must take the mat and deliver the jack.

SCORING

One point is awarded to the team that wins a set

Two points are awarded for the winning team per game

Two bonus points are awarded for the overall winning side i.e. nett aggregate shots of the combined two teams. (not applicable to U/15, U/18 and U/25).

In the event of set, game or match being drawn, the relative points will be shared.

Total number of points available per match for Open, "B" and Veterans is twelve. For U/25, the total number of points available per match is five.

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 (10 ends) have been completed, the team with the highest 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 highest number of shots, based on all completed ends, irrespective of how many ends have been completed. (not applicable to U/15, U/18 and U/25).

U/15 and U18 – Two points are awarded for winning the game and in the event of a match being drawn the points will be shared (one point per team). However, if play should be abandoned during a game six completed ends will constitute a game.

SCORE CARDS, SCORE BOARDS AND FLIP BOARDS

The Skip losing the toss shall be responsible for the scorecard and the opposing skip responsible for the scoreboard and flip board. The Skips may delegate these duties to a member of their team.

It is important that the names of all players in the team (including that of the reserves if nominated) be entered on the scorecard for each match.

Score cards

These must reflect the number of shots end by end and accumulative shots **for each individual set**, starting at zero at the beginning of each set i.e. ends 6 and 11. Also points per set, total points and total shots after 15 ends.

Score boards

These must reflect the total number of shots **for each individual set**, starting at zero at ends 6 and 11.

Flip boards

These must reflect the number of ends completed and the continuous accumulative scores.

SECTION WINNERS

The winners and runners up in each section will be decided by the following sequential criteria: Points, Highest Net Score, Highest Shot Percentage (i.e. shots for divided by shots against) and then the side that won the game between the two sides in section play.

TROPHIES

Trophies on offer for respective winners (men and women combined) are as follows.

- Open: Bill Dillon Trophy
- 'B': Professor J Church Floating Trophy
- Veteran: Ashley van der Muller Trophy
- Overall: Slackatz Trophy (Only Open, "B" & Veteran Teams)

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA MEMBERSHIP

All participants must be a registered member of Bowls South Africa.

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 District colours be worn. Coloured clothing may be worn subject to 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.

SIDE DECLARATION

The side declarations per game must be completed for Open, "B" & Veterans, which must be handed to the Tournament Official at least 30 minutes before the start of the game. For the U/15, U/18 and U/25 teams, the team declarations must be completed before the start of each game, which must also be handed to the tournament Official before start of each game.

RESERVES AND SUBSTITUTES

Use of reserves

Registered reserves may be used, and the reserve may skip. Changes to teams may only be made in accordance with the latest version of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

If a player withdraws during a game for legitimate reasons they may be replaced by the registered reserve, if available.

A substitute may only be used if a reserve is already playing or was not registered.

Use of substitutes

Substitutes shall be allowed as follows:

In the event of there being no reserve, or the registered reserve is already playing, the names of not more than four bowlers who have not played for any participating team shall be recorded on slips of paper and placed in a suitable container. The Manager/Captain of the opposing team shall draw a name, and the Controlling Body shall accept this name. This player shall substitute for as many rounds as they may be required but may not skip

DIRECTION OF PLAY

Afternoon play shall be in the opposite direction to morning play, that is, after the first two rounds of play

PRACTICE AND WARMUP

Sides/teams not playing for any reason, but due to play in the next round may practice on a rink allocated by the Controlling Body if rink space at the venue permits.

Players may warm up before a game with the approval of the Controlling Body but must be in the opposite direction of expected play. No target such as a jack may be used but bowls may be delivered to enable the player to warm/loosen up.

RESTRICTION OF THE MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY

Leads and Seconds may not walk up to the head before the last bowl of both seconds have been delivered.

After delivering their first bowl, Thirds may be permitted to walk up to the head on being invited by the Skip. Skips are permitted to walk up to the head after their first bowl.

When a player at the head walks back to the mat to deliver their first bowl, their direct opponent may remain at the head until that bowl has come to rest before walking to the mat to deliver their own first bowl.

DEAD JACK

Ends declared dead are to be replayed. The procedure of spotting the Jack will not apply.

INTERRUPTION OF PLAY

In the event of adverse weather conditions, which includes lightning activity, excessive heat and humidity, or for any other valid reason, the Club Tournament Official (CTO) can temporarily suspend play. Play shall stop immediately and only resume when authorised by the CTO. In the event of adverse weather conditions or for any other valid reason, the Controlling Body shall have the right to curtail the number of rounds/ends to be played to achieve a Result.

Umpires shall not be responsible to call off players during lightning/thunderstorm activity, unless the players have made an appeal. The umpire shall refer any appeal by the players to the CTO.

Heat and discomfort: The CTO should be guided by applying suspension of play once the discomfort index exceeds 36°C in Temperature and 39% in Humidity.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND CELLULAR TELEPHONES

Smoking (including artificial devices or e-cigarettes such as Twisp), Alcohol, Cell phones and Handheld TV devices will not be permitted within 2 metres of the green while play is in progress.

The penalty for transgressing is as follows:

Upon the first offence the Technical Official will warn the player via the Team Manager and record the players name and District.

Upon any subsequent offence by the same player, the Technical Official shall report the player to the Controlling Body, who shall take suitable action, which may include suspending the player from playing in the next round. If the offence is committed in the last round, the penalty will be carried forward to the relevant tournament for the following year. A registered reserve may be used, or a draw for a substitute will be allowed.

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.

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 Gauteng Bowls Tournaments for one year.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PLAYERS AND MANAGERS

HOSTING DISTRICT

The Hosting District for January 2025 is BGN

PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS

The participating Districts for the Gauteng Challenge are:

- Johannesburg Bowling Association
- Bowls Gauteng North
- Sables Bowling Association
- Sedibeng Bowling Association
- Ekurhuleni Bowls
- Mpumalanga

HOST CLUBS

There are FOUR host clubs, namely:

- PHSOB(HQ) Open & U/25
- Lynnwood Veteran
- Harlequins "B"
- CBCOB U/15 & U/18

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VENUE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Team managers are expected to have familiarised themselves with the Conditions of Play and Instructions to Players and that their teams are aware of same.

The appointed Tournament Official, also being familiar with the Conditions of Play, will perform duties as follows:

- Welcome players and managers
- Make meal tickets available and take orders for tea & lunch
- Summarise terms and conditions specifically as follows
 - Dead end procedure
 - Trial ends permitted
 - Advise all players of adverse lightning conditions as indicated on the venue lightning detector when the condition occurs and safety to recommence play
 - Advise of stoppage/restart of play owing to rain
- Advise of the smoking, consumption of alcohol and use mobile phone usage rules
- Scores must be entered to Bowlsdraw after each round.

At no stage will either the players or managers hold themselves in a position to dictate any change to the Conditions of Play

BOWLS MARKINGS

Bowls must bear distinctive markings per the Laws of Bowls and team managers are to ensure that all their team members and nominated reserves are provided with distinctive decals that identify the District being represented.

ENTRY FORMS

These are to be completed and returned to the Organising Committee by no later than NOON, Thursday, 14th December 2024.

The return Email address is: vpres2.bgn@gmail.com

CHALLENGE ENTRY FEES

R100-/player (Includes green fees)

(Proof of payment to accompany entry form)

FLAGS

The Gauteng Bowls-, BGN- and Club flags should be displayed at HQ each day. BGN and club flags to be displayed at the other hosting clubs each day.

OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

There will be an opening ceremony (Flag raising) preceding the event at PHSOB. After completion of the games, prize giving will be at the various venues.

TEA BREAKS

There will be no tea breaks during play and players will be expected to take refreshments in the periods between games.

HOST CLUB DETAILS

PHSOB (HQ) – Open & U/25

Address: 378 Queen's Crescent, Lynnwood

Tournament official: Chris de Jager

Mobile number: 073 017 6216

HARLEQUINS - B

Address: 56 Totius Street, Groenkloof

Tournament official: Liëtte Jordaan-van Zyl

Mobile number: 083 733 0699

LYNNWOOD- Veteran

Address: 423 Kins Highway, Lynnwood

Tournament official: Cahrima van Rooyen

Mobile number: 082 414 8182

CBCOB – U15 / U18

Address: 78 George Storrar Street, Groenkloof

Tournament official: Hugo Botha

Mobile Number: 072 645 4589

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Convenor & records: Basil le Grange

Administrator: Florence van Zyl

CATERING GUIDE

Each Venue is responsible for providing teas and lunches on Saturday & Sunday. All participants to please place their order and purchase their tickets upon arrival each day. (Estimate order form to accompany entry form please)

- Registration Coffee: Tea/coffee with a rusk
- 07h30 Breakfast: Breakfast Bacon roll including tea/coffee
- 10:45 Morning Tea: Tea / Coffee and refreshments as per menu
- 13h30 Lunch: As per menu
- Special needs: These need to be advised in advance together with returned entry forms
- Costs: All condiments to be ordered and paid for upon arrival each day.
- Prize giving: A variety of meals off the club's menu are available at HQ for players' accounts
- District officials: Tea/Lunch tickets will be available for purchase from duty Tournament Officials on the day and re-imburement claimed from the relevant district

WEBSITE ADDRESS

All the preceding information, entry forms and composite result sheets with the draws and upcoming results may be viewed on the Bowls draw website: www.bowlsdraw.co.za Hard copies of the result sheets on A4 will be available at the respective venues for those managers who wish to complete them themselves