



INTERNATIONAL BOWLS FOR THE DISABLED WORLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

IBD

EKURHULENI, SOUTH AFRICA 2024

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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1. TERMINOLOGY

- IBD** – International Bowls for the Disabled
- BSA** – Bowls South Africa
- EKB** – Ekurhuleni District Bowls
- Championship** – World Cup Championship
- Committee** – Championship Organising Committee
- VI** – Visually Impaired
- PD** – Physically Disabled
- TO** – Tournament Official
- TOO** – Tournament Operations Officer
- IP**- Invitation Player (IBD)

2. VENUE AND TIMING

- 2.1. Dates:** 18 May 2024 to 31 May 2024
 - 2.2. Host City:** Germiston Ekurhuleni, South Africa.
 - 2.3. Host Clubs:** Delville Germiston BC, Kempton Park BC, Benoni BC. Benoni Lake BC (Alt)
 - 2.4. Accommodation:** Lakes Hotel and Conference centre
 - 2.5. Timetable:**
 - Friday 17 May 2024
 - Team Registration Benoni Lakes Hotel 17:00 to 20:00 (Only managers required)
- Saturday 18 May 2024 –
- IBD AGM Conference centre Lakes Hotel (Hybrid) 09:00
 - VI IBD explanation with IBBA members in attendance (Hybrid) 10:30
 - Opening Ceremony at HQ club - Delville (16:00) Buses depart Hotel 14:00
- Sunday 19 May to 23 May preliminary rounds (Pairs)
- Friday 24 May Day off
 - 25 to 29 May – preliminary rounds (Singles)
 - (27 May and 29 May Morning sessions only)
 - 30 May – Semi-finals HQ Club - Delville
 - 31 May – Finals and Closing Ceremony / Function HQ Club - Delville

3. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

3.1 The Committee shall comprise of:

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| • Convenor | Owen James |
| • President of Ekurhuleni District | Alana Warrender |
| • Hosting Club President Delville | Leon Griffen |
| • Hosting Club President Kempton Park | Mike Hunt |
| • Hosting Club President Benoni | Kevin Uren |
| • Hosting Club President Benoni Lake (R) | Alisdair Finley |
| • Tournament Operations Officer | Howard Gibbons |
| • Treasurer | Magda v d Merwe |

3.2 The Committee shall be responsible for the following:

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| • Local Travel | Owen Jame |
| • Local Accommodation | Owen James |
| • Catering | Tracy Graham |
| • Technical Officials | Howard Gibbons |
| • Order of Play, Draw | Howard Gibbons |
| • Greens, Parking and Seating | Club Presidents |
| • Communications | Owen James |

- Handbook Graham Ward
- Media Marketing Charmaine Mostert
- Medical and Security Alana Warrender
- Opening and Closing Ceremony Owen James & Delville BC
- Video Streaming BSA to assist
- Finances / Budget Magda v d Merwe

3.3 The IBD shall be responsible for:

- Classification PD Sheila Cocoran
- Classification VI Hazel Sacharowitz

3.4 Additional personnel may be co-opted, outside of the Committee, to support the committee in any of the above.

3.5 The Committee's function will be to carry the Tournament to a successful conclusion.

4. **JURY OF APPEAL**

A Jury of Appeal appointed by the Convenor will be constituted as follows:

- Owen James
- Jeanette Williams
- Howard Gibbons

5. **CONTROL**

5.1. The World Championship will fall under the control of the IBD through its Delegate, who shall act as the link between the IBD and the Committee.

- Tournament Committee: Draw, Change times, dates and venues
- Jury of Appeal: Interpret the conditions of play and the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

6. **RULES & FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

6.1. Classification Draw

Women's Singles	B2, B3, B6, B7, B8
Men's Singles	B2, B3, B4, B6, B7, B8
Mixed Gender Singles	B1, B4
Mixed or same Gender Pairs VI's	B2 (1 and 2), B3, B4
PD Ladies Pairs	B7 (6 and 7), B8
PD Men's Pairs	B6, B7, B8

6.2. GENERAL

All games shall be played in accordance to:

“THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS CRYSTAL MARK 4th EDITION”

- Players should be familiar with the edition available on BSA website.
- The skips shall toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the option of who shall play first;
- The winner of the toss will be responsible for the scoreboard and the loser the scorecard;
- The position of the players will be declared on the scorecard and transferred onto the scoreboard in the same order;
- The position of the players within the team will not be changed after the first end has been completed;
- Should it be necessary to introduce a substitute during the game the position of the players may be changed but the substitute may not skip;
- In the Round-robin stage two (2) trial end may be played before the start of each game;

- One trial end may be played before completing an unfinished game on another day;
- In the Round-robin stage, excluding Singles, there will be only 2 dead jacks permitted per team. Thereafter The jack will be placed on the 2m mark except for the singles where all dead jacks, the end will be replayed.
- In the playoff stages of any Championship dead jacks will be replayed in the same direction unless it is agreed by the players to play in the opposite direction.
- Should the bowls need to be transferred to the opposite end of the rink before the end is replayed, they should be carried to the opposite end by the players;
- In the playoff stages of the Championship two trial ends may be played before the start of each game;
- The scorecards are to be completed end by end;
- The rink belongs to the team player whose bowl is being played;
- As soon as the bowl comes to rest and after time has been allowed to mark a toucher, the possession of the rink transfers to the opposing team player. It's your responsibility to mark your own touchers;
- The player delivering the bowl must retire behind the mat or be beyond the head after the delivered bowl comes to rest;
- Slow play will not be tolerated under any circumstances and players will have to comply with the following rules:
 - Singles – A player may only visit the head after his/her third bowl;
 - Pairs – Leads may not visit the head. Skips may visit the head after their second bowl
 - The consumption of alcohol on or next to the green by participants still involved in a game is not permitted;
 - Cell phones and other mobile devices must be switched off during play;
 - Smoking is not permitted on the green, only minimum of 2m off the greens;
 - In the event of any breach of the above, the team concerned may be disqualified.
- Any player should preferably compete in the classification where he/she is classified.
- He or she can play in a higher classification Example: a B1 may compete in the B2 classification but a B2 may not compete in the B1 classification.
- Every player in classifications B1 to B3 is to be accompanied by a director. A director for a B4 player is optional but preferable.
- A minimum of four entries for any classification competition is required. The TOO has the right to join 2 classifications to constitute a competition (IE B1/B2 and mixed Gender)
- Two trial ends are allowed before each game. These trial ends will be played before the official starting time. When the official starting time commences unfinished trial ends will be suspended.
- Trial ends can start 8:30 for B1. 8:40 for other categories
- AM Games start 9:00 game ends 12:00.
- Lunch 12:00 to 12:45
- PM Games Trials start at 12:45 for B1 and 12.55 for other categories
- PM Games start 13:15 game ends 16:15
- Only ends completed before the horn sounds will be recorded for the score. If end has commenced when the horn is sounded, that end will NOT count and play will be suspended.
- Finals will not have time limits applied.
- Time wasting is not permitted, and will be strictly controlled for the 20 minutes prior to the end of each timed game.
- No Tea Times

6.3. PAIRS

- The Pairs Event will be played with three bowls per player.
- The Pairs shall be played on the round Robin system, preferably in sections of not less than four (4) and not more than Eight [8] players.
- Two points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. Play will be limited to B1 (14 ends) B2 to B4 (16 ends) and B6 to B8 (18 Ends). However, there will be a time limit of 3 hours imposed on all games starting and stopping on an audio sound.
- Only one nominated teams' points (per drawn classification) will count towards the World Cup Trophy.
- Nations who have only one player available to compete in the pair's competition may request the Convenor to supply a partner. This partner may be from another nation or may be an invited player. The decision of the Convenor and Tournament Operations Officer in this regard is final.
- World Cup points earned by this team will be divided between them. I.e. Country 1 invite player (IBD) 1
- The Tournament operations Officer will arrange the draw of the competing teams into the required number of sections.
- Withdrawals:
- If there are withdrawals from this Championship prior to its commencement that reduce the number of teams in one or more section resulting in more than one bye in the section, the Committee shall re-arrange the sections in such a manner as to minimise the chance that no section has more than one bye.
- **Retirement or Disqualification** - If a pairs team retires from the Championship as a result of unforeseen circumstances or a pair is disqualified before the completion of the sectional play, all scores for and against such team shall be expunged from the records of the Championship.
- Should a pair, which fails to appear within ten (10) minutes of the time appointed have a satisfactory reason acceptable to the Committee, the Committee shall decide when and if the match can proceed. If time is not available, the team in default shall be disqualified (see above).
- Should a pair, which fails to appear within ten (10) minutes of the time appointed for the commencement of its match, not have a satisfactory reason acceptable to the Committee, the Committee shall disqualify them (see above).
- Only eligible substitutes will be allowed if a player is unable to play. If a Substitute is not available, the following will apply:
- First occurrence – the opponent team will be awarded a win with a winning margin (shots) equal to the average winning margin in that round.
- Second occurrence – the defaulting team is considered as having withdrawn.
- The winners of each section shall play on a knockout basis in accordance with the pre-determined draw as arranged by the TOO.

6.4. SINGLES

- The Singles shall be played on the round robin system in sections of not less than four [4] and not more than eight [8] players. Two points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. This Championship shall be played to 21 shots with four [4] bowls. However, there will be a time limit of 3 hours imposed.
- Nations may enter more than ONE player per draw, however only one nominated players points (per classification) will count towards the World Cup Trophy.
- The tournament Operations Officer will arrange the draw of the competing players into the required number of sections.
- Withdrawals:

- If there are withdrawals from this Championship prior to its commencement that reduce the number of players in one or more section resulting in more than one bye in the section, the Committee shall re-arrange the sections in such a manner as to ensure that no section has more than one bye.
- If a player retires from the Championship as a result of unforeseen circumstances or a player is disqualified before the completion of the sectional play, all scores for and against such player shall be expunged from the records of the Championship.
- Should a player who fails to appear within ten (10) minutes of the time appointed for the commencements of its match have a **satisfactory** reason acceptable to the Committee, the Committee shall decide when and if the match can proceed. If time is not available, the player in default shall be disqualified (see above).
- Should a player who fails to appear within ten (10) minutes of the time appointed for the commencement of its match not have a satisfactory reason acceptable to the Committee, the Committee shall disqualify the player (see above).
- Two points will be awarded for a win and one point for each drawn match.
- The winners of each section shall play on a knockout basis in accordance with the pre-determined draw as arranged by the TOO.

6.5. POST SECTION

- The Winners of sectional play in both pairs and singles will be decided by the following criteria:
 - Points,
 - Net Shots (Also known as Shot Aggregate):
 - Team/player A - Total 60 Shots for, total 30 against = Net score: 30.
 - Team/player B -Total 70 shots for, total 50 against = Net score: 20.
 - Team/player A is the winner.
 - Shot Percentages.
 - The total shots each team/player has scored shall be divided by the total shots scored against the team/player the higher resulting figure shall determine the winner.
 - Team/player A-Total: 60 shots for, 40 against.
 - Percentage: $60 \div 40 = 1.50$
 - Team/player B-Total: 70 shots for, 50 against.
 - Percentage: $70 \div 50 = 1.40$
 - Team/player A is the winner.
 - If the two teams are still the same, one sudden death end with no trial end will be played on a rink that neither team has played on to determine the Section winner;
 - The winners in Semi-Finals and Finals will be the team or player with the highest number of shots. If equal after the specified number of ends or after the time limit expires an extra end(s) will be played to determine the winner.

6.6. INVITATION PLAYERS

- Sections having an uneven number of entries resulting in byes may be enlarged by Invitation Players. Invitation players do not compete in the World Championships per-se but do compete in an independent competition log.
- Not more than one Invitation Player is allowed in any singles section.
- Invitation Players can never contribute towards World Cup points.
- Invitation Players' results are ignored in determining medallists.
- Invitation Players will have a log of their own, regardless of the classification or discipline (Singles and Pairs) they played in.

7. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

- 7.1.** Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be made available by the Tournament hosts.
- 7.2.** There will be no play-off for bronze. Medal will be determined by the best Post Playoff Net Shots If the same then Shot Percentages.
- 7.3.** Directors for the VI classifications will receive the same medal as their player receives.

8. WORLD CUP

- 8.1.** All players of a country entered in competitions are considered to form a national team which will compete for the World Cup trophy.
- 8.2.** Where a country has more than one player/team and gender in a classification that country will nominate its designated player/team whose results will accumulate towards World Cup points before the start of the tournament.
- 8.3.** World Cup points are accumulated by individual results:
 - In sectional play the final log position determines the number of points awarded.
 - The winner of the section will receive 6 points. Section runner-up will earn 5 points, etc.
 - Additional points will then be awarded for medals won in the play-offs
 - Gold – Eight points
 - Silver – Four points
 - Bronze – Two points
 - Fourth position – One point
- 8.4.** The World Cup goes to the National team with the highest number of World Cup points.

9. EQUIPMENT

- 9.1.** Final Stages of the Tournament:
 - Knock out rounds will be played at Headquarters as soon as logistically possible.
 - Score cards are to be checked by the umpire and handed in to Records by the umpire immediately after the game is finished.
 - The markers for the Singles Final will be appointed by the Tournament Operations Officer.

10. SETUP OF RINKS

- Rinks are set up according to the Laws of the Game of Bowls, Chrystal Mark 4th edition, for International Competitions. The Clubs selected to be played championships are required to prepare the greens allocated, in order that the games may be played in Championship conditions.
 - The greens shall have been cut recently
 - The greens shall be set out in not more than SIX rinks
 - The outside boundary of each end rink shall be at least 1 meter from the side ditch.
 - Rinks will only change direction daily – no change of direction is required between the morning and afternoon sessions
- 10.1.** Visually Impaired (B1 To B4)
 - Discs, marked in metres, are to be placed at two metre intervals from the 23-metre mark and the farthest two metre mark in both directions of play.
 - The “centre line” of each rink will be defined by a fine suitable string, stretched tightly over the surface of the green in a direct line between the points indicated by rink number plates or by a line drawn on the green surface.
 - Mats may also have a white centre line marking to assist in placing the mat squarely on the centre line.

11. HANDBOOK

- The Tournament Handbook will conform to the content as described below:
- Title page
- Contents Page
- Editorial, Club and Headquarters enquiry telephone numbers
- Message from and (if possible) colour photograph of:
 - The President of the hosting nation
 - The President of IBD
 - The Tournament Committee Convenor
- Colour photographs of the Tournament Committee
- Programme of Events
- General Information
- Guide to Competitors
- One handbook per participant (Players, Directors and Managers) will be made available to these participants.
- Additional handbooks will be made available free of charge to VIP's.

12. COLOURED DISCS

- Players are to affix discs indicating their country to their bowls. (Each Country to supply their own)
- Players who do not have discs of their country will be supplied with adhesive-coloured discs at a cost to the team.
- If the country does not have national discs for the playoffs, the hosts will supply contrasting-coloured discs for this purpose free of charge.

13. TOURNAMENT BADGES

- Only one type of button will be struck for the Tournament.
- Tournament buttons will be made available to participating players and officials.
- The design of the Tournament button must have the prior approval of the IBD to guard against the incorporation of any generally unacceptable features.

14. INCLEMENT WEATHER SUSPENSION OF PLAY

Play Interrupted by Rain

- The Official in charge at the venue shall monitor the state of the greens and the effect on the games during the rain and should it be necessary will suspend play by the sounding of a bell/alarm;
- The Official in charge at the venue shall monitor the state of the greens during and after rain has interrupted play; The Official in charge shall consult the resident greenkeeper and assess the condition of the greens at regular intervals;
- Regular announcements are to be made on the suspension of play
- The Official in charge at a venue shall make every effort to complete the games that are interrupted by inclement weather without causing any damages to the greens should play be resumed;
- The Official in charge shall inform the Controlling Body immediately should it be necessary to abandon play;
- The Laws of the Sport of Bowls is to be applied should play be resumed.
- If the game cannot resume then for games played over 18 ends, 14 ends will constitute the game. Games played over 16 ends; 12 ends will constitute the game Games played over 14 ends; 10 ends will constitute the game

Play Interrupted by Lightning

- The Official in charge shall monitor the presence of lightning and if satisfied that the venue is being threatened, play shall be suspended immediately by the sounding of a bell/alarm;
- All threats should be monitored to be away more than 16km (10Miles) for at least 10 minutes before allowing the players back on.
- At the sounding of a bell/alarm all players will leave the green immediately and get inside the club house. Play will only resume by the sounding of an all-clear bell/alarm when the Official in charge is satisfied that the threat has passed;
- Should the circumstances require that play be abandoned, the Controlling Body is to be informed immediately;
- In the event of any game suspended and to be resumed later, the Official in charge is to ensure that all the scorecards have been completed correctly and signed by both skips
- No game will be abandoned before 15H30 or before instructed by the duty Tournament Official;
- Determination of the result of an abandoned game will be at the discretion of the Tournament Official assisted by a convenor

15. DISCIPLINE

- The Committee shall report to the IBD tournament official, any unseemly conduct, misbehaviour or malpractice on part of any participant/s in these Championships.
- The IBD will, after examination of the facts, take such disciplinary action against such participant/s as it deems warranted.

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