

## **BORDER BOWLS MENS AND WOMEN'S FOURS**

### **CONDITION OF PLAY**

#### **All games shall be played in accordance with:**

- ~ THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS CRYSTAL MARK 3<sup>RD</sup> EDITION
- ~ DOMESTIC REGULATIONS OF BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA; and the following
- ~ CONDITIONS OF PLAY

#### **CONTROLLING BODY**

The tournament shall be under the control of Border Bowls through its nominated Executive Member and in association with the tournament Committee and Jury of Appeal.

#### **JURY OF APPEAL**

A Jury of appeal appointed by Border Bowls will be constituted as follows:

- ~ A Member of Border Bowls Executive or a nominee;
- ~ A Member of the Host Club Executive who shall not be a member of the tournament committee; and
- ~ The Convener of the BB TOSC or a nominated member of the TOSC

#### **BOWLS – DISTINCTIVE MARKINGS, LEGALITY AND STICKERS**

Bowls in a set of four must have distinctive and similar markings on each side. Competitors may not use club stickers on bowls during the tournament.

#### **FORMAT OF PLAY**

Each competition will be played in sections of four on a league basis to establish a winner and runner-up of each section.

#### **BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

All participants must be able to produce a current membership card; failure to do so could result in disqualification.

#### **DRESS AND FOOTWEAR**

##### **DRESS**

All players must appear on the green dressed in compliance with The Laws of the Sport of Bowls. It is expected that Club colours should be worn.

##### **FOOTWEAR**

Players, umpires and markers shall wear conventional shoes or sport shoes which have a continuous sole or a sole with a channel rise in the middle of the sole, as long as the sole is clearly in one piece and the heel area does not sit at a different height to the front of the shoe. To assist at traction the sole can have indented grooves up to 2mm (thickness of a matchstick), but no protuberance. The width of the rear part of the shoe shall be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole. Conventional sandals are accepted providing they have a back strap.

## **WITHDRAWING DURING THE TOURNAMENT**

Should a player withdraw at any time after commencement, with or without the consent of the Controlling Body, all their completed results up to the point of withdrawal shall stand. That game and the remainder of the games shall be forfeited and the opposing player/s for that and the remaining unplayed games shall be allocated one point and the net total of shots equal to the average net total of shots scored by the winners of all the other games played in the same round/s of the same section.

## **DIRECTION OF PLAY**

Afternoon play shall be in the opposite direction to morning play.

## **TOSSING FOR THE OPENING PLAY**

Players shall toss a coin to determine which player play first.

## **START OF PLAY**

At the start of the game, the winner of the toss shall, decide whether to take the mat and deliver the jack or let the other player play first.

## **RESTRICTION OF THE MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY**

- Leads and seconds may not walk up to the head before they have played their bowls.
- Thirds may be permitted to walk up to the head after delivering their 1st bowl and only by invitation of the Skip.
- Skips, after delivery of their 1st bowl.

## **TRIAL ENDS**

One trial end in each direction may be played at the commencement of a game.

## **PRACTICE AND WARMUP**

No green space is available for practice once the tournament has commenced.

Any player may warm up prior to play commencing each day, time allowing and with the approval of the Controlling Body.

Warm up should be in the opposite direction of expected play. Warm up should not be deliberate play and no target such as a jack may be used, but bowls may be delivered to enable the player to warm / loosen up.

## **DEAD ENDS**

Ends declared dead are to be replayed. The procedure of spotting the Jack will not apply.

## **SCORING AND SECTION WINNERS**

### **FORMAT OF SECTIONAL PLAY**

The tournament shall be played in four sections on a league basis over 21 ends. Each team in a section playing each other.

Two points will be recorded for each match won and the section winner shall be the player with the highest number of points.

*If a tie the following sequential criteria will be used until a winner and runner-up are determined. Net shots, shot percentage (i.e. shots for divided by shots against), the winner of the game between the two teams during sectional play. If there is still a tie a one end tie breaker until a result is achieved.*

The section winners will play off to determine Fours Champion and runner-up.

## **ALLOCATIONS OF RINKS**

The Tournament Committee has the right to allocate and/or change allocated rinks at any time.

## **INTERRUPTION OF PLAY**

In the event of adverse weather conditions or for any other reason, the Controlling Body shall have the right to curtail the number of rounds, ends or pre-arranged number of shots to be played to achieve a result. Umpires shall not be responsible to call off players during lightning/thunderstorms activity, unless the players have made an appeal.

## **RESERVES AND SUBSTITUTES**

### **USE OF RESERVES**

A registered reserve may be used. If a player withdraws during a game for legitimate reasons they may be replaced by the registered reserve, if available.

### **SUBSTITUTES**

Should one or more substitutes be available a draw shall be carried out in compliance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and the Bowls SA Domestic Regulations.

## **ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND CELLULAR TELEPHONES**

Smoking (including artificial devices or e-cigarettes such as TWISP, etc.), Alcohol, Cell phones and hand held TV devices will not be permitted within 2 meters of the green while play is in progress.

### **The penalty for transgression is as follows:**

*Upon the first offence the Technical Official will warn the player and record the players name and Club.*

Upon any subsequent offence by the same player, the Technical Official shall report the player to the Controlling Body, who shall take suitable action, which may include suspending the player from playing the next round. If the offence is committed in the last round, the penalty will be carried forward to the relevant tournament the following year.

The attitude of the player and the circumstances will contribute to any decision taken by the Controlling Body. The player has the right to appeal to the Jury of Appeal.

Should a player commit a third offence he/she will be banned from taking part in the Tournament and be suspended from playing in any other Border Bowls Tournaments for a year.

## **RADIOS**

The use of "two-way" radios is strictly prohibited.

## **DRUG TESTING**

Players and their Coaches are to be aware of their responsibilities in regard to the anti-doping programme and rules of the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport.

**GENERAL**

If anything should arise that is not specifically covered in these Conditions of Play, then the Laws of the Sport of Bowls- Crystal Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> edition will apply.

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