



By-Laws

Conditions of Play

Midweek Pairs

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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.

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 – Midweek Pairs Version 2.0**) will supersede the previous version (EKB By-laws - Conditions of Play - Midweek pairs - Revised 30-12-2023).

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

Each team will consist of two players from the **same club** (full bone fide members) or the **same virtual club**. Both players must represent the same club or same virtual club by wearing their registered regalia and must always be **dressed the same**. These two players and one reserve may be registered on the declaration form, which must be completed before participation in this competition starts.

8. Substitution

If a vacancy in the team occurs, then the registered **reserve** may play. If there is no registered reserve on the declaration form, then a **substitute** may be used as long as they are selected in accordance with Laws of the Sport of Bowls (4.1 above). One of the three original players, as per the declaration form, must always play.

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 conditions:

- 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. Games will be played using the **2-4-2 format over 18 ends**.
- 9.3. Entries will be drawn into sections of four teams each playing 3 sectional games. Section winners will proceed to the knockout stages, where the losing teams will be eliminated until a winning team remains.
- 9.4. A **maximum of two trial ends, using four 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.
- 9.5. **Play will commence at 09:30** on each day, as scheduled, and will continue until the required number of ends (18) has been completed.
- 9.6. A **tea break** will be taken between 10:45 and 11:15.
- 9.7. During sectional play, 2 game points will be awarded to the winning team, while in the event of a draw, 1 game point will be awarded to each of opposing teams.
- 9.8. Games interrupted by inclement weather will not be abandoned before 11:30.
- 9.9. Should a game be abandoned before the completion of 12 ends, the opponents will share the available game points (1 point each).

- 9.10. Should a game be abandoned after the completion of 12 ends, the current leader of the game, based on shots, will be awarded the win, along with the 2 game points and net aggregate shots.
- 9.11. **Section Winners** will be determined in sequence by:
 - 9.11.1. the highest total game points achieved in sectional play,
 - 9.11.3. the highest shot aggregate,
 - 9.11.4. the winner of the game when facing each other
 - 9.11.5. one-end sudden death
- 9.12. **Knock-out Winners** will be determined in sequence by
 - 9.12.1. Highest shots scored,
 - 9.12.2. If drawn, then extras ends will be played until a winner is determined.
- 9.13. **Dead jacks** (burnt ends) are to be re-spotted on the 2m mark for all rounds up to and including the quarter final. Dead jacks (burnt ends) in the semi-final and final will be replayed.

10. Code of Conduct

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

- 10.1. Conform to the Bowls SA Code of Conduct.
- 10.2. Conform to the EKB Code of Conduct.
- 10.3. Adhere to all rules and regulations for the Sport of Bowls
- 10.4. Ensure that the game is played in the spirit of fair play.
- 10.5. Commit to the fight against banned substances in sport.
- 10.6. Respect other officials and players.

11. Breach of Regulations

Should a player or team:

- 11.1. Violate the Code of Conduct (above)
- 11.2. Fail to follow the format of play (above)
- 11.3. Fail to arrive for play
- 11.4. Leave before play has been completed,
- 11.5. Consume alcohol on the green,
- 11.6. Smoke or vape on the green,
- 11.7. Use electronic devices on the green,
- 11.8. 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 (available on the EKB Website).

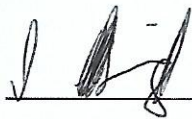


12. Regalia

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).

13. Acceptance

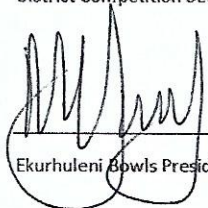
This document has been accepted and signed into effect by the Ekurhuleni Bowls President.


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Date


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