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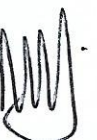
Conditions of Play

Saturday 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 Saturday League Version 2.3**) will supersede the previous version (Conditions of Play – Saturday League - Revised 28 December 2023-1).



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:

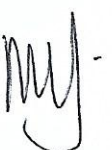
- 5.1. The Tournament Convenor
- 5.2. The District Competition Secretaries (Two Genders)
- 5.3. The District Treasurer
- 5.4. The District Secretary

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** (full bona fide members) or that **same virtual club**. All players must represent the same club or same virtual club by wearing their registered regalia and must always be **dressed the same**. Players with dual memberships may only represent the club where they are a full bona fide member.

Eligible players may be selected to represent their club or virtual club in the division the club has been entered. Eligible players may be selected to play in any section of the division the club has entered them into.

During the course of the tournament, eligible players may be moved between sections within a division should the club have such an entry.

During the course of the tournament, eligible players may be moved up to a higher division should the club have such an entry.

During the course of the tournament, eligible players may be moved down to a lower division should the club have such an entry, however in this event, the player may not move back up to a higher division without having completed two consecutive rounds within the tournament. This excludes a player who has been substituted as per point 8 (below).

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.

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

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 **Saturdays** or as is scheduled by the Controlling body (point 5 above), until the final is completed.
- 9.2. The tournament will be comprised of **representative sides for each club** which has been entered into a specific **division and section**. Each representative side will consist of **up to two teams** and each team will consist of **up to four eligible players**, based on the division entered. These teams will play to achieve a result for the representative side (the club).
 - 9.2.1. The representative sides will be comprised as follows:
 - 9.2.1.1. **Men's Premier Division** – Two divisions of 6 sides. Each side has 2 teams of 4 eligible players. Each game in the section is played over 21 ends. Each player may use only two bowls from the same set.
 - 9.2.1.2. **Women's Premier Division** – Two divisions of 6 sides. Each side has 2 teams of 4 eligible players. Each game in the section is played over 21 ends. Each player may use only two bowls from the same set.
 - 9.2.1.3. **Men's First Division** – Two divisions of 6 sides. Each side has 2 teams of 4 eligible players. Each game in the section is played over 21 ends. Each player may use only two bowls from the same set.
 - 9.2.1.4. **Women's First Division** – Two divisions of 6 sides. Each side has 2 teams of 3 eligible players. Each game in the section is played over 18 ends. Each player may use only three bowls from the same set.
 - 9.2.1.5. **Men's Second Division** – Two divisions of 6 sides. Each side has 2 teams of 4 eligible players. Each game in the section is played over 21 ends. Each player may use only two bowls from the same set.



- 9.2.1.6. **Women's Second Division** – Two divisions of 6 sides. Each side has 1 team of 3 eligible players. Each game in the section is played over 18 ends. Each player may use only three bowls from the same set.
- 9.2.1.7. **Men's Third Division** – Two divisions of 6 sides. Each side has 1 team of 3 eligible players. Each game in the section is played over 18 ends. Each player may use only three bowls from the same set.
- 9.2.1.8. **Mixed Division** – Two divisions of 6 sides. Each side has 1 team of 3 eligible players. The players in the side may consist of any gender combination. Each game in the section is played over 18 ends. Each player may use only three bowls from the same set.
- 9.3. On completion of the sectional games, the section winners will proceed to the League final which will be a knockout game with only one winning team remaining.
- 9.4. Only players having played in the sectional play may play in the finals.
- 9.5. All section winners will be eligible for promotion to a higher division in the following season, subject to availability of such a position.
- 9.6. All section losers will be eligible for relegation into a lower division in the following season.

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 or three bowls depending on the division, may be played **before the start of each game**. Trial ends must be **completed before the scheduled start of play (14:00)**. 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 14:00** on each day, as scheduled, and will continue until the required number of ends have been completed.
- 10.3. All divisions playing **21 ends** will have a mandatory **tea break after** the completion of the **14th end**.
- 10.4. All divisions playing **18 ends** will have a mandatory **tea break after** the completion of the **12th end**.
- 10.5. During sectional play, 2 game points will be awarded to each of the winning teams in the side, while in the event of a draw, 1 game point will be awarded to each of opposing teams in the side.
- 10.6. During sectional play, 2 bonus game points will be awarded to the winning side, while in the event of a draw, 1 game point will be awarded to each of opposing sides.
- 10.7. A maximum of 6 points can be achieved for each round played.



- 10.8. Games interrupted by inclement weather will not be abandoned before 16:30.
- 10.9. Should a game be **abandoned before** the completion of **12 ends, in a 18-end** game, the opponents will share the available game points (1 point each).
- 10.10. Should a game be **abandoned before** the completion of **14 ends, in a 21-end** game, the opponents will share the available game points (1 point each).
- 10.11. 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.
- 10.12. Should a game be **abandoned after** the completion of **14 ends, in a 21-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.
- 10.13. **Section Winners** will be determined in sequence by:
 - 10.13.1. the highest total game points achieved in sectional play,
 - 10.13.2. the highest shot aggregate,
 - 10.13.3. the winner of the game when facing each other
- 10.14. **Final Winners** will be determined in sequence by
 - 10.14.1. Highest shots scored,
 - 10.14.2. If drawn, then extras ends will be played until a winner is determined.
- 10.15. **Dead jacks** (burnt ends) are to be **re-spotted** on the 2m mark for all rounds excluding the final. Dead jacks (burnt ends) in the final will be replayed.
- 10.16. **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.
- 10.17. **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.
- 10.18. **No coaches** will be allowed during League.
- 10.19. Each side will appoint a **Captain**. The captain must be an experienced player with extensive knowledge of the game, laws and conditions of play.

11. Captains

The appointed captains will have the following responsibilities when they are playing an away game:

- 11.1. **Register** the side, teams and players at the hosting club before the start of play
- 11.2. **Pay** all the facilitation fees to hosting club before the start of play
- 11.3. Assist in **drawing** the opposing teams
- 11.4. Assist in **drawing** the rinks of play



- 11.5. Ensure that all **scorecards** are correctly filled in, signed and handed in to the host club.
- 11.6. Maintain all **discipline** in their side
- 11.7. Ensure all **laws** and regulations are followed.
- 11.8. Ensure the **safety** of the players in their side.

The appointed captains, when **hosting a home game** will be appointed as the Tournament Official for the day. Along with this they acquire all duties and responsibilities of a Tournament Official, as well as the following:

- 11.9. **Register** all sides, teams and players before the start of play
- 11.10. **Collect** all the facilitation fees before the start of play
- 11.11. Assist in **drawing** the opposing teams
- 11.12. Assist in **drawing** the rinks of play
- 11.13. Ensure that all **scorecards** are signed and **submitted** to the District **Competition Secretary before 19:00 on the day of play.**
- 11.14. Maintain all **discipline** at their venue.
- 11.15. Ensure all **laws** and regulations are followed at their venue.
- 11.16. Ensure the **safety** of the players at their venue by knowing the policies and procedures for inclement weather and having access to a first aid kit and emergency contact details.
- 11.17. Constantly monitor inclement weather, such as **heat, humidity and lightning.**
- 11.18. **Evacuate** the greens when **lightning is within 12 km** from the venue.
- 11.19. **Evacuate** the greens when **rainfall** has the potential to **damage the greens.**
- 11.20. **Evacuate** the greens when **temperature and humidity** have the potential to cause discomfort or medical threats for the players.
- 11.21. **Allow a return to play** should it be safe to continue.
- 11.22. Liaise with the Competition Secretary when **suspension or abandonment of play** may be a possibility.

12. Code of Conduct

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

- 12.1. Conform to the **Bowls SA Code of Conduct.**
- 12.2. Conform to the **EKB Code of Conduct.**
- 12.3. Adhere to all rules and regulations for the **Sport of Bowls**
- 12.4. Ensure that the game is played in the **spirit of fair play.**
- 12.5. Commit to the fight against **banned substances** in sport.
- 12.6. **Respect** other officials and players.



13. Breach of Regulations

Should a player or team:

- 13.1. Violate the Code of Conduct (above)
- 13.2. Fail to follow the format of play (above)
- 13.3. Fail to follow the rules of play (above)
- 13.4. Fail to arrive for play
- 13.5. Leave before play has been completed,
- 13.6. Consume alcohol on the green,
- 13.7. Smoke or vape on the green,
- 13.8. Use electronic devices on the green,
- 13.9. Use headphones or ear plugs on the green (after trial ends)

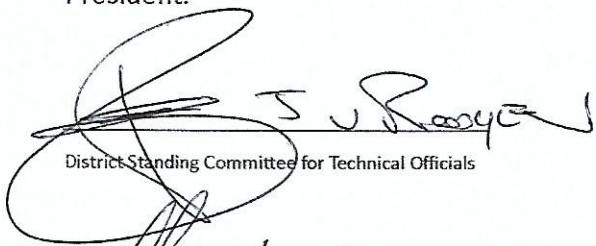
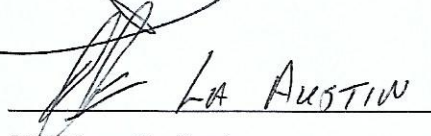
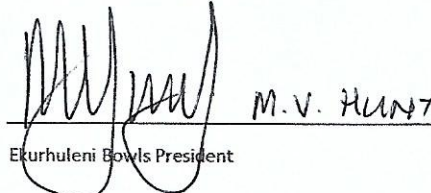
They will be considered to be in **breach of regulations** and will be subject to a **disciplinary hearing**. The disciplinary hearing will be held in line with the **EKB Disciplinary Policy** (available on the EKB Website).

14. 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).

15. Acceptance

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

 District Standing Committee for Technical Officials	<u>19/10/25</u> Date
 District Competition Secretary	<u>19/10/2025</u> Date
 Ekurhuleni Bowls President	<u>2025/10/16</u> Date