



By-Laws

Conditions of Play

Midweek League

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2. Terminology

For the purpose of this document, the following terms and acronyms apply.

- 2.1. **AGM:** The Annual General Meeting of Members, held according to the rules in the EKB Constitution.
- 2.2. **Bowls:** The game or sport of lawn bowls played indoors or outdoors, alone or with others, and includes all types mentioned in the EKB Constitution and defined by World Bowls.
- 2.3. **Club:** Any club that offers bowls in the local area and has access to a bowling green as defined in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
- 2.4. **Committee:** A committee created according to the EKB Constitution.
- 2.5. **District:** The geographical area defined in section 103 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (as amended).
- 2.6. **Ekurhuleni Bowls:** The bowls association registered in the Ekurhuleni district, Gauteng province, also known as EKB.
- 2.7. **Modus Operandi:** This document, known as the MO, defines the practices and responsibilities of a Committee.
- 2.8. **SAIDS:** The South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport
- 2.9. **WADA:** The World Anti-Doping Agency.
- 2.10. **Virtual Club:** Any club that is accepted by Bowls SA or EKB to enter a tournament although not formally registered with their own greens and their own management.
- 2.11. **Bona Fide:** An affiliated member of a club, which is also affiliated to Bowls SA and EKB.
- 2.12. **Player:** A person participating in the Sport of Lawn Bowls
- 2.13. **Regalia:** Clothing, shoes and headgear which is branded with the colours and emblems of clubs, districts or national associations.
- 2.14. **Suspension of Play:** This occurs when play has been stopped, and the possibility exists that play may resume later.
- 2.15. **Abandonment of Play:** This occurs when play has been permanently stopped, and there is no possibility exists that play may resume later.

3. Document Control

Only the most recent version of this Condition of Play (COP) is allowed to be in effect. To ensure this, version control will be implemented and maintained.

The document version and release date will be displayed in the footer of this COP.

The approved COP will also be available on the EKB website for public access, as well as to serve as history of prior versions for reference. The approved COP will be signed and dated by the President of EKB. This version (**Conditions of Play for Midweek League Version 2.1**) will supersede the previous version (EKB By-laws - Conditions of Play Midweek League - Revised 30 December 2023).

4. Applicable Laws and Regulations

All games will be conducted in strict accordance with the following regulations:

4.1. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark 4th Edition

Every match will adhere to the internationally recognised rules as set out in the Crystal Mark 4th Edition, ensuring consistency and fairness throughout the tournament.

4.2. The Domestic Regulations of Bowls South Africa

In addition to the international laws, all games will comply with the specific domestic regulations established by Bowls South Africa, which govern local adaptations and procedures within the country.

4.3. The Conditions of Play as described in this document

In addition to the international laws and national laws, all games will comply with the specific district regulations established by Ekurhuleni Bowls (EKB), which provide further guidance and requirements for the conduct of matches within their tournaments.

5. Controlling Body

All District Championship Tournaments will be under the control of EKB through its nominated Tournament Committee.

The Tournament Committee will comprise of:

- 5.1. The Tournament Convenor
- 5.2. The District Competition Secretaries (Two Genders)
- 5.3. The District Treasurer
- 5.4. The District Secretary

6. The Jury of Appeal

The Jury of Appeal will comprise of :

- 6.1. One member of the District Executive Committee
- 6.2. One member of the District Standing Committee for Players (Izimbali)
- 6.3. One member of the District Standing Committee for Technical Officials
- 6.4. One District Life member

Any decisions made by the Jury of Appeal will be deemed as final.



7. Player Eligibility

All players selected to represent a club, or virtual club will be members of that **same club** or that **same virtual club** (full bone fide members, or dual members). All players must represent the same club or same virtual club by wearing their registered regalia and must always be **dressed the same**.

8. Substitution

If a vacancy in the team occurs on the day of play, then a **substitute** may be used as long as they are selected in accordance with Laws of the Sport of Bowls (4.1 above).

The selected substitute may play in any **suitable regalia**.

The selected substitute **may not skip** the team but **must complete the game**.

No more than two substitutes may be used in a given team on a given game day. Should more than two substitutes be required, then the team will be in default and the game forfeited.

In the event of **no substitutes** being available in a game where there should be **four players**, the number of bowls being played must be made up by the lead and second in accordance with Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Law 39.2). Therefore, the **lead and second will play with three bowls each**. The **skip will play with two bowls**. The team will still play with a total of eight bowls. As soon as the team starts playing with three players, the **shots scored** by them on an end will be **reduced by one fourth** (twenty five percent). The opposing team will play as normal.

9. Format of Play

This competition will be played in accordance with all the applicable laws and regulations (point 4 above) as well as the following specific format of play:

- 9.1. This competition will run over consecutive **Wednesdays** or as is scheduled by the Controlling body (point 5 above), until the final is completed.
- 9.2. The tournament will be comprised of **four (4) sections of six (6) teams**, and each team will consist of **up to four (4) eligible players**. These teams will play to achieve a result for the representative side (the club).
- 9.3. Each team will play each other team in the same section twice, to achieve a result for the club in their sectional play.

- 9.4. On completion of the sectional games, the **four (4) section winners will proceed to the semi-final** which will be a knockout game with only two (2) winning teams remaining.
- 9.5. The two remaining teams will play a **knockout final** where there will be only one winning team.
- 9.6. Only players having played in the sectional play may play in the finals.

10. Rules of Play

This competition will be played in accordance with all the applicable laws and regulations (point 4 above) as well as the following specific conditions:

- 10.1. A **maximum of two trial ends**, using two bowls, may be played **before the start of each game**. Trial ends must be **completed before the scheduled start of play (09:30)**. The opposing skips have the right to change the number of trial ends and the number of bowls played in the trial ends, should they reach an agreement.
- 10.2. **Play will commence at 09:30** on each day, as scheduled, and will continue until the required **eighteen (18) ends** have been completed.
- 10.3. All players may only use **two (2) bowls from the same set**.
- 10.4. A **mandatory tea break** will occur between 10:45 and 11:15.
- 10.5. During sectional play, 2 game points will be awarded to each of the winning teams, while in the event of a draw, 1 game point will be awarded to each of opposing teams.
- 10.6. Games interrupted by inclement weather will not be abandoned before 11:30.
- 10.7. Should a game be **abandoned before** the completion of **12 ends, in an 18-end game**, the opponents will share the available game points (1 point each).
- 10.8. Should a game be **abandoned after** the completion of **12 ends, in an 18-end game**, the current leader of the game, based on shots, will be awarded the win, along with the 2 game points and net aggregate shots.
- 10.9. **Section Winners** will be determined in sequence by:
 - 10.9.1. the highest total game points achieved in sectional play,
 - 10.9.2. the highest shot aggregate,
 - 10.9.3. the winner of the game when facing each other
- 10.10. **Semi-Final and Final Winners** will be determined in sequence by
 - 10.10.1. Highest shots scored,
 - 10.10.2. If drawn, then extras ends will be played until a winner is determined.

- 10.11. **Dead jacks** (burnt ends) are to be **re-spotted** on the 2m mark for all rounds excluding the semi-final and final.
- 10.12. Dead jacks (burnt ends) in the **final will be replayed**.
- 10.13. **Physically Disabled** (PD) players will be able to use walking sticks, wheeled walkers, wheelchairs and bowling arms on condition that these devices adhere to the applicable laws.
- 10.14. **Visually Impaired** (VI) players will be able to use centre strings, distance markers on the bank and be directed by a VI Director on condition that they have been **duly classified** by the classification authority and that it is within the applicable laws.
- 10.15. **No coaches** will be allowed during League.

11. Code of Conduct

In order to maintain a high level of conduct, all players will:

- 11.1. Conform to the **Bowls SA Code of Conduct**.
- 11.2. Conform to the **EKB Code of Conduct**.
- 11.3. Adhere to all rules and regulations for the **Sport of Bowls**
- 11.4. Ensure that the game is played in the **spirit of fair play**.
- 11.5. Commit to the fight against **banned substances** in sport.
- 11.6. **Respect** other officials and players.

12. Breach of Regulations

Should a player or team:

- 12.1. Violate the Code of Conduct (above)
- 12.2. Fail to follow the format of play (above)
- 12.3. Fail to follow the rules of play (above)
- 12.4. Fail to arrive for play
- 12.5. Leave before play has been completed
- 12.6. Consume alcohol on the green
- 12.7. Smoke or vape on the green
- 12.8. Use electronic devices on the green
- 12.9. Use headphones or ear plugs on the green (after trial ends)

They will be considered to be in **breach of regulations** and will be subject to a **disciplinary hearing**. The disciplinary hearing will be held in line with the EKB Disciplinary Policy (**EKB By-laws - Disciplinary Code of Practice - Revised 31 December 2023**, as available on the EKB Website).



13. Regalia


All players will be required to wear the regalia assigned to them by the club which they represent during this competition. Regalia needs to comply to the applicable regulations as described above (point 4).

14. Acceptance


This document has been accepted and signed into effect by the Ekurhuleni Bowls President.


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District Standing Committee for Technical Officials

13 NOVEMBER 2025
Date


L.A. Austin
District Competition Secretary

16 November 2025.
Date


M.V. HUNT
Ekurhuleni Bowls President

2025 / 11 / 16
Date