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CIRCULAR 53/2023 (AMENDED)

BOWLS DISABILITY SOUTH AFRICA - NATIONALS

The BDSA (Bowls Disability South Africa) hold their Annual National Event in different districts, and are looking for venues for the three years starting from 2025.

The 2024 National tournament for disabled bowlers will be held in Western Province District at end of March 2024. As we like to alternate between coastal and inland, we are looking for districts to offer to host the 2025 (inland), 2026 (coastal) and 2027 (inland)

- The number of entrants is usually around 130, being 50 physically disabled (PD) and 40 visually impaired (VI) with 40 directors.
- The tournament usually runs for the Sunday through to the following Saturday, i.e. 1 week and 6 to 7 greens are normally required. The Saturday is normally for meet and greet, classifications and the opening ceremony.
- The clubs will be required to provide teas, lunches and some dinners. All meal costs will be to the bowler's account through the entry fees.
- The district will be responsible for hosting the tournament and providing technical officials etc. The disabled committees will handle the draws and rink allocation as necessary.
- Naturally we would prefer venues that are wheelchair accessible but not essential and only around 20 to 25 need this facility. The remainder are ambulant but may be visually impaired or less disabled and need handrails etc. on steps. Decent ramps are needed onto the playing surface.

If your district is willing to host the tournaments in the years mentioned or any subsequent years, please contact the Convenor of the Disability Standing Committee, Eddie van der Heiden on 082 453 6439 or eddievan@vodamail.co.za, who would be willing to explain further if you need any more information.

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