



Modus Operandi: Player Ranking System

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1. Object of the Ranking System

The system and its backing database have been developed and put in place for the following beneficial reasons:

- 1.1 To foster a competitive interest in the game of bowls amongst all players;
- 1.2 To give elite and social bowlers alike an indication of their progress over the years;
- 1.3 To be used as a tool to establish the Victor/Victrix Ludorum for the season immediately past
- 1.4 To develop a set of player records of current and five-year form that the EKB Selectors may use to determine which players will be invited to participate in the Inter District Squad development;
- 1.5 To provide the basis against which players are invited to compete in the District President's Invitation and Master's Singles Competitions as defined in the EKB Modus Operandi – Selection.

2. The Ranking System Database

- 2.1 There are two separate EKB databases, one for all the registered women bowlers and another for all the registered men bowlers;
- 2.2 The basic information contained in the databases comprises the players' surname, initial, BSA number, birth date, current club and classification as either an open or veteran player;
- 2.3 Scores related each players' performance in the defined EKB championship tournaments over the present and past four season is reflected;
- 2.4 The databases are updated after every competition mentioned in 3, to reflect player tournament performances and player movement;
- 2.5 Players who joined the district in the period after the last update will be added and those who transfer out of the district moved into a separate section for use if they do return to EKB;
- 2.6 Deceased players or players resigning from bowls will be removed from the database;
- 2.7 As at the beginning of October of each year the data in the database older than five seasons expires and is removed, replaced with the data for the new season;
- 2.8 Simultaneously, data that is retained will be depreciated to its age in the five-year cycle;
- 2.9 The information relevant to players' detail and form will always be available for perusal on the EKB website;
- 2.10 The Ranking System Database administrator is responsible for posting of changes to rankings on the EKB website and District Face Book page.

3. Ranking Competitions

The EKB Competitions whose results will be used in determining rankings are:

- Open singles
- Veteran singles
- Open pairs
- Veteran pairs (Men only)
- Open triples
- Open fours
- Mixed pairs

Scores accumulated in seasons other than the present season are reduced by 20% preseason up to the fourth season back from the present. The table below illustrates the seasonal depreciation:

- Current season: 100%
- Season minus 1: 80%
- Season minus 2 60%
- Season minus 3: 40%
- Season minus 4 20%

Veteran players may participate in any of the Open events and their scores are reflected in the database under the relevant competition heading. There is no differentiation between players who elect to play in either of the competitions for which they are eligible.

No consideration is given to player performance in either the Gauteng or similar Open tournaments or the BSA Nationals.

4. Ranking scores

Scores for player performance are allocated as follows:

- All players who enter any of the Ranking Competitions accumulate 30 points for their efforts. This allocation of points applies to those players who do not progress to the next round from either the initial Round Robin Play or Knockout stage
- Winners of the Round Robin Sections accumulate a further 30 points as do the winners of the first round of a Knockout formatted competition
- Subsequent Knockout wins gather 30 points per win per player;
- There are no Championship events that carry a plate section and, as such, no scores can be awarded for same.

5. Seedings

The Player Rankings per the Ranking Database are not, in anyway, employed to seed players in the designated Ranking Competition draws; draws are conducted on a random basis.

6. Database queries

Queries regarding the Database and its content should be referred to Alana Warrender by Email at awarrender@cargomotors.co.za or Angus Ramsay at ekboffice1@gmail.com.