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# SPECIAL EDITION



Several matters of importance to all bowlers were discussed at a Council/Executive Workshop the day before the Bowls South Africa AGM, presided over by Kallie Haupt and on August 27/28. In this special edition of the BSA Newsletter, the salient points are outlined for the benefit of all bowlers - ALAN PETER SIMMONDS, EDITOR

# ACCENT ON YOUTH AS BOWLS SA LOOKS TO THE FUTURE



The following items are special interest:

## 1. AFFILIATION FEES:

Increased by 5.3 % or R10 per player, but all pupils are exempt from affiliation fees, while still entitled to all the privileges afforded a paying member. Furthermore, senior members who have reached 90 are also exempt from affiliation fees 1 JANUARY 2017.

## 2. BUSINESS LEAGUES:

To establish the number of non-affiliated players participating in business leagues up to 30 days annually, it was decided to register such competitors from 1 January 2017. Registration will also enable BSA to assist in negotiations with sponsors. It is a requirement of the department of Sport, the number of players per code be established. A typical example is athletics with their "park runs". A steering committee to develop the registration process is being established; districts should submit candidates' names.

## 3. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TOURNAMENT:

The annual junior tournament to be renamed the U20 National Championships which gives more status for recognition of players by respective schools and provinces.

Furthermore, this tournament will be played on a two-tier system – U/15 and U/20 years. The U/15 event will allow participants to play with their peers in terms of age, mental and physical ability.

## 4. U/25 MASTERS and U/25 INTER DISTRICT TOURNAMENT:

The cut-off age for participation for these tournaments is increased from 25 to 30 years. This increases the period of maturity and creates a platform for talent development.

## 5. EXECUTIVE GENDER REPRESENTATION:

The executive shall consist of six members - at least one shall be of an opposite gender.

## 6. IMPROVING COMMUNICATION:

Districts to be zoned and quarterly workshops held under the chairmanship of an executive member. Three such workshops are to be attended by delegates from neighbouring districts and minutes circulated to all districts. A fourth workshop will be held the day before the AGM to permit interaction between districts and executives for consensus.

## 7. NATIONAL SINGLES:

To be an open competition with a maximum of

256 entrants in the open event and 128 seniors played on a knock-out basis. Open draws, including the previous year's winners and runners-up, automatically included, will take place.

## 8. TALENT DEVELOPMENT:

The workshop accepted a presentation by Mr Haupt for district structures for development of latent talent, with senior players as talent developers. Results will flow to a district zone co-ordinator for transmission to the national selectors and the SA head coach.

## 9. INCREASING MEMBERSHIP:

The Standing Committee for Members & Marketing presented each district with a toolkit to assist with recruiting drives. A full explanation of the colourful toolkit is covered in their August newsletter. The president congratulated the imitative.

## 10. NEW CONSTITUTION:

The constitution requires changes to reflect current circumstances and development in our social environment. Any ambiguities will be addressed, including the recognition of geographical boundaries. This process is expected to take three years and council is to appoint a steering committee to assist the process. A full presentation of need, changes envisaged and contentious issues was presented to your council by the executive.

# FORMAT FOR SA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A council decision taken at the AGM saw adoption of format for the 2017 Men's and Women's National Championships:

**PAIRS:** No change to format and entry fees - sections of six, playing 15-end round robin games on the Saturday and Sunday. First round of play-offs - Sunday afternoon.

**FOURS:** No change to format and entry fee - Sections of six, playing 15-end round robin games on the Monday and Tuesday. First round of play-offs - Tuesday afternoon.

**SINGLES:** There will be NO entry fee. Games to

be played to 21 shots with four [4] bowls on a KO basis.

(a) A straight draw restricted to 256 open and 128 senior entries with the previous year's finalists given automatic entry. Play to start on the Wednesday and continue on Thursday.

(b) Should entries received by the time the draw is to be done, exceed 256 (Open) and 128 (Seniors) respectively, a draw will decide participants in each event. The names of those unsuccessful will be retained to replace withdrawals in the order drawn.

One week prior to the tournament a list of the remaining original entries will become defunct. Any withdrawals occurring within that week or during the pairs and fours disciplines will be replaced by a draw made from a list available at each of the pairs venues. Only those participating in the pairs and fours may join the list. The draw is not closed up in the event of a "no show". The opposition shall

have a walk-over in the first round.

**PLAY-OFFS:** Play-offs in all disciplines continue on Thursday (for those not involved in singles), Friday and Saturday, with the finals scheduled for Sunday morning. Entries may dictate a change to the playoff schedules.

## FAULTY TOWERS?

Some of the memory sticks supplied in the Toolkits have proved faulty, despite having been checked before delivery. It would appear that Murphy's Law applies - M&M sincerely apologises for any inconvenience caused by this.

The files are all available for download under the "Marketing" tab on the Bowls SA website [www.bowlssa.co.za](http://www.bowlssa.co.za)

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